

EAST HUNTSPELL 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 18th April 2011** 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 eight members of the public present together with the following Parish Councillors Mesdames K Bennett K Cooke V Shellard and Messrs G Boyer F Kidner and R Puddy.

APOLOGIES Nigel Litton

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2010 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

My report this year is considerably shorter. District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton and Mr Paul Herbert together with County Councillor Mr Mark Healey attended most meetings during the year. Planning chaired by Ray Puddy has with his committee considered once again a large number of planning applications sometimes as many as six in a month.

In July Valerie Shellard and I went to a consultation meeting relating to the National Grid Project. In addition we attended a number of meetings concerning Wind Turbine Farms. On this latter subject the Parish Council received a huge number of letters expressing their total rejection of any such proposals.

The debate and discussions relating to an affordable housing scheme in the village took place during the year with tremendous support being given to the Council by Mrs Mary Chorley of SDC. This scheme is about to commence building in the next couple of months.

It has been pleasing to see a sprinkling of the public at each of our monthly meetings where a number have taken the opportunity of speaking on a variety of subjects in the public forum preceding the formal council meeting.

We are pleased to congratulate our Clerk Mr Bruce Poole on being elected the National President of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

We continue to receive excellent support from our beat officers especially from Sheila Dickenson who regularly provides crime reports for the village. The recently installed "Cold Calling" initiative is working extremely well which has resulted in a couple of arrests.

Royal Wedding celebrations have been discussed by the Parish Council and it is pleasing to note that a number of village organisations are well organised for this event. We offer grateful thanks to Mrs Alison Hamblin for her generous donation of Celebratory Mugs for each young person in the village.

Disappointments for the year was the closing of the Village Post Office and the smaller than expected sales of 2011 Village Calendars. We were also saddened to hear in the last week that the Pre-School Alliance was likely to close at the end of May due to a lack of children.

Finally I wish to thank all of the Councillors for their support and hard work during the past twelve months. In particular to thank Councillor Ray Puddy and Geraldine Hendy who are stepping down and not seeking re-election.

2011/2012 PRECEPT

The clerk Mr Poole gave a short verbal presentation in respect to the 2011/12 Council Precept a copy of which is attached to the minute book.

A number of questions were asked and were duly answered.

PRESENTATIONS – GRANT FUNDING CHEQUES

It was announced that the following grant funding cheques had been forwarded to the following organisations:-

Air Ambulance	200.00
CAB Sedgemoor	100.00
East Huntspill Pre-School	250.00
East Huntspill Art Group	200.00
Huntspill Horticultural Club	100.00
Good Companions	300.00
All Saints Church (Maintenance of the Churchyard)	750.00
East Huntspill Church Hall Committee	600.00
East Huntspill Village Hall	1500.00
Total	4000.00

OPEN FORUM

None

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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