

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on Zoom Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Stephen Powles (SP), Louise Cook (LC), Mark Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Chris Chanter (CC), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Frances Nicholson (FN)**

1.	<b>Apologies</b> -None	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> - None	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 8th December 2020</b> Approved- proposed by Chris Chanter and seconded by Louise Cook	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> - Phone box we should order paint so when lockdown is over volunteers can proceed with this task. DH to order paint as specified in manual, LC, SK and JH have contacts to advise on quantities to order Bear Takeaway there have been some gaps as a Covid case happened at the Bear, staff have been isolating. DH asked for menus but they have sent photos of their chalkboards. Not a good use of time to type this up as it will continually change	DH
5	<b>Broadband.</b> Openreach has nearly finished. Passing Tanners even though there is a BT pole in their field. LC chasing this up. There is another similar property at Watercombe. Technological still stuck with access to land there does not appear to be any quick resolution to this issue.	LC
6	<b>Planning applications</b> - 1) <b>The Old School House</b> presumption is in favour of granting these applications on old barns. This barn has been used for agriculture for at least 25 years. Nationally there has been a huge increase in barn conversions. Majority (4) agreed that this application should proceed, 1 against and 2 abstentions 2) <b>Withy Cottage, Robbery Gate to Sperry Cross, Upton.</b> This property is on the border between HC and Upton. Large additional storey being added. Majority (6) agreed that this was not in keeping with the area. 3) <b>The New House Barn- horse training area.</b> Lots of concerns from neighbours about this application. This is a sizable training area in a very small residential area, that is likely to have a considerable impact. Concerns relate to this :- ● Becoming a commercial venture at some point in the future ● Use of floodlighting, ● Increased traffic along the Cleeve, which is in a very poor state of repair ● The high water table on the land make it difficult to keep livestock ● Cutting into the topography could lead to flooding in a susceptible area ● Concerns around the visual impact maintenance of the footpath and fencing. ● Does this land need a change of status from agricultural to equestrian? There is a need for some clarification of the planning rules for parish councilors	DH

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7	<b>The Old Quarry.</b> Mark has been speaking to English Heritage and the local policeman, who are both aware of the issue and have agreed to meet after the lockdown, JPH to join the meeting as well. English Heritage has funds for fencing, but there is an insurance issue if we lay claim to it. There are 4X4, Quad bikes and scrambling bikes, which are using it as a play area. No respect and it is getting worse on the scheduled ancient monument with litter and signs being pulled down. They are now using other bridle paths and woods locally. Please pass on details of any vehicles you see to MVJ to the police, especially Reg No. We could invest in motion cameras for a cost of about £30.	MVJ
8	<b>Village Hall Public Works Loan meeting with SALC.</b> Zoom meeting penciled in for the 22nd Jan to include SK, DH and anyone else who would like to attend.	SK/ DH
9	<b>Volunteers required for Swings and Phone Box-</b> Work will need to wait until the lockdown has finished.	
10	<b>Finances: Precept Adjustment</b> agreed to go with the suggested revised figure of £29.77 per band D property <b>Balances</b> unchanged Business Account £1065.16, Treasurers Account £10,064.37 Insurance due £162.20 Clerk Training £30 Online banking to be set up at the same time to minimise signatures <b>DH to sort out the paperwork</b>	DH
11	<b>Covid Updates-</b> not discussed updates circulated	
	<b>Date of next virtual meeting</b> 9th Feb 2021 at 7:30	