

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th October 2020 held remotely via Zoom
 Present:- Stephen Kimsey (Chair SK), Stephen Powles (SP), Louise Cook (LC), Dorothy Hayward (Clerk DH), Jos Phillips Harral (JPH), Mark Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Mary Abel (MA), Chris Chanter (CC) and Frances Nicholson (County Councillor-FN)

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| 1 | Apologies -None. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interests None | |
| 3 | Minutes of meeting held on 29th September 2020 All agreed, apart from a name change for Louise Cook. Minutes signed off by SK | |
| 4 | Matters arising Grit bins Map with the location of the grit bins and the dumpy bags has been sent off to highways last week, waiting to hear back. BT Phone box , parish council now own the phone box. Sign to be put up in the box to tell people who to contact. DH to print off and put up in the box | DH |
| 5 | Finance Waiting for information from a few councillors in order to complete the online form. DH to resend the email to CC and SP and then complete the online form | DH |
| 6 | Old Quarry Site Continues to be an issue, now being used by 4X4 vehicles and the woodland floor is being severely damaged. The legal owners of this site are unknown. District Council and Planning might be able to help, FN agreed to ask again. The fence at the bottom is insecure, it was agreed that adding in additional obstructions might be helpful in deterring vehicles from entering SK has a large tree stump that can be used for this. At the top there is a site of a bronze age ditch, which was bulldozed in the 1950s. It is believed that Historic England own the trench. DH to speak to Historic England to see if they can help. As owner is unknown in order for the Parish Council to take ownership, it would have to be fenced off, with access only by key for 12 years. The issue is the cost of insurance during this period. CC to speak to NFU to ask their advice on this. JPH did a lot of investigation last year and a file was passed to Peter Krijgsman, SK to speak to Peter about this file to see what has happened. There are currently no signs up. A common courtesy sign could be put up "Do not use motorised vehicles here" or CCTV sign. | FN SK DH CC SK ? |
| 7 | Planning Huish Champflower is off the map in terms of permitted development under the new regulations. SK has spoken to the planning officer who is well aware of this. However, we need to continue to monitor all applications. | |
| 8 | Update from Somerset County Council:- Broken sign in Wiveliscombe. Highways have no responsibility, Wiveliscombe Town Council need to deal with this. Climate Emergency Fund available for local projects. FN to send a link, applications by the end of the month. Wildlife Trust and Forum 21 worth contacting to ask. Unitary Authority proposals:- Secretary of state has asked County Council and District Councils to make proposals for the best fit for Unitary Authorities in Somerset. No certainty yet the County Council proposing 1 unitary and the District Councils are proposing an East/ West split, although Bath and NE Somerset don't want to be involved Covid 19: West Somerset currently has the highest infection rate in the county. | FN ? |
| 9 | AOB The Bear has asked if their takeaway van can visit once a week. Agreed probably in the main part of the village. DH to feedback to them | DH |
| 10 | Date of next meeting: 10th November 2020 at 7:30 via Zoom | |