



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of East Huntspill was held in The Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on **Monday 16th April 2012** commencing at 7.30 p.m. when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillors Mesdames T J Salway (Chairman) and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were four members of the public present together with the following Parish Councillors Mesdames K Cooke H Dixon V Shellard and Messrs G Boyer F Kidner and R Prowton.

County Councillor Mr M Healey in the company of Mrs A Hamlin arrived at the close of the meeting explaining that they both had attended two other meetings that evening.

APOLOGIES Mrs Liz Birt and Mr N Litton (Councillors) B Filmer and A Gilling (District Councillors)

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2011 were read by the clerk.

Resolved by the meeting that the Minutes as read out by the Parish Clerk be approved as a true and correct record and be signed as such by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I should like to welcome you all to this meeting. There has been a number of changes have occurred in the last twelve months. Sadly Ray Puddy passed away. He will greatly missed by one and all.

In last years report I indicated that the Pre-School Alliance was likely to close but as things have turned out subsequently it has not been the case. A few more children enrolled and fund raising has been such that the Pre-School has been able to remain open.

The new style Committees such as Planning Open Spaces and Finance & Personnel has kept the members busy this year by having to attend a greater number of meetings the outcome of which will be reported elsewhere.

We have continued to receive the support of our District Councillors and PC Sheila Dickenson. Also I am delighted to report that our clerk and his wife Ann had the privilege of attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June.

We have welcomed two new Councillors following the elections in May namely Mrs Liz Birt and Mr Rob Prowton. Because of a vacancy following the election Mrs Heather Dixon was subsequently selected. All three have made a very much welcomed contribution to the work of the council.

The Parish Council was pleased to be able to convince Sedgemoor District Council to change its decision on the naming of the new affordable Housing Development in Church Road. The Parish Council is pleased to note that this development has been concluded to a very high standard. The Parish Council has also taken a keen interest in the proposed sports pavilion recently given Planning Permission for it to be erected on the Playing Field.

The Parish Council has also made great progress through the work of Councillor Rob Prowton and Councillor Heather Dixon to bring itself into the modern technological age by setting up a dedicated web site with a Facebook page. This has been further enhanced by the recent installation of Broadband in the Village Hall. This together with the Screen and Projector and Lap Top will allow the Parish Council to fully take part as a pilot Parish Council to undertake paperless planning application on behalf of Sedgemoor District Council.

Again during the year the Parish Council has appointed a Village Ranger who works in the village for 10 hours per week. It is clear for all to see that his work to date has had an impact within the village.

Great progress has been made with further issues of the Village Magazine which also appear on the web site. Several village organisations are "gearing up" to put on various social activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Finally I wish to thank the Councillors for all their hard work and of that of the Parish Clerk Mr Bruce Poole.

2012/2013 PRECEPT

The clerk Mr Poole gave a short pictorial presentation in respect to the 2012/2013 Council Precept a copy of which is attached to the minute book.

A number of questions were asked and were duly answered.

REPORTS

A number of other reports were presented to the Meeting in respect to Councillors and their particular role and responsibility all of which will subsequently form part of the Parish Council's Annual Report.

OPEN FORUM

None

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The chairman thanked everyone for attending she also thanked the ladies who had provided the refreshments and then closed the meeting at 8.15 pm