

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on Zoom

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Stephen Powles (SP), Mark Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Chris Chanter (CC), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Louise Cook and Dave Mansell (Somerset West and Taunton Councillor)

1	Apologies Frances Nicholson	
2	Declarations of Interests- None	
3	Minutes of meeting held on 9th February 2021 Approved- proposed by Mary Abel and Seconded by Jos Phillips-Harral	
4	<p>Matters Arising - Swings and phone box</p> <p>Louise to circulate a letter this week asking all primary aged children in the village what colour they would like to have the swings painted. Louise and family are happy to take on the work around the swings and Stephen K is happy to help. It would be ideal to get this completed before Easter</p> <p>Phone box Paint will need scraping back and possibly 3 layers of undercoat then red paint. Might be able to get the undercoat from Exmoor National Park following the fingerpost repainting project. Jos and Mary happy to take this on</p>	<p>LC/ SK</p> <p>JHP/ MA</p>
5	Zoom License- Dot has bought a license to make online meetings easier, so we are not limited to 40 minutes	
6	<p>Finances.</p> <p>Balances Bus Account £1065.18 Treasurers Account £9877.17</p> <p>Outstanding payments</p> <p>However a number of payments need to be made before year end</p> <p>Zoom License reimburse Dot £143.88 this included 20% VAT</p> <p>Clerks wages Sep to March 7 months at £150 per month total of £1050</p> <p>Election expense invoice reimburse Stephen £156.92 Election fee and website renewal</p> <p>British Heart Foundation- It was agreed to raise this to £50</p> <p>Exmoor Search and Rescue £25</p> <p>Air Ambulance £50</p> <p>Action Dot to write out cheques for the above and get signatories</p> <p>Queries</p> <p>Steve Powles has not yet found the salt flicker that can use road salt for the right price.</p> <p>Grant for the village hall previously around £450. Dot to investigate</p> <p>Grant for mowing the churchyard Dot to investigate</p> <p>Support for Wivey Library</p> <p>£400 also needs to be set aside for the Phone box materials and £400 for the Swings materials.</p> <p>Online Banking Mary has completed the forms. Mark and Louise are looking at this over the next week. We need at least 2 people to be online signatories. Mark is happy to countersign any forms but phone first. Any questions contact Dot</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>DH DH</p> <p>MVJ LC</p>

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7	<p>Public Works Loan for the Village Hall This is a backup in case the National Lottery bid fails. At the village hall meeting it was agreed that we need to find the result of the National Lottery bid before consulting residents. If this was agreed it could double the parish councils part of the precept. Other areas of Council tax are rising and we need to be mindful of this.</p>	
8	<p>The Old Quarry. The local policeman has been talking to the bikers etc and warning them that they are breaking COVID rules. Once lockdown is over they may return. Steve Powles has also talked to bikers in the local woods and warned them off this area and the quarry. The woods near Potters Cross were owned by Chamberlains. Steve Powles to find out the new owner's name. The police can then work with them to stop the bikers etc on that land. Peter Krijgsman supplied some documents that inferred that the quarry site was a gift to the parish. To ask Ronnie Bowden to find out more.</p>	SP ?
9	<p>Highways Heavy traffic from the Tanners Hill diversion causing lots of damage to the Cleeve. Spring under the road. Highways say they don't have the funds to fix. Some tarmac added to potholes but this eroded through within a week. Other potholes on the Cleeve fixed as well as the road to Winters Cross. Road closure on 14/15/16 April for half a day due to BT replacing some poles Wessex Water need to finish off water main repairs around the Scotts Hill area. Gauth House having problems with flooding of the basement as road sweepers are flicking dirt and blocking the drains, water then builds up causing flooding. Stephen Kimsey to ask Matthew Upham do they want the road sweeping route amended? Rights of Way Mark has asked that anyone who notices broken stiles, signposts etc report the issue on the Explore Somerset website and copy Mark in. Mark to send details of this site and Historic England, SK to add to the website and DH to add to the facebook page.</p>	SK MVJ
10	<p>Swings/ phone box-discussed under matters arising.</p>	
11	<p>AOB update from Councillor Dave Mansell. There will be a council tax increase of around 5%. Money will be made available for affordable housing. Huish Champflower is not designated for new development unless a local need is identified. For the first time in many years the council will be building new council houses. Consultation is open on the County Council reorganisation proposals. Both proposals are looking at working closely together with Parish and Town councils. There is a delay in planning applications being dealt with at the moment There are business and community grants available and it is worth taking a look at the Somerset West and Taunton website. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Mansell for attending</p>	
12	<p>At the moment as of the 6th May all parish councils need to meet face to face. Plan is to have the annual meeting in May as early as possible then bi monthly. Next meeting Tuesday 13th April at 7:30 for the year end accounts Tuesday 4th May when final accounts presented. 5 days notice must be given for this meeting</p>	