

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 8th March 2022 at 7:30 pm in the village hall.

**Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Louise Cook (LC), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Marc Vyvyan-Jones**

1	<b>Apologies</b> Chris Chanter, Councillor Dave Mansell, Councillor Francis Nicholson, Councillor Mark Blaker, Stephen Powles.	
2	<b>Declarations of Interests-</b> None declared	
3	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 11th Jan 2022.</b> All agreed that the minutes were a true record. Minutes accepted and signed by SK (Chair)	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> -Mary to look at getting tree guards for newly planted trees at village hall Stephen K is looking at shelving in the old phone box, but there is a condensation issue, which will mean keeping books there difficult. More large potholes have appeared at the top of the Cleeve- JPH to report online	MA SK  JPH
5	<b>Finance balances, recent expenditure, and outstanding payment</b> DH presented a spreadsheet with this year's current expenditure and outstanding commitments. Donations to charities were discussed with the following increases Wivey Link increased to £75, British Heart Foundation increased to £100, Exmoor Search and Rescue increased to £50. Clerks wages and HMRC payment for the year were agreed. DH also needs refunding for large payments made for the opening up grant of £976.09. Cleaning materials and equipment and a new fridge have been bought for the hall and the church have also used £250 to enable opening up. Around £270 of grant remains, DH to speak to Denise at the church to see if they have any additional requirements. Insurance invoice has come in at £162.20. It was proposed by SK that DH be paid £100 in expenses to cover toner, paper, envelopes, stamps, phone class and mileage seconded by MVJ and agreed. DH to raise the above cheques and speak to the church re the remaining grant. Projected expenditure for next year 22/23. Meeting agreed with the proposed budget with the addition of £6K for the village hall, £2.5K for new swings, £100 for a new website, £90 for new defibrillator batteries. The noticeboard at Huish Moor will need attention as well as a picnic in the park event for the Jubilee. It was proposed that the draft budget be accepted by MA and seconded by JPH, unanimously accepted. Stage 3 Opening Up Grant of £3K has also been approved for outdoor meetings etc. Will be added to the bank account by the end of March, to be spent by the end of August.	DH
6	<b>Online banking.</b> Dot, Mary and Louise have all the permissions etc in place. To test with DH's expenses and then we can check that the system has worked. Test to be done this week and then to move to online payments next financial year.	DH/ MA/ LC
7	<b>Elections,</b> papers had been received and a strict timetable in place. Papers handed out to all Parish Councillors at the meeting who were happy to stand. Joss has sadly decided not to	

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	stand again after many years on the council. Chris Chanter and Stephen Powles were not present, DH to email them. Paperwork to be handled by SK as DH will not be mobile.	DH SK
8	<p><b>Village Hall update</b></p> <p>Very pleased at the news that funding to refurbish the village hall has been achieved. The Parish Council has allocated £6K towards the project. It was felt that greater communication needs to be made, particularly via the noticeboards. DH to discuss with the Village Hall Committee. Note the Huish Moor noticeboard in a very poor state of repair. MA to ask Steve Broom, a carpenter to have a look at it.</p> <p>DH has the forms to collect the S106 funding of £10K from Somerset West and Taunton council</p>	DH MA DH
9	<p><b>Playing Fields Swings Update</b></p> <p>SP has checked the foundations which are sound, also the fixing clamps, which are too small. LC has gone back to suppliers, who were initially sympathetic but have now gone quiet. We need a size in between the 2 sizes available and this is no longer made. LC to try and claim a refund on her credit card. We have 2 options:- 1) to keep trying to refurbish, but experiencing a lot of difficulty as we don't have the expertise. 2) Consider getting new swings, could they be funded by the phase 3 opening up grant? DH to discuss with Justin at SALC. LC to pull together some options for the next meeting as well as discussing locations, there are implications around the village hall refurbishment and the Cricket Club.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we revisit the idea of creating a footpath from the church to the village hall, this would improve the safety for all and would make this a more attractive venue for weddings. MVJ to talk to footpath people at the council</p>	DH LC MVJ
10	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Signpost missing at Flintcross and one sign is upside down</p> <p>Potholes at the top of the Cleeve JPH to report them to the Council</p> <p>Give way sign down at Sperry Cross, this has been reported to FN</p>	JPH
11	<p><b>Updates from SCC and SW&amp;T</b></p> <p>None available. New waste collection system now working but initial issue over additional bin collection being missed, this has now been resolved. Thanks to Dave Mansell for all his help with this.</p>	
12	<p><b>AOB- Jubilee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI to plant 2 trees in the main part of the village.</li> <li>• Suggested that the council provide a free tree for each of the 110 households in the village to plant in their gardens. MVJ and all to get ideas on how to do this for the next meeting</li> <li>• Events:- suggested a picnic in the park on the 3rd June with a BBQ/ Bring a bottle, possibly with music. MA has a generator, however this would be weather dependent.</li> </ul>	MVJ All
13	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Middle Brown Farm -no objections DH to respond to Planning</p>	DH
14	<p><b>Next Meeting will be</b> in May will be the Annual Meeting on the 3rd May</p>	