

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 11th January 2022 on  
 Zoom at 7:30 pm**

**Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Louise Cook (LC), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH),  
 Stephen Powles (SP), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Chris Chanter (CC), Councillor David Mansell  
 (DM) and Councillor Francis Nicholson**

1	<b>Apologies</b> Marc Vyvyan-Jones	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests-</b> None declared	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2021.</b> All agreed that the minutes were a true record Proposed by CC and Seconded by JPH. Minutes accepted.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> -Tree planting went well with the local children and families- DH to send in a small thank you article for the parish magazine. Hoping to get some additional tree guards to protect against the deer. Wivey cares and Somerset library coffee morning to be postponed until better weather when we can ventilate the hall better. SK has the phone box shelving in hand. LC has some books to donate.	DH  SK/ LC
5	<b>Finance balances and Online Banking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Bank Account £1065.28 on the 9th Dec</li> <li>• Treasurers account £11362.89 as at 12th Oct</li> </ul> £1500 is the opening up grant, £400 in Clerks wages to be paid, SP may be owed money for the gritter but awaiting trial at the moment. DH to raise cheque DH is now set up with online banking and MA and LC in the process of completing the forms to access online payments. An issue with recouping funds paid out, often a long wait for approval prior to reimbursement. This is a problem when significant funds are paid out. DH suggested a debit card might be worth investigating. Some concerns over how this could work with dual signatures. SK and DH to investigate. Meanwhile once online banking is fully operational this will make reimbursement payments much quicker. Insurance will be due soon and annual accounts need to be done after the next meeting.	DH  SK/ DH
6	<b>Precept decision.</b> Following a recalculation of the tax base at Somerset West and Taunton we needed to agree the final precept amount and let the finance team know by the 12th January. The precept of £3,500 by the original tax base meant £29.98 charge per band D property With the revised tax base this would be £30.03 per band D property. It was agreed that the original amount of £29.98 per band D property should be kept. DH to notify the finance team at SW&T	DH
7	<b>Spending and grant money-</b> stage 3 opening up grant We were granted £1500 for opening up facilities for cleaning and covid prevention. We have agreed to give £250 to the church and more if they require this. DH to contact the hall committee and the church warden to see how spending this grant funding can be progressed. Suggestions are a floor cleaner system, new cleaning equipment, industrial vacuum cleaner.	DH

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	There is also an additional grant fund stage 3 that we can apply for to be spent by August. This could be used for awnings, gazebos, benches for meeting outdoors. This could be very useful whether the hall is refurbished or not.	
8	<b>Swings</b> SP to look at the swings on Sunday and LC to relook at the report and see if we can rebook an inspection to get them reopened.	SP/ LC
9	<b>Planning</b> -2 applications current at the moment a) Hart's farm field has had historical issues but the meeting felt that the proposed barn was very tall compared to other barns in neighbouring farms. It was proposed that we object to this application. b) Catford House Winters Cross Barn replacement- no objection.	DH
10	<b>Waste Collections.</b> Change likely to happen on the week of the 28th Feb. There will be more recycling with an additional blue bag, but waste collections will move from 2 weekly to 3 weekly. Communications will be out to residents in the next few weeks. Blue recycling bags to be delivered out, anyone missed will be able to collect a replacement from Wivey. LC to test drive one of the bags. Louise to contact the waste team. DH to print out posters and put on the noticeboards.	LC  DH
11	<b>Highways.</b> Still a major issue, not always in the parish but affecting residents. Winters Cross to Potters Cross 39 potholes marked up, marks now wearing off. One area has had cones for 3 years, no remedial action. Upton is still a problem, major pipeline from Wimbleball to Clatworthy, lots of discussions between Highways and Wessex Water. Flooding on the road to Clatworthy Wazedown Lane from Flintcross DH to investigate and report via App Village sign damaged by Tree removal works along Scotts Hill. DH to ask Highways for estimates, we may also need a new village sign and planter. Costs to be sent to the contractor.	DH  DH
11	<b>Unitary updates and elections.</b> The elections will be held on the 05/05/22, this will cover the last year of the County Council and then lead onto the new local authority. The election will be fought on the current County Council divisions with 2 councillor positions in each. Parish council elections will be held at the same time. If an election is held we need to budget for £1500, if the election is uncontested then it would be £100. SALC will be able to advise on the processes and the election would be organised by the district council. At the next meeting everyone needs to decide if they are willing to re-stand. All paperwork must be in on time.	
11	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Question</b> from a resident who has uncovered an old gate, but access needs widening. This may need planning permission. SW&amp;T Planning portal has lots of useful information, but contact the Planning Department to ask the question. Increase in traffic could be an issue.</li> <li>• <b>WI</b> confirmed that no funds needed for redoing the planters.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday the 8th March at 7:30	