

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 9th November 2021 in the village hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Mary Abel (MA- Chair), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Stephen Powles (SP), Mark Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Chris Chanter (CC), Councillor David Mansell (DM) and Councillor Francis Nicholson

1	Apologies Louise Cook and Stephen Kimsey	
2	Declarations of Interests- None declared	
3	Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2021. All agreed that the minutes were a true record	
4	Matters Arising - no issues from the last minutes, but previously a sign pointing towards the defibrillator was mentioned. SCC Highways phoned it can't be added to the fingerpost but we could put our own on the verge. This must be at least 450mm from the highway and not cause any traffic hazards. Dot to investigate with the Greens who live opposite.	DH
5	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1065.26 (1p interest) Treasurers account £11,362.89 (Credit £1500 Parish fund opening up grant -see next item and debit £661.92 as per minutes last meeting) Online banking still on going issues full and limited signatories work in progress-DH liaising with the bank Precept forms have been received. It has been £3500 for at least 5 years. It was agreed to keep this at the same level, subject to a discussion with SK <p>Should the bank account exceed £10K? DH explained that the grant money had pushed this over, and also some expenses were due to be paid, as well as village hall funding.</p>	DH DH/ SK
6	<p>Parish fund for reopening facilities we have been granted £1500 for cleaning hand sanitising measures etc. This must be spent this financial year and accounted for. We can share this between the church/ village hall. The cricket club uses the village hall so do not require this funding.</p> <p>Following proposal was made by JPH and seconded by CC:- Agreed that church to be allocated £250 initially but with the understanding that they can come back if necessary. DH to talk to the village hall re their requirements To be reviewed in Feb 2022. Proposal was agreed</p>	DH DH
7	Swings- SP to look at this by the next meeting	
8	Free trees Councillor Mansell flagged up this opportunity to have free trees for the parish. As we have recently lost a number of mature ash trees from ash dieback disease along the playing field boundary this was felt to be very helpful. We have been allocated 1 oak, 1 beech, 4 limes and 2 hawthornes. We need people to plant and could use the meet the neighbours event to find volunteers possibly. This also needs to be agreed with the village hall committee. DH to collect the trees when notified, sometime in November. It was agreed that larger trees should be planted away from the road.	DH

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9	<p>Planning- Wood Farm- dog exercise area. This is on the boundary with Chipstable -No objection.</p>	
10	<p>Highways and Unitary updates-Parish visits update from Councillor Nicholson. Exmoor is one of 4 panels looking at developing local community networks with a particular focus on Highways. The intention is to explore how more local influence can impact services. The same money will be available but more openness on discussion about what is important in the local area. Highway officers visited and managed to get lost! But took away greater appreciation of the issues in the area.</p> <p>Draft change orders have been received. The new council will be called Somerset Council. The County Council will be the continuing authority. The District Council staff will need to TUPE over but County Council staff won't. A joint committee of Executives and Politicians has been set up. Elections still to be clarified if in 2022 it will be fought on current county council boundaries with 2 members per area. If in 2023 there may be time for a proper boundary review- this is the preferred option.</p> <p>Drink driving issues are a concern with a number of recent fatalities. Some raves have been happening at Kennisham any whispers please let FN/ the police know</p> <p>Grit situation now fine but some additional grit shovels are needed</p>	DH
11	<p>Parish Survey for Wiveliscombe square and update from Councillor Mansell</p> <p>Deadline for the survey has sadly passed, but views have been gathered around what people like and what they feel could be improved around the town square in Wiveliscombe. A meeting is being held on Thursday to discuss the results. The parish meeting felt that parking in the square was an issue. Consultants are helping including a traffic consultant. The budget is tight and this will be an on-going process.</p> <p>There is a lot of work going on around merging the authorities and the district and county councils are working together on this.</p> <p>New waste collections have been introduced in Wiveliscombe, but the old West Somerset area will be in the new year, there will be lots of communication before this happens. A lot more recycling will be collected from the kerbside including tetra packs and batteries. Normal household waste will then be collected every 3 weeks. Where this has been introduced it has been working well.</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mobile boost scheme Business and residents can apply for a voucher to boost mobile phone signal- there are some costs to pay on top. DH to recirculate the details and bring to the Meet your Neighbours event on Friday ● Wivey Cares and Somerset library wish to talk to residents about their services DH to explore setting up a coffee morning for them to do that. ● We have received an alert re Bird Flu and this has been noted ● Footpath update. MVJ has been liaising with the County Council footpath officers. The Old Rectory want to make their footpaths more accessible, and the CC have offered to replace the bridge. They also have funding to replace stiles with more accessible versions. Money is available for this. MVJ to do a stall at the meet your neighbours event on Friday, there is also a digital map to report issues if found. Still an issue with dogs not being kept on leads around livestock. ● Shelves in phone box, SK will be sorting these out in the near future. 	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>MVJ</p> <p>SK</p>