

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 29th March 2022 at 7:30 pm on zoom.

Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Jos Phillips-Harral (JPH), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Chris Chanter (CC), Stephen Powles (SP)

1	Apologies Louise Cook, Councillor Dave Mansell, Councillor Francis Nicholson, Councillor Mark Blaker.	
2	Issues to be discussed. The meeting was called to discuss a number of significant planning issues that have arisen recently that need a response before the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting. These issues are <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The large gates and new entrance created on the Cleeve 2. The hardstanding and extended vehicular access at Scotts Hill and 3. The 4K mobile phone mast at Chitcombe Rocks Also a cheque for the church that requires approval	
3	The gates on the Cleeve. This has been reported to Planning Enforcement by the Parish Clerk and other residents. The land in question is about an acre and has recently been sold to someone not resident in the area. The land drops off at a very steep angle behind the gates. In order to put in the gates an ancient bank has been damaged. The gates are large metal gates and not in keeping with the area. The steepness of the slope means that vehicular access to this site would not be possible. Decision was made that a notice be put on the gates from the parish council expressing our concerns about the damage to an ancient bank, pointing out that legally any new entrance requires planning permission. DH to write and agree the notice and Jos to collect and laminate and attach to the gates. A copy to be sent to Somerset West and Taunton and Highways.	DH JPH
4	Scotts Hill. A hardstanding is already in existence and the application is looking to enlarge the vehicular access. The entrance is in a difficult place on a bend and next to a bridge. The visibility splay would be an issue. All the parish councillors present objected due to highways concerns, creating more access on a blind corner would not be recommended. The village sign has already been damaged by trucks moving in and out of this site, if this were to go ahead the sign would probably need moving, would the applicant be funding this? Is there space for the additional visibility splay with the bridge, the village sign and the telegraph pole? DH to raise concerns with Planning	DH
5	MAST The Mast will be 85 ft tall at Chitcombe rocks. SK has emailed local residents to the mast site and 1 has come back in support. Concerns were raised around the impact on wildlife bad for bees, bats and moths due to magnetic waves, which can disorientate them. We have recently seen major improvements in internet provision, with associated improvement in residents' homes. So how many will benefit? Three already have a mast, could that not be upgraded to 4G? A majority (5) present agreed that we should object.	
6	Cheque for the Church This is the final expenditure for the opening up grant of £274.30. All agreed. DH to raise the cheque	DH