HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present Stephen Kimsey (Chair) (SK), Mary Abel (MA), Jos Phillips Harral (JPH), Stephen Powles (SP), Chris Chanter (CC), Louise Pearce (LP), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ).

Action

Others present; Jim Weir (Technological Fibre Broadband), Frances Nicholson (SCC)

1 **Apologies** Dave Mansell & Mark Blaker (SWAT District Councillors) 2 **Declaration of interests** None. 3 Minutes of the meeting held on Sept 10th 2019 The Parish Council agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th Sept 2019 as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by JPH and seconded by MA All agreed. SK signed minutes. 4 **Matters arising** Four new grit bins to be procured and delivered to SP at his workshop. SP agreed to put latches on the bins and place into position. New bins to be located at Potters Cross, Winters Cross and at each end of Browns Lane. 5 **Broadband** Jim Weir from Technological talked about the rollout of his company's scheme from the Lovton Estate beyond Shillingford. Technological apply for Government funded Gigabit vouchers on behalf of customers and validate through emails. Once connected the customer is tied into a 12-month contract. No setup costs. Technological only get paid for their costs spent through the voucher scheme payments when the customer connection goes live. Technological have servers back in London connected through to Taunton via SSE fibre cable. Taunton to Bampton is connected via Sky Ethernet and final connection to a cabinet near Loyton is made through BT Openreach. 9Km of fibre have been laid underground to Surridge Farm West side of Skilgate across to Haddon End and millennium Barton. The fibre cable is approaching Upton. The scheme is to be extended to Huish Champflower by Summer 2020. The first customers are to go live this coming week and up to Skilgate by December.

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Action 6 Finance, Precept, Wages and Donations Treasurers Account at 14th October 2019 £8506.10 Business Instant Account at 9th October 2019 £1064.67 The Parish precept for 2020/21 was agreed to remain at £3500. Proposed by JPH and seconded by MA. Signed up Precept form to be with District Council by January 10th 2020. A donation of £200.00 was agreed to be made to the Parish Church. SK proposed and SP seconded. 7 **Highways** Ongoing Footpaths and Bridleways 8. Ongoing. 9 **Planning** None. **Old Quarry Site** 10 Ongoing. 11 **Updates from SCC and SWAT** Frances Nicholson said there was £250 grant available towards a community FN was asked to review road closure notifications from Highways and contact clerk. Phone box adoption scheme was discussed. 12 **AOB** Consider writing a letter to all householders in the village about Technological scheme. MA has had a letter from Mrs Norman. Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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