

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 21st January 2007** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) together Mesdames K Bennett C Cooke Ms G Hendy V Shellard Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were three members of the public present together with District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton and PCSO Sam Haydon

“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 age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

46.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

District Councillor M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mr M Healey

46.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
46.6.2 25/0700050	K Bennett	Personal	Neighbour of the applicant
46.6.2 25/07/00051	K Bennett	Prejudicial	Applicant
46.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
46.8.1	J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall

46.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2007

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th December 2007 as circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

46.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

(1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting

BP

- No matters
- (2) Youth Shelter – Consultation KB
- The clerk reported on the funds to date and that he was waiting to receive the final quotes
- (3) Village Emergency Policy – Working Party
- (4) Youth Council
- (5) Barrier Costings KB
- (6) Village Computer BP
- (7) “East Huntspill” village signs BP
- Nothing to report
- (8) Weight Restrictions NL
- Nothing currently to report
- (9) Deer – Signs
- No further progress to report
- (10) County Councillor Mark Healey – Donation BP
- The clerk confirmed that he had written a letter of thanks
- (11) Burnham Without PC – Bus Shelter BP
- (12) Burnham-on-Sea Postal Services – Letter Box BP
- (13) BT – Telephone Box BP
- Letters and reminders had been sent but no progress to report to date.
- (14) Precept 2008/09 BP
- The clerk confirmed that he informed SDC accordingly

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

(60)	EH Village Hall	Hall Hire x 3 @ 7.00 per hour	21.00	
(61)	The Basonbridge Inn	Christmas Drinks	23.60	
(62)	SDC	Playing Field Rent – 25/12/07	56.25	
(63)	BT	Broadband - 01/01/08-31/03/08	14.67	2.57
(64)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – December 2007	465.98	
(65)	Mr B Poole	Postage – December 2007	3.40	
(66)	NALC	Conference Costs 2008	80.17	14.03
(67)	SLCC	Annual Subscription (1/4)	45.50	
(68)	Mrs K Bennett	Travel Expenses – Regional Conference	29.54	

It was noted that Account No 61 formed part of the Chairman’s allowance and thereby part of Councillor’s expenses

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

46.6 Planning

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

25/07/00046 – Committee 08/01/07

Retention of use of land as an operating site for 4 vehicles and trailers used in agricultural haulage

Land to the east of Meade Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/07/00047 – Refused 08/01/07

Erection of two storey extension to west elevation partly on site of conservatory (to be demolished)

6 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

25/07/00048

GB

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
2 Newmans Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

Councillor Mrs Kay Bennett retired from the meeting for a short while

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

25/07/00049

Depositing of soil, obtained from ponds, on paddock
On OS Field No 7786 West of railway line Puriton Road West Huntspill

Agreed that this application was for West Huntspill Parish Council to consider and not East Huntspill

25/0700050

FK

Erection of agricultural building
Agricultural Building on OS Field No 1247 on land to the West of, Catherine Street East Huntspill Highbridge

The Parish Council was of the opinion that as this proposal did not affect any adjoining neighbours and did not impact in any way that permission should be granted

Councillor Mrs Kay Bennett returned to the meeting

25/07/00051

FK

Erection of detached bungalow and garage
Land south of South View Catherine Street East Huntspill

The Parish Council supported this planning application on the basis that it forms an integral part of the Catherine Street hamlet albeit that the site lies outside the settlement boundary. They recognise that the applicants have an affinity with the location and have resided in the village a greater percentage of their lives and as such their application should be supported.

25/08/00002

GH

Fell one Horse Chestnut Tree (T1)
16 Church Road East Huntspill

It was agreed that Councillor Miss G Hendy would speak to Mrs Janette Burton SDC's tree officer for advice before a decision was made.

25/08/00003

FK

Retention of use of land to store caravans
Land at Pike Hill Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

46.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

(1) Playing Field **KB**

It was reported that final costings were now awaited
(2) Footpaths & Bridleways **GB**

Concern was expressed at the apparent increase of unacceptable behaviour of some dog owners who allow their dogs to defecate unchecked which was making the village difficult to walk through especially close to the school.

District Councillor Mrs J Moreton advised the Council to attempt to get the names of the owners so that they could be reported to SDC.

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Nigel Litton gave an update on various transport matters

46.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall

In the absence of Councillor Ray Puddy Councillor Hendy reported that temporary repairs had been carried out to the car park

- (2) SALC BP
 (3) Cluster Group VS

Nothing to report

- (4) Councillors

- (1) Councillor G Boyer

Councillor Boyer raised the question of the proliferation of signs on the A38 which in his view were an unnecessary distraction and therefore a potential traffic hazard. The clerk was asked to bring this matter to the attention of SCC Highways

- (5) District Councillors

Councillor Moreton brought the Council up to speed on the progress SDC was making with their 2008/09 budget

- (6) County Councillor

No report

- (7) Village Beat Officer

See commencement of meeting

- (9) East Huntspill School VS

The Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from the Governors of the school on the consultation process they were introducing in respect to the proposed federation of the two schools.

- (10) The Chairman JS
 (11) The Clerk BP

Nothing to report

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

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| (1) | SDC | Area Working Panel – Invitation for Bids | C |
| (2) | NALC | DISExtra – Issue 672 – 17/12/07 | C |
| (3) | SDC | Change of delegation arrangements – planning enforcement | C |
| (4) | SCC | Highway Related Services Results – 2007 | C |
| (5) | SCC | Your guide to Winter Services in Somerset | C |
| (6) | SCC | Somerset’s Community Safety Newsletter | C |

(7)	SDC	Sedgemoor Charter	C
(8)	SCC	Receipt of Cheque - £1,000	BP
(9)	SCC	Highway Lighting – Smithy Farm	BP

Resolved that street lighting as recommended by SCC should be installed on this development

(10)	HMR&C	On-line filing	BP
(11)	SDC	Planning Application – 11/07/00218	RP
(12)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 673 – 07/01/07	C
(13)	Clerks & Councils	Direct January 2008 – Issue 55	C
(14)	SDC	E-Mail Naming of Development at Smithy Farm	BP

Resolved to accept SDC’s suggestion that the development should be called Mercia Close

(15)	Rural Community	“Thatch” Winter 2007	C
(16)	Environment Agency	Flood Risk Management Calendar 2008	JS
(17)	SALC	Training details	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(18)	EH Primary School	Consultation Document	BP
(19)	SCC	Parish Flood Fair 21 st /22 nd February 2008	C
(20)	EH Church Hall	Letter seeking Grant Funding	BP
(21)	SCC Highways	Temporary 3 tonne Weight Restriction – Huntspill Moor Road	BP
(22)	DCLG	Consultation on Orders and Regulations	C
(23)	NALC	DISExtra – Issue 674 21/01/07	C

46.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

46.11 Date of next Meeting - Planning Committee – 4th February 2008 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary - Parish Council Meeting 18th February 2008