HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th July 2020 at 5.40pm in the Village Hall

Present Stephen Kimsey (Chair) (SK), Mary Abel (MA), Jos Phillips Harral (JPH), Stephen Powles (SP), Louise Cooke (LC)

Others Present 1 Member of the Public

Action

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1	Appointment of Temporary Clerk to Meeting Louise Cooke kindly volunteered to take Minutes	LC
2	Apologies Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Dave Mansell	
3	Declaration of interests None.	
4	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2020 The Parish Council agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2020 as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by MA and seconded by SK All agreed. SK signed minutes.	
5	Matters arising Bank Account - SK trying to change account signatories, but Lloyds require former councillors (Sharon and Olivia) to personally attend a branch to remove their signatures. JPH suggested move accounts to Santander. SK to explore what can be done. BT Box - SK stated no confirmation yet received from BT. Payment sent in March. JPH proposed BT Box good location for a 2 nd Parish AED. All agreed. Before this can happen we require clarification of ownership from BT and removal of existing BT Phone. It is understood that Clatworthy have appropriate paint for the Box. Believed that former	SK
	Parish Clerk has remainder of Signpost paints – and that these could be used for renovations on BT Box. AED – JPH proposed acquisition of 2 nd AED, motion seconded by SP. All agreed. Jim Laker Fund and other local donors to be approached regarding availability of any grants. LC has explored British Heart Foundation grants but none currently available. New Grit Bins – SP said these are currently in storage. SP to liaise with other members regarding placing of bins prior to winter. Additional shovels to be acquired as necessary.	SP
6	Amendment to Standing Orders Relating to Remote Meetings. Proposed by JPH, seconded by SP. All Agreed and Amendment to Standing Orders to be appended as appropriate.	
7	Appointment of Parish Clerk Dorothy Hayward to start initial 6-month "trial" period in September. Proposed by SK and seconded by SP. All agreed and all look forward to welcoming Dot to the Parish Council.	
	SK to seek external bookkeeper to manage Clerk PAYE.	SK

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8	Finance Treasurers Account at 29 th June 2020 stands at £10,064.67 Business Instant Account at 29 th June 2020 stands at £1065.04 Discussion regarding difficulties in dealing with Lloyds Bank, confirming new signatures, and moving accounts to alternative (JPH suggested Santander). SK to explore feasibility.	SK
9	Highways Openreach – SK been in communication. Consulted with residents along the route. When works Openreach restart it is hoped our feedback will be turned into action – namely: • Closures – Monday – Friday, 9.30am-3.30pm • More informative signing – i.e. road ahead closed Monday – Friday, xx-xx August, 9.30-3.30.pm • "Road Ahead Closed" signs placed only when road is actually closed • Better thought on diversions • Access for residents to own properties and for emergency vehicles Openreach requesting a formal note from PC regarding go-ahead for their works. SK to write reconfirming the above. Drain/Gully Clearance – SK communicated issues to SCC (FN) – specifically at Gauth House which has suffered flooding to cellar due to blocked/broken highways drain. Other issues with blocked drains throughout Parish (Washbattle, Winters Cross, Smiths Farm & Brown Lane). JM mentioned issues at Clatworthy Lane due to rubble washing down Parsonage Lane and blocking drain/gully. SK to inform SCC (FN). Leaf sweeping – SK communicated concerns of residents – Washbattle want to be swept and certain properties not! Concerns have been noted by SW&T and DM is coordinating changes. Resurfacing – various issues raised to SCC (FN) following recent works – parking of heavy vehicles on private drives, congregating workforce (i.e. no social distancing), litter, etc. Also continuing presence of "No Road Markings" signs despite there being road markings.	SK
10.	Planning Nothing to report	
11	Broadband Noted that Technological are progressing their build in the Parish. Noted that Openreach might be offering some residents FTTP – though no date or confirmation.	

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	A member of the public commented on broader benefit to Parish if Openreach were to provide a new "Green Box" (exchange box) in the Village. SK commented that this would unfortunately be unlikely given the high costs.	
15.	Updates from SCC and SWAT SCC – All agreed that SK to answer SCC consultation on proposed Unitary Authority. Highways issues have been communicated to SCC (FN) SW&T – Leaf sweeping issues communicated to SW&T and DM (SW&T) has confirmed he is working to adjust routes. No other updates	
16.	AOB LC raised issue with broken fencing bordering stream near Tanners. LC to approach Wessex Water and SCC Highways in effort to establish who is responsible. MA mentioned continuing use of Old Quarry site by motorbikes. JPH to approach Graham Tout to ask for single wire fencing to be removed at Old Quarry.	
	Date of next meeting Tuesday 8 th September 2020 at 7.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 6.39pm

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