

# EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the applicant to planning application 25/08/00044 Mrs Kilmartin to address the meeting after which she answered a number of questions from Parish Councillors. Thereafter the Chairman allowed Mrs Alison Hamblin to raise a question even though prior notice had not been given to the clerk as set down in the Council's Standing Orders. The question and the response would be included on the December agenda.

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mesdames T J Salway (Chairman) V Shellard (Vice Chairman) K Bennett C Cooke G Hendy Messrs F Kidner R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were three members of the public present together with County Councillor Mr Mark Healey and PC Alan Alsford

## 54.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Nigel Litton together with District Councillors Mrs J Moreton and M P Herbert

## 54.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
54.6.2 25.08.00044	K Bennett	Personal	Near adjoining neighbour
54.8.1	T J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall Management
54.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
54.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management

## 54.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

## 54.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

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

BP

Nothing

- (2) Youth Shelter KB  
Nothing to report
- (3) Village Computer GB  
No report although it had been noticed that the equipment was currently located in The Crown Stores
- (4) "East Huntspill" Signs BP  
Although it was reported that work was about to commence at the October meeting nothing appeared to have started.
- (5) Weight Restrictions NL  
It was confirmed that these were now in place. It was reported to the meeting that two company's lorries still appeared to be travelling through the village namely DHL and Keedwell's.  
The Parish Clerk was asked to advise SCC accordingly.
- (6) Deer Signs BP  
See 54.4.4
- (7) Gap in the ditch BP  
(8) Rubbish in the ditch – New Road BP  
SCC and SDC have indicated that it was not their intention to take any further action.
- (9) Dog Order Legislation GB  
No progress to report
- (10) Village Calendar VS  
Councillor Valerie Shellard advised the meeting what progress she had made to date.
- (11) Provision of Dog Bins BP  
It was noted that delivery was still waited
- (12) Affordable Housing Village Survey BP  
The clerk confirmed that he had advised the Community Council for Somerset of the Councils' willingness to proceed with the agreed programme.
- (13) State of the factory exterior  
The Parish Council noted SDC's response and accepted that they were powerless to take any further action.

**54.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of October**

(49)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – October 2008	1027.92	
(50)	Funeral Services	Plaques – Millennium Stones	1000.00	
(51)	Staples	Stationery	100.48	17.59

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

## 54.6 Planning

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

**25/08/00034 – Refused 15/10/08** **FK**

Erection of detached bungalow and garage  
Land South of South View Catherine Street

**25/08/00037 – Approved 10/10/08** **FK**

Erection of two storey extension and garage to South elevation partly on site of garage (to be demolished)  
Land at New House Farm Mark Road Walrow

**25/08/00039 – Approved 17/09/08** **GB**

Erection of Stables  
On land to the North of Churchlands Farm Newmans Lane Basonbridge

**25/08/00040- Approved 07/10/08** **KB**

Erection of single storey rear extension  
2 Mead Close East Huntspill

**25/08/00041 – Approved 07/11/08** **VS**

Erection of a double garage/garden store of existing (to be demolished)  
125 Church Road Basonbridge

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

**25/08/00042** **VS**

Change of use and conversion of the stable building to provide holiday accommodation  
Stables at Heath House Farm 129 Church Road Basonbridge

The Council had no objections to this application

**25/08/00044** **FK**

Erection of dwelling garage and formation of access  
Land to the East of Ivy Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this application

**25/08/00045** **FK**

Erection of a conservatory to North elevation  
The Last Homely House New Road East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this application

7.55 pm Councillor Gerry Hendy and PC Alsford arrived at the meeting.

The Chairman suspended standing orders on a resolution from the Parish Council in order to allow PC Alan Alsford to address the meeting.

He reported on recent crimes in the village which also included apprehending two car loads of people smoking cannabis in the playing field car park. He also stated that he had been on speed watch and was sorry to report that 90 % of those stopped were residents of the village. After answering a number of questions he was thanked by the Chairman for attending and then departed from the meeting.

The Chairman re-instated standing orders and reconvened the meeting.

## 54.7 Open Spaces – To receive reports from the following brief holders

(1) Playing Field **KB**

Councillor Kay Bennett confirmed that she was liaising with the Clerk to ensure that the outstanding work highlighted in the RoSPA Report was completed as soon as possible.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB  
 No report
- (3) Roads & Transport NL  
 No formal report.
- A number of Parish Councillors expressed concerns about the recently installed signs indicating the newly imposed weight restrictions and the Clerk was asked to investigate.

**53.8 To receive the following Village Reports**

- (1) Village Hall RP  
 A successful Bingo Night had been held the previous Saturday with a Race Night due to take place next Saturday. The Christmas Fayre would take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- (2) SALC  
 Details in the pack
- (3) Councillors
- (a) Councillor Geraldine Hendy
- (i) Playing Field
- She expressed her concern at the appalling state in which she found the playing field in the past week with bags of dog faeces and other rubbish strewn all over the area. In addition it would appear that a large quantity of fireworks had also been let off and the carcasses just left all over the field. The Council agreed that this unacceptable situation should not continue.
- She also advised the meeting that one of the swings had been vandalised and needed repairing as the current litter bins required replacing.
- (b) Councillor Valerie Shellard
- (i) Church Hall Sign
- She advised that the PCC had asked if they could have a directional sign installed.
- Resolved that the clerk be asked to progress this request.**
- (c) Councillor Francis Kidner
- (i) Orchard Close
- He indicated that two manhole covers appeared to be raised in the mouth of this road and asked the clerk to investigate
- (4) District Councillors  
 No report
- (5) County Councillor  
 County Councillor Mark Healey advised the meeting what progress had been made in respect to the IT for all Programme that he had promoted within his ward.
- (6) Village Beat Officer  
 See end of 54.6

- (9) East Huntspill School VS  
 The Parish Council was informed of the school's activities for the past month'
- (10) The Chairman JS  
 Nothing to report
- (11) The Clerk

To note the Clerks contractual salary increase backdated from the 1<sup>st</sup> April at SCP 33

**Noted**

To note the Clerks contractual salary increase backdated from 1<sup>st</sup> July at SCP 34 taking into account the recent pass in the Diploma of Higher Education in Local Policy

**Noted**

**54.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails**

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| (1)  | EH Pre-School     | Letter of Thanks                                      | C  |
| (2)  | SDC               | RLT3 Monies for Outdoor Sport                         | C  |
| (3)  | SCC               | Weight Restriction – Experimental Traffic Order       | BP |
| (4)  | LGE               | Local Government Pay                                  | BP |
| (5)  | Huntspill News    | November 2008   | C  |
| (6)  | SALC              | Clerks' Salaries and Mileage Allowance                | BP |
| (7)  | Community Council | Thatch – Autumn 2008                                  | C  |
| (8)  |                   | ViSTA – Training Courses 2008/09                      | C  |
| (9)  | SDC               | Coastal Parish Cluster Group & PACT                   | C  |
| (10) | Kompan            | Portfolio 2009  | C  |
| (11) | DCLG              | Codes of Conduct – Members and Employees Consultation | C  |
| (12) | SCC               | Cultural Strategy for Somerset – Consultation         | C  |
| (13) | SALC              | North Area Agenda & Minutes 11/12/08                  | C  |
| (14) | Clerks & Councils | Direct – November 2008 – Issue 60                     | C  |
| (15) | Mr H Cook (SDC)   | Children's Play Area                                  | BP |
| (16) | Sedgemoor CAB     | Letter seeking funds                                  | BP |
| (17) | Volunteer Centre  | Letter seeking funds                                  | BP |
| (18) | SPFA              | "The Playing Field" Autumn 2008                       | C  |
| (19) | NALC              | DISExtra – Issue 696 10/11/08                         | C  |

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

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| (20) | SLCC | "The Clerk" November 2008 Vol 40 No 6     | C |
| (21) | SCC  | Highways – Winter Service Leaflet 2008/09 | C |

**54.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

None

**54.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.**