

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of **East Huntspill Parish Council** held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 16th January 2007** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mesdames K Cooke and V Shellard together with Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 4 members of the public present together with District Councillor/County Councillor Mr Mark Healey District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton and Mr Paul Herbert.

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

36.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor R Puddy (Breakdown of Vehicle)

36.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
35.6	M P Herbert	Prejudicial	Executive Member - SDC

36.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th December 2006 and the Minutes of the Finance Meeting of the same date

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th December 2006 and the Minutes of the Finance Meeting of the same date be signed and approved as being a correct record.

36.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP
None
- (2) Missing Letter Box and Bus Shelter BP
Nothing to report – remove from agenda
- (3) Youth Shelter – Update JW
Councillor Woolley indicated that the dimensions were 5m x 2.6m and the proposed construction was that as set down in the quotation from Middlemoor Contractors.
- (4) Stones BP
(5) Third Pinch Gate – Road Crossing NL
(6) Bay Tree Farm
(7) Arrangements to co-opt a Parish Councillor to replace Mr K Bennett BP

Nothing to report

- (8) Working Group – 2007 Annual Parish Meeting

BP

Councillor Mrs Kathryn Cooke and the clerk to meet in the next couple of weeks

- (9) Village Emergency Policy – Working Party
(10) Youth Council
(11) CCTV

Nothing to report

- (12) Speed Visor

Noted that the Parish Council had been placed on the rotating list

- (13) Precept 2007/08

The clerk confirmed that the Council's Precept requirements had been conveyed to SDC.

36.5

To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of January

(44)	UofG	3 rd Payment	30.00	
(55)	D Manley	Grass Cutting	220.00	
(56)	SDC	Playing Field Rent	56.25	
(57)	B Poole & Company	Postage – December	3.20	
(58)	BT	Broadband Services 01/01/07-31/03/07	20.42	3.58
(59)	EH Village Hall	Rent of Village Hall	7.00	
(60)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – December 2006	550.86	
(61)	SLCC	Annual Subscription 2007	45.00	
(62)	Quick Sign	Notice Boards – Lettering	10.00	1.75

Resolved that the accounts a presented be paid

Councillor Paul Herbert retired from the meeting

36.6

Planning

- (1) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications

25/06/00018 - Withdrawn

Change of use conversion and extension of barns to dwelling garaging and office
Barns to the West of Withy Road Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

25/06/00019 – Approved 18/12/06

Erection of extension to south elevation of livestock building
On land off Factory Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

KC

25/06/00020 – 23/12/06

Erection of livestock building
Livestock Building OS Field 3973 New Road East Huntspill

FK

25/06/00021 – Approved 03/01/07

Erection of Hay Barn
Hay Barn on OS Field No 3973 New Road East Huntspill

FK

- (2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

25/06/00023 – 21/01/07

Erection of two storey side extension
10 Combe Terrace East Huntspill

JW

The Council recommended approval on the basis that it was consistent with neighbouring property that had been similarly extended.

25/06/00022 – 26/01/07

Erection of extension to South elevation of stables
OS Field No 1979 South of New Road East Huntspill

FK

25/07/00001 – 31/01/07 **RP**
Erection of Haybarn
Haybarn on land off Factory Lane Bason Bridge

25/07/00002 – 01/02/07 **FK**
Erection of four bay garage block (alternative setting)
Hackness Villa New Road East Huntspill

Decision on these three applications deferred until the February Planning Meeting

Councillor Paul Herbert returned to the meeting.

36.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

(1) Playing Field JW

Resolved that costings be sought to erect some form of barrier to prevent access by vehicles onto the field

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB
(3) Roads & Transport NL
(4) Other

Nothing to report

36.8 To receive the following Village Reports

(1) Village Hall RP

Nothing to report

(2) SALC BP

The clerk announced that training opportunities would be available for Councillors from May onwards

(3) Cluster Group JW

Councillor Woolley gave details of the next scheduled meeting

(4) Councillors

(a) G Boyer

He indicated that he had a note from one local resident whose Insurance Company had increased the premium due to the property being in a risk flood area.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at this point.

Mrs Kay Bennett informed the meeting of her similar recent experience and suggested that the resident follow her advice.

The Chairman re-assumed the meeting

(b) J Woolley

He informed the meeting of his concern regarding the dumping of rubbish generally in the village especially at Bason Bridge/Factory junction. The rubbish currently in the ditch adjoining the school at New Road was also of concern.

Resolved that SDC should be advised

(5) District Councillors
(6) County Councillor

The Councillors present gave an update in respect to the correspondence and information being issued by both SCC and SDC in regards to SCC's aspirations for unitary authority status.

Resolved that the clerk notify SDC of their wish to support and enhanced two tier system being promulgated by SDC

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| (7) | Village Beat Officer | |
| (9) | East Huntspill School | VS |
| (10) | The Chairman | JS |

Nothing to report

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| (11) | The Clerk | BP |
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- (a) 'age' insertion

Resolved that the word 'age' be inserted into the Council's equality statement

- (b) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – May

The clerk advised the meeting of the potential difficulties that might occur in respect to the timing of this meeting.

- (c) February Meeting

The clerk asked the Councillors to note that it was at that meeting that the Grant Funding was to be agreed.

36.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

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| (1) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 647 – 22/12/2006 | C |
| (2) | SDC | White Paper Proposals | C |
| (3) | Village Appraisal Group | Final Minutes | C |
| (4) | Woolavington PC | Copy e-mail to Mr Hills SCC | C |
| (5) | Clerks & Councils | Direct – January 2007 Issue 49 | C |
| | | Councils Suppliers Guide & Year Book | |
| (6) | SDC | Coastal Parish Cluster Group Meeting | JW |
| (7) | SCC | Temporary Road Closure Order Burtle Road | NL |
| (8) | Environment Agency | Flood Incident Management Calendar 2007 | JS |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

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| (9) | HMR&C | On Line Payment - £250.00 | BP |
| (10) | SALC | Democracy Pack | BP |
| (11) | SCC | Unitary Council – Business Case | C |
| (12) | EH New Village Hall | Request for Funds | BP |
| (13) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 648 – 15/01/07 | C |

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| (14) | SDC | Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 | C |
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The clerk drew the Councillors attention to this item of correspondence

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| (15) | SDC | Coastal Parish Cluster Group Meeting – 30/01/07 | JW |
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| (16) | SDC | Choosing the right Governance | C |
| | | “A Unitary Authority for the whole of Somerset” | C |
| | | “A New Team Somerset Approach” | |

The clerk drew the Councillors attention to this item of correspondence

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| (17) | Bridgwater & District | Credit Union – Launch of Sedgemoor Savings | C |
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36.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

36.11 Date of next Meeting

Planning Committee – 5th February 2007 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary

Parish Council Meeting 19th February 2007