

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday the 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA), Stephen Powles (SP), Chris Chanter (CC),
 Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Frances Nicholson (FN)**

1.	Apologies -Louise Cook, Dave Mansell, Mark Blaker, Steven Pugsley, Marc Vyvyan-Jones	
2	Declarations of Interests- None	
3	Minutes of meeting held on 3rd May 2022. No issues. Minutes approved-proposed by MA and seconded by CC, Signed off by the Chairman SK	
4	Matters Arising- Shelving in phone box In order to keep books in the phone box we will need plastic boxes due to the condensation-to be sourced after the shelves have been completed. To be advertised once up and running.	SK
5	Finance Bank still working on online approval. DH can make a payment but countersigning does not work. DH and MA visited the bank on the 11th May, still waiting, phone calls have been made and a recent text received to say they are working on this. When all is sorted we need the 3rd signatory set up as a contingency. Phase 3 opening up grant- £2500 needs to be spent by the end of August, this needs to be spent on tables, chairs, play equipment and possibly gazebos. Decision made to go for 5 extra gopak tables as a first step. DH to purchase. SK is investigating if Andrew Norman will make a picnic table, but not working at the moment, we will need a decision in the next few weeks. Play equipment, as we are not going for a large marquee, so increased this to £300 following a query with SALC. Gareth Varney has replaced the defibrillator pads and is now purchasing batteries, he is happy to wait and have one cheque once all completed. Payment agreed.	DH SK
6	Planning CC has been having an email exchange with the owner of the gates on the Cleeve. Agreed to pass this information onto planning. DH to send to planning enforcement. Village hall work should start next week, Steve Powles temporarily grazing sheep as the grass had got very long. The contractors/ village hall committee will need to ensure access to the playing field for sheep and the residents of the village. The sheep should be gone in the next few weeks. The field will then need to be mowed. Some funds still need to be raised and hall needs to be cleared, a car boot/ mini fete proposed for late August. LC has been selling unwanted items on ebay to raise money as well.	CC DH

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	Gate widening for field by bridge at Scotts Hill - decision still with the planning authorities. Some further queries raised on this application DH to speak to planning. A letter needs to be sent re the village sign damage and the cost of repairs to the landowner.	
7	Appointment of a new parish councillor. 2 candidates being considered. DH to tailor the standard JD from SALC to a Huish Champflower version. MA then to speak to both candidates by mid-August and a decision by September.	DH MA
8	Swings LC is working on this by getting quotes and applying for lottery funding.	
9	Highways See SCC update below Gritting not a problem this year	
10	Footpaths Sam Jackson Footpaths Officer came out about replacing 2 footpath gates at Smiths Farm, just checking with neighbouring landowners. Potato Villa some paths have been blocked. CC to check and report back.	
11	Update from SCC There is a one-off fund of £30,000 for the area. This is from the Steering Group for Highways pilot project, for minor road improvements. Ideas suggested by HCPC included frozen road signs that can be deployed in the winter in icy spots. Speed signs, and a stop sign at the junction of Beulah Chapel, coming up from Wheddon Cross, along with an early warning sign. Ideas need to get to Frances by Friday this week. Stephen Gay is the person in charge, FN is to send his telephone number. SK was nominated as the Highways Warden for the parish. Dot to sign up to the One. Network, where you can draw a line on a map and it sends alerts every day.	All FN DH
12	AOB Trees for every household for the jubilee in September SK to arrange. We will need to ensure that they have guards against Deer and Rabbits etc Defibrillator DH to fully register on the website	SK DH
13	Date of next meeting Tuesday 20th September in the Church	