

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on Zoom

**Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm**

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

1	<b>Apologies</b> Chris Chanter and Councillor Mark Blaker (SW&T full council meeting)	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> - None	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2021.</b> 2 amendments were asked for 1) LC is undertaking the painting of the swings, the chains, shackles and seats will need to be done by others. 2) Councillor Mansell asked for the 5% increase in council tax mentioned to be corrected to an increase of £5 for the Somerset West and Taunton element. DH to make the corrections. Subject to those amendments the minutes were proposed for approval by JPH and seconded by MA	DH
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> - Majority of matters on the agenda except the quarry which has been relatively quiet. MVJ hopes to get a meeting pulled together with Historic England now that lockdown has begun to ease. Two very loud bikes doing circuits of the roads but not using the quarry or bridle paths	MVJ
5	<b>Year End Accounts and Finances.</b> A spreadsheet had been circulated before the meeting showing last year's year end figures and the budget for this current year. <b>2020/21 years spending</b> has been lower than usual this is due to the following:- No clerk for 5 months, Approx £180 in cheques waiting to show up as cashed on the statements, St Peter's Church grass cutting of £200 payment missed-agreed to pay £400 this year to make up for the missed payment, No hall hire costs but this was offset by purchasing a zoom license, No request for a donation to Wiveliscombe library £200 <b>The budget for 2021/22</b> councillors requested that the following were added in:- £600 for The defibrillator, £5,500 grant toward the village hall refurbishment, £800 to refurbish the swings and phone box DH to amend the finance spreadsheets and complete the AGAR return for Andrew Smith to audit and then return these to the next meeting. <b>Payments due</b> DH attended a SALC course for new parish clerks at a cost of £30 LC has bought paint for the swings at a cost of £65.30 DH to sort the cheques and signatures out <b>Online banking</b> LC and MA have sent forms in and are waiting on approval and instructions. DH to resend the instructions to MVJ	DH DH DH DH

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<p>6</p>	<p><b>Planning</b>          No applications in at the moment but there is concern that various works are progressing without permission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Land that has recently changed ownership now has 2 large containers at the entrance, it also appears that a new large hardstanding is being constructed and the field entrance has been enlarged (highways issue).</li> <li>2. A property has recently been sold where the previous owners have retained a part of the land along with a large building with a view to conversion into a permanent dwelling along with new driveway</li> <li>3. Enlarging of another field entrance and creation of a new large hardstanding area.</li> </ol> <p>All infringements have to be reported to the planning authority. Advice from Councillor Mansell is that infringements should be reported, there is an enforcement team. Works can't always be stopped but once enforcement are made aware landowners will be asked to apply retrospectively. The risk the landowners take is that they may get refused and have to reinstate or have conditions placed upon them.</p> <p>MVJ mentioned that lots of trees are being planted on a very rich wildflower meadow, not sure who the owners are and whether they are aware of this.</p> <p>It would be helpful to have a map of ownership. DH to contact the Land Registry to see if we can get a map showing all the fields, it would be relatively easy to complete most of the owners from Parish Councillors knowledge.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Swings update.</b> The primary school aged children all took part in a ballot to choose the colour, all of them wanted multi coloured and cheerful. LC and family have painted them yellow, red, blue and green. Yellow needs a second coat, then the painting is complete. The clamps need to be replaced as currently there are 3 swings but the report from Somerset Playing Fields Association stated that we should only have 2. SP is to look at the clamps and chains after the end of the month. SK is to measure up for him.</p> <p>This has been a really good exercise in getting all the children together. It was suggested that we have a grand opening, so we will aim for May 30th. It will make a good photo opportunity for the parish magazine and local paper. LC to ask all parents for permission to take photos.</p> <p>1 family has offered to help and possibly SP might be able to use a helper.</p>	<p>SP SK  LC</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Phone box update.</b> JPH and MA have dug out all the rubbish around the foot of the box. JPH has bought the undercoat and topcoat, but it will take the 2 of them 4-5 days to complete the task. There is electricity to the box as the light is working so a new defibrillator can be fitted. In addition to that there is room for a small library/ book exchange. SK to build and fix shelves.</p> <p>BHF does defibrillator signs DH to investigate.</p> <p>SK to ask Nicky Stephens if the defibrillator could be moved asap after the painting is complete</p> <p>Need to make sure that a notice goes in the parish magazine and the South West Ambulance Trust are made aware, also to inform village hall committee and posters to go on the notice boards</p>	<p>SK  DH SK</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><b>Fete:</b> John and Jenny Moore standing down as organisers and Fete Committee now seeking a replacement for the central organising person. Needs continuity and coordination. However, there will still likely be Covid risks this year and there remains uncertainty as to when</p>	

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	building works will start at the village hall. DH to bring this up with Village Hall Committee at their next meeting	DH
<b>10</b>	<p>AOB:-1) An email has been received from Joanne Hutter re a dangerous driver who deliberately and intentionally drove his vehicle at speed towards her and another horse rider. This was reported to the police and it is believed there are a number of other incidents involving this driver. As a resident she was requesting the support of the Parish Council in making the roads safer for riders. The driver lives in the village but is not always resident. Agreed that DH to ask for a meeting with the PCSO and the individuals who have video footage. DH also to make contact with Joanne to explain what the Parish Council intends to do. To also take advice from the British Horse Society who may have experience of similar issues</p> <p>2)Highways - one resident reported speeding van drivers using the Cleeve approaching a dangerous bend, but there is also a dangerous bend on Tanners Hill. FN advised that if we think a road is dangerous we should email her with what would be useful and helpful. There is no money available but there is the Small Improvement Scheme. Highways department would need to do an assessment first.</p> <p>Concrete under the water at Bullands Ford in a very poor way, increasing number of vehicles are using this. DH to report on Highways website</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p>
<b>11</b>	Date of next meeting: Annual Meetings May the 4th. Scheduled meetings to be confirmed.	