

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held in the village hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Stephen Powles (SP), Mark Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Louise Cooke and Councillor Francis Nicholson

1	<b>Apologies</b> Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Chris Chanter and Councillors Dave Mansell and Mark Blaker (Somerset West and Taunton Councillors)	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests-</b> None declared	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 4th May 2021.</b> SK proposed they were accepted and MA seconded. All agreed that the minutes were a true record.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> July 13th meeting not held, 2 more meetings will need to be scheduled before the end of March. Thanks should be noted to all who organised and were involved in the alternative fete, including those who attended. The fete raised £590 towards the village hall funds. All other matters arising are on the agenda	
5	<b>Finance</b> Cheques to be issued for the following £66.92 to SALC for annual membership £25.00 to SALC on Responding to Planning Applications course for DH £61.92 Refund to DH for matting to go under the swings £44.38 Money for compost and plants for the village planters for Trevor Abel £600 interim payment for DH wages-tax code issue being sorted DH to distribute the payments Bank balances as follows as per Aug 2021:- Treasurers Account £10,569.19 Business Bank Instant £1065.24 It is eventually hoped to merge the 2 accounts as very little activity on the Business Account	DH
6	<b>On-Line Banking</b> DH to apply to be a signatory with £0 financial approval. This will allow her to talk to the bank and set up payments for approval Link to the online banking form to be sent to LC/MA and MVJ for them to complete. Copies of statements to be made available to any signatory who needs to talk to the bank	DH DH
7	<b>Planning Issues</b> Parsonage Farm construction of a steel barn. No concerns raised Harts Farm this is regularising what has been done, we had no knowledge of this work being done so unable to comment. Higher Shute Farm 2 recent applications, but a third one in the local paper for replacing barns and lean tos. Planning say the application has queries and will be sent out soon Menage on the Cleeve. Planning enforcement are involved. Was originally sited in a different part of the field from where planning permission had been granted. Harts farm field entrance reinstated.	

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	Entrance to the field by bridge on Scotts Hill still needs to be reinstated. There is damage to the village sign and planter, contact the owner after he has reinstated the entrance. Responding to planning application notes circulated to all members.	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Bringing forward elections to 2022</b> Due to the elections for the new unitary authority, which will be held in 2022, if parish councils follow their normal cycle of elections in 2023, it will have considerable cost implications. This will also mean cutting short councillors terms and lengthening the subsequent terms. Even elections that are uncontested have a financial implication, possibly £800. Francis to investigate if this is the case. It will ultimately be a central government decision but SALC are canvassing views.</p> <p><b>Unitary update by FN</b> A decision has been made that the Unitary authority will cover the whole of Somerset. Now looking at how that would work. Highways in particular need to look at things in rural areas in a different way. There is a panel meeting on the 21st September in Exford at 6:30 where the head of operations will be present and will check the maps of where all the grit bins and bags need to go. Mary to attend the meeting. Map of where the bins and bags go needs to be taken, DH/SK to find the map.</p> <p>Huish Champflower might also be able to vote in the Exmoor National Park elections of representatives as we have a small part of the parish in the National Park.</p> <p>Lots of work on-going about councillor representation prior to the elections in 2022.</p> <p>The Minehead Injuries unit is temporarily closing overnight, there is little work for the staff to do and they cannot cope with major emergencies, but this is a long way from Musgrove Park in Taunton. FN investigating if the call back staff could be based at the hospital and other alternatives to try and keep the resource</p> <p>Temp traffic lights at Upton went in on 1st June, but no work has taken place and are frequently out of action. FN to investigate</p>	<p>FN</p> <p>MA DH/ SK</p> <p>FN</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Grant for re-opening facilities.</b> Managed through SALC. DH has applied for £1500, which is the standard amount that parish councils are being encouraged to apply for. This will pay for cleaning supplies and materials to allow for opening up. Need to discuss with Village Hall committee how it is spent and monitored once we know we have been successful	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Swings</b> Report received yesterday was very disappointing. LC did everything that was on the initial report but the new report has brought up matters not previously raised, such as assessing foundations and removing and checking end clamps. If this had been known originally different decisions may have been made. It was decided to retry by tightening clamps, relevel ground and investigate foundations. SP has a tool that can tighten clamps and remove old ones, he can also investigate foundations. Photos to be taken as evidence for the inspector.</p>	SP
<b>11</b>	<p><b>AOB</b> Tarmac fix by Wessex water on Tanners Hill is this a temporary fix or is there further work to be done? Delegated powers to set up 2 sub committees to discuss planning applications and a Village Hall liaison group Thank you to Councillor Nicholson for attending</p>	DH
<b>11</b>	<b>Dates of meetings for 2021/22</b> -to be bi-monthly in the village hall if possible Nov 9th	