

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 19th June 2006** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs J T Salway (Chairman) Mesdames K Bennett (Vice Chairman) and V Shellard Messrs F Kidner N Litton R Puddy J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 2 members of the public present together with County Councillor Mr M Healy and District Councillors Mrs J Moreton and Mr M P Herbert.

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

Declaration of Interests

30.5	M P Herbert	Executive Member - SDC
30.7.1	K Bennett	Village Hall Member
30.7.1	R Puddy	Village Hall Member

30.1 Apologies

Councillor D Barlow (See 30.8.22)

30.2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2006.

The Minutes were taken as read approved subject to the under mentioned amendments as being an accurate record and signed as such by the chairman.

29.7(d)	Change “vacant” for Councillor J Woolley
29.17	Add the word “Frost” after Julian
29.23.5(a)	Remove the word “fixed” and replace with “set near to”

30.3 Matters Arising

(1) Matters Raised by the Public

(a) Clearance of Paths & Finger Posting

The clerk advised the meeting that SCC had confirmed that these matters was its responsibility

(b) Dog Fouling – New Act

The clerk confirmed that he was waiting to be notified of the training dates for this subject

(c) Grass Cuttings – Ditch New Road

SDC confirmed that it would be taking the required enforcement action

(2) Millennium Stones - KB

The Council decided that they wished to revisit this subject and agreed that it should be a matter of discussion at the next meeting.

(3) Dog Bins - BP

It was noted that SDC had apologised for the delay but had confirmed that the bin would be installed within the next two weeks.

(4) Youth Shelter - JW

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting in order that a decision could be reached.

(5) Mead Green – Tree - BP

It was noted that this damaged tree had now been removed.

(6) Annual Parish Meeting 2007 - BP

The Council agreed to discuss this subject matter further at the next meeting.

(7) East Huntspill Cricket Club - BP

It was noted that the club still wished to meet up with the Parish Council.

(8) Missing Letter Box - BP

It was noted that no such response had been received.

(9) Junction Withy Road and Mill Lane - BP

It was noted that SCC had confirmed that it would investigate the concern and then advise the Council of its proposed action.

(10) Safety Partnership - NL

Councillor Nigel Litton informed the meeting that it was the SCC's intention to reinstate the visits to the village as soon as possible.

(11) Amenity Grant Application - BP

The clerk confirmed that he had submitted the requested application.

30.4 Financial - To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of May

(19) Bruce Poole & Company	Postage – May	10.24
(20) Salary & Expenses	May	515.54

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

It was noted that the Parish Council had recently received cheques to the value of £1000 from Somerset County Council in respect to Councillor Mark Healey and the local community fund.

£500.00	East Huntspill New Village Hall
£250.00	Church Hall
£250.00	Pre-School Learning Alliance

Resolved that reconciling cheques for these sums should be paid to the listed village organisations.

District Councillor M P Herbert retired from the meeting.

30.5 Planning

To receive an update to the following planning applications

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

25/05/00015

Erection of stable block and access
OS Field No 1979 South of New Road East Huntspill

25/06/00009

FK

Change of use from agricultural land to garden
Land to the South of Corner Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

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

25/06/00010

DB

Renewal of Planning Permission 1/25/02 for industrial development for use classes B1,B2 and B8 and formation of access
Land to the north of Factory Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

The Parish Council were of the view that the application should be approved other than the proposed B8 use which in their view would further attract unwanted heavy haulage and should be refused.

(2) Other

(3)

Certificate of Lawfulness
Storage of Caravans – Phippens Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Council confirmed that to the personal knowledge of a number of current Councillors this use had been in existence in excess of ten years.

Councillor M P Herbert returned to the meeting.

30.6 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders:

(1) Playing Field

JW

Councillor John Woolley reported that the Basket Ball Net had been vandalised to the extent it no longer existed.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

Councillor Woolley noted with pleasure that SCC had indicated that they were now responsible for clearance and finger posting of the village pathway. He asked as to the location of a definitive footpath plan. The clerk indicated that he had a photocopy of same which could be examined that evening.

(3) Roads & Transport

NL

Councillor Nigel Litton advised the meeting that SCC had reported that it was nearing the completion of the road and safety audit in respect to the final traffic calming build out.

30.7 To receive the following Village Reports

(1) Village Hall - DB

It was reported that the lettings were still very healthy.

(2) SALC - BP

No meeting

(3) Cluster Group - JW

Councillor Woolley gave a resume of the recent meeting of the group.

(4) Councillors

(a) Councillor Woolley

He reported on the minor vandalism that had noted that had recently taken place at the Bus Shelter near to the New Road junction.

(b) Councillor Puddy

He reported at the concern of a Withy Road resident who had not been advised of the proposed bridge works. The concern was noted although it was also noted that it was the responsibility of SCC to have carried out the prior notification.

Asked when SCC was carrying out verge cutting as some areas in the village were proving to be a potential traffic hazard.

(c) Councillor Shellard

She thanked the church hall committee for the recent repair to the clock

She also reported on the concerns of some Cornmoor Crescent residents as to increasing practice of using their road as a quick escape route when animals were being herded on the main road. It was suggested that SCC Highways should be advised of the unwelcome practice.

(5) District Councillors

(6) County Councillor

The Councillors present gave an update of Sedgemoor District Council future investment strategy and the affordable housing developments plans.

(7) Village Beat Officer

PC Paul Hockin confirmed his intention to be present on the 12th July. He also reported on the recent successful apprehending of an attempted burglary.

(8) East Huntspill School

Councillor Mrs V Shellard informed the meeting that the school had been notified that day that the second HMI visit would be taken place on the 28/29th June.

(10) The Clerk

Details were given on the forthcoming new Fire Regulations due in October

30.8

To receive and consider the following correspondence

The clerk reported on the following correspondence noting that those items marked with a (C) were contained within the monthly circulation pack.

(1)	SDC	Coastal Parish Cluster meeting Agenda – 23/05/06	JW
(2)	SDC	“Getting the message across” Event – 20/07/06	C
(3)		The River Festival 2006 leaflet	C
(4)	SLCC	Somerset Branch Summer Meeting – 16/06/06	C
(5)	SDC	Parish Council Vacancy Notice	NB
		See 30.9.1	
(6)	Information	Data Protection Renewal – 19/05/2007	BP
(7)	NHS	Somerset Partnership – Mental Health Services Consultation	C
(8)	SDC	Parish Council Vacancy – 8 th June Notice	BP
(9)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 632 – 29/05/06	C
(10)	SDC	“What’s on” June 2006	C
(11)	SDC	Little Collection Pack	JW
(12)	Huntspill News	June 2006	C
(13)	Community	“Thatch” – Summer 2006 Community Update – June 2006	C C
(14)	Mr Lukins	Amended Quotation – Millennium Stones	BP
		Now fixed at £135.00 plus vat	
(15)	SWRA	Draft Regional Spatial Strategy 2006-2026	C

(16)	Community	Council – Somerset Funding Fair – 29/06/07	C
(17)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 633 – 12/06/06	C
(18)	CAB	Sedgemoor Volunteer Centre AGM 07/07/06	C
(19)	SDC	Casual Vacancy – No Election	C
		See 30.9.1	
(20)	SDC	Insurance Cover for Parish Councils	C
(21)		Newsletter 2006/2007	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

- (22) Mr D Barlow Letter of resignation

This information was received with regret and the clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

30.9

Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) Resignation of Mr M Hunter – Casual Vacancy

The Council noted that SDC had advised that an election was not necessary and that the council could proceed with the co-option process. It was agreed that in view of the second resignation received that evening an invitation would go to the unsuccessful candidate from the last two co-options. As to the second resignation SDC would be advised as required.

30.10

Date of next Meeting

Planning Committee – 7th August & 4th September 2006 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary

Parish Council Meeting 18th September 2006