

## EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council was held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mrs K Bennett Messrs D Barlow M Hunter N Litton R Puddy J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 11 members of the public present together with District Councillor Mr M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mark Healey.

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited a group of Church Road residents to address the meeting on their concerns regarding the proposed traffic calming measures due to take place outside their properties. Mr Cicone acted as spokesman and he asked a number of questions the major one being why they had not been personally consulted by the Parish Council and/or Somerset County Council. Councillor Nigel Litton responded by saying that the original reason why the traffic measures were being put into place was directly as a result of the village appraisal questionnaire that had been delivered to every household in the village some two years ago. In the responses collected there was an overwhelming support for a weight and speed restriction which was subsequently laid before the County Council. They in turn would not support a weight restriction but were willing to introduce a traffic calming measure. These measures were shown to the public within the village on four separate occasions. In conclusion Councillor Litton and County Councillor Mark Healey promised to discuss the residents concerns with Somerset County Council to see whether or not there was any room for compromise. 8 of the residents then departed the meeting.

Mr Beechey Chairman of the football club was then invited to address the meeting on a proposal to move a donated portakabin from King Alfred's School to the Play Area. He was thanked for attending and was asked to put together a formal proposal so that the Parish Council could discuss the issue more fully at a subsequent Parish Council Meeting.

**“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”**

### **Declaration of Interests**

<b>20.7.1</b>	<b>K Bennett</b>	<b>Member</b>
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<b>20.7.2</b>	<b>K Bennett</b>	<b>Village Hall Member</b>
<b>20.7.2</b>	<b>D Barlow</b>	<b>Village Hall Member</b>
<b>20.7.2</b>	<b>R Puddy</b>	<b>Village Hall Member</b>

### **20.1 Apologies**

Councillors Mrs V Shellard (Holiday) & F Kidner (Working) District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton (Holiday)

### **20.2 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005 were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

### **20.3 Matters Arising**

(1) Matters Raised by the Public

(a) Destruction of Trees

(2) Millennium Stones

It was noted that the revised legal documentation was still awaited.

(3) Playing Field - Bye Laws

See 20.8.22

Playing Field – Improvements

See 20.7.5

(4) Bank Mandate

Due to the imposed administrative difficulties it was agreed that the existing signatories would be adequate.

(5) Internal Auditor

The clerk confirmed that he had been able to secure the services of Mr Julian Frost a local businessman who resided in the village to act as the internal auditor. He further confirmed that the audit had been satisfactorily completed and requested permission to issue a letter of thanks. Agreed

**20.4 Financial**

(15)	SALC	New Councillor Evening	20.00
(16)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – May	373.64
		PAYE – May	74.36
(17)	Bruce Poole & Co	Postage – May	12.92
(18)	Poles Ground Care	Grass Cutting	126.00

**Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid

District Councillor Herbert left the meeting for a short while.

**20.5 Planning**

**(1) Outstanding Applications**

**25/05/00006 – Approved 19/05/2005**

Renewal of Planning Permission 25/00/07 for the change of use and conversion of barn to holiday accommodation  
Fosters Farm New Road East Huntspill

**(2) New Applications**

**25/05/00009**

RP

Erection of two storey extension to NE elevation partly on site of existing building (to be demolished) Renovation of outbuilding to form studio.  
Withy Road Farm Cottage Withy Road East Huntspill

This property is in accord with the policy of updating the facilities which make the property habitable in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

There are no causes for concern relative to the planning grounds as listed by SDC and the Council are therefore unanimous in supporting this application.

**(3) Appeals**

**APP/V3310/C/04/1166509**

Against Enforcement Notice  
Withy Bow Farm Withy Grove East Huntspill

District Councillor Herbert returned to the meeting.

**20.6 Open Spaces**

(1) Playing Field

Councillor Woolley reported that the litter problem appears to have abated in recent weeks. He paid tribute to the pre-school alliance organisation that had left the ground immaculate after their fund raising event.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

Councillor Mark Hunter indicated that he would be attending the newly convened meeting to be held in the New Village Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

(3) Roads & Transport

Councillor Litton confirmed that he had nothing further to report following the commencement of the meeting.

**20.7**

**Reports**

(1) Village Appraisal

Councillor Kay Bennett asked that the Parish Council formally accepts receipt of the Draft Village Plan. This they did and agreed that the formal proposal to adopt of the plan should appear on the July Agenda. Agreed.

(2) Village Hall

Councillor Barlow reported that a new group had commenced using the hall on a twice weekly booking.

(3) SALC

No report

(4) Cluster Group

Councillor Woolley gave a verbal report on various matters but more particularly on how to obtain emergency medical assistance.

(5) Councillors

Councillor Barlow

(a) School Bridge

He asked what progress the Council had made in respect to their agreed assistance on the small bridge from the school to the play area. The clerk confirmed that the release of the section 106 money from SDC was being held up because the long awaited planned improvements by the Parish Council had simply not been actioned. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should be asked to draw up such a scheme.

(b) Pavement

He informed the meeting of an adverse camber on the pavement between Newmans Corner and the Post Office. Clerk to follow up with SDC.

(c) Nettles

He was advised that the nettles in question were in fact within the schools ownership.

Councillor Barlow sought permission to leave the meeting as he had another meeting to attend. Agreed.

Councillor Bennett

(a) Buxton Farm

A neighbour has asked if there is any unauthorised development taking place at this location

Councillor Woolley

(a) Cars parked in New Road

(6) District Councillors

Councillor Herbert advised the Council of his new District Council brief which included kerbside re-cycling a scheme that had proved a huge success having recently secured its 7000 customer.

(7) County Councillor

Councillor Healey also advised the Council on his new County Council brief.

(8) Village Beat Officer

No report

(9) East Huntspill School

The Chairman informed the meeting of some pertinent dates for school activities.

(10) The Clerk

He asked Councillors to complete the new Register of Interest forms that he had made available.

## 20.8

### Correspondence

(1)	Miss L Salway	Bus Shelter Cleaning	
(2)	SCC	Community Access Fund	MH
(3)	St Margaret's Hospice	Newsletter – Spring 2005	C
(4)	Data Protection	Confirmation of Renewal	BP
(5)	The Huntspill News	June 2005	C
(6)	NALC	DISExtra – Issue 607 30/05/05	C
(7)	SCC	Re-surfacing works – Factory Lane	NL
(8)	SDC	Coastal Parish Cluster Group – Agenda 08/06/05	JW
(9)	SLCC	The Clerk	C
(10)	Mr Cicone	Traffic Calming Measures	NL
(11)	SCC	Surface Dressing Programme	NL
(12)	Thatch	Summer 2005	C
(13)	RoSPA	Confirmation of Inspection	JW
(14)	Mayor of Burnham	Invitation to Civic Service	JS
(15)	SALC	Items of Interest of Councillors & Clerks	C
(16)	Avon & Somerset	Safer Homes Leaflet	C
(17)	Community Council	Community Update	C
(18)	SDC	Planning Applications – 26/05/2005 to 01/06/2005	C
(19)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 608 13/06/05	C

### Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(20)	SDC	Planning Applications 02/06/05 to 08/06/05	C
(21)	SCC	Community Access Fund Launch Meeting	JF
(22)	defra	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	C
(23)	Record Playground Ltd	Literature	JW
(24)	Marie Curie Cancer Care	Seeking Funds	C

## 20.9

### Other Business referred to the Clerk

#### Date of next Meeting

**Planning Committee – 4th July 2005 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary  
Parish Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2005**