



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 **Tuesday 26th April 2016** commencing at 7.00 p.m. when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillor G Boyer (Chairman) and the clerk Mrs Jane Moreton.

In addition there were twenty six members of the public present including the following Parish Councillors:- Mesdames L Birt, S Croll H Dixon,, F Wall,, & C Wright and Messrs , N Litton, F Kidner, M Williams and County Councillor Mr Mark Healey; District Councillors R. Filmer and A. Gilling

APOLOGIES None Declarations of interest None

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 had been circulated and published.

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

CHAIRMAN'S Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and asked each of the following to report to the Parish on issues during the past twelve months.

REPORTS

Cllr Mark Healey

Gave an update from SCC. Which included **Devolution**, many Larger Councils now having elected Mayors. The Police Commissioner Election on 5th May, **Fire Service**, **Adult social care** and learning which parishioners pay 50p per week on their Council tax.; The continuation of The Health and Wellbeing £1000 grant, which we have had and spent on new playground equipment, the continuation of which is being debated on 18th May. The increase in tax for SCC is 2% this year. Potholes. Use of **Business rates** which is not so good in rural areas. The new road to service the **Huntspill energy park** might help with traffic issues in East Huntspill.

Questions raised on Motorway junction 23 and Devolution.

Cllr R Filmer

Gave an update from SDC .**Council tax** up by £5 per annum (D banding) 9.5% of the money collected in our council tax goes to SDC. **National Housing shortage** 570 have been built in Sedgemoor over the last year and the development at **Brue Farm** will give a further 500 in this area, a new Primary School and play area.

Highbridge Hotel now being rebuilt. **Hinkley point** still not decided; Huge investment in the area - a lot on highway issues. SD Development team is shortlisted as one of the best local planning authorities. **The Local Development Plan**- to which we have contributed - is still out for consultation. **Recycling** via SWP (Somerset Waste Partnership) increase to just under 50% of rubbish is now being recycled. Consultation is still on-going over reduction of **doorstep waste collection** to 3 weeks. Likely increase in industrial area at **Isleport**.

Questions on the need to increase the opening hours of our recycling centres. Why is a road from Dunball or Express park to Cannington not being considered? This was answered as the ecological questions would not be completed in time.

Medical Centre requirements with increased housing EU issue will it make any difference to H. Point development?

Cllr Gilling

The Issues over District Councils sharing services

Somerset Rivers authority and the issues of flooding (which,as we, live in the area north of the Poldens, this area is less likely to flood)

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL- MOST OF THESE REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Cllr Dixon gave a report on the Planning 27 applications 9 refused 17 granted and one withdrawn
Cllr Litton gave the council a full written report which will be published in the newsletter and on the website

Cllr Wright outlined the way the finances are dealt with at the council meetings

Cllr Croll gave an update on the issue of Newsletters

Cllr Birt gave an update on the pavilion and the new equipment on the playing fields

Cllr Boyer explained the need to check and keep our footpaths in use. Outlined the potential provision of allotments.

ORGANISATIONS

The Headmaster Mr. James Peate, with Amber, Molly, Ethan and Summer gave an excellent power-point presentation and have received a "GOOD " OFSTED report this year.

Mrs Bennett gave a report on the Flower Festival on 10th 11th and 12 June this is in conjunction with an art show in the Church. A cream tea at 6 Church Road on 15th June.

The Flower show in the Church Hall and the Church on 6th August

Sue Elsworth from the PCC .

Howard Coombs from the Church Hall

Reports from Pete Wills from the Police and the Village Hall were read by the Clerk

The above reports are held on file as part of the Parish Council's annual report and will be on the Website. There was a rolling power point of the EH website playing at the end of the meeting.

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PRECEPT –The Clerk gave a power-point presentation to update the parish on the amount of our precept, and the need for the priorities for the village to be identified. Major costs could include the provision of Allotments.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions. None at this time.

OPEN FORUM No Questions were raised.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending offered refreshments "The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm