

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council
held on the 11th October 2022 at 7:30 pm in St Peter's Church.

Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK- Chair), Mary Abel (MA)), Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Chris Chanter (CC), Louise Cook (LC), Cllr Francis Nicholson (FN), Cllr Dave Mansell (DM), Cllr Steven Pugsley (SPu)

1	Apologies Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Steve Powles and Sarah Payne	
2	Declarations of Interest- SK, DH and MA are all Trustees of the Village Hall	
3	Minutes: MA proposed that the minutes were accepted, and LC seconded. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed off by SK the Chair.	
4	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Phone box: the phone box is too damp to keep books in, agreed that a book exchange would be better set up at the village hall when completed</p> <p>Footpath: blocked footpath due to overgrown vegetation at Potato Villa. MA to email footpaths officer (peter.hobley@somerset.gov.uk).</p> <p>Tree Planting- trees will only be donated by the Forestry Commission if planted as a group. Only land available is at the Village Hall and this depends on the cricket club's decision to return/ not. Councillor Mansell updated that Trees are available from SW&T for free and will share the link with DH</p>	MA DM DH
5	Appointment of a new parish councillor: Sarah Payne was nominated by MA and seconded by SK and unanimously elected as a new parish councillor. All paperwork has been signed in lieu of this vote and DH will send it off this week.	DH
6	<p>Finance. Balances as at 5/10/22:- Treasurers £21,370.95 inc £10K from Lottery for swings and Business Account £1065.44</p> <p>Payments due:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Village Hall £6K from the budget, £248.69 from benches sold by LC, this money should have gone to the village hall account plus £200 we would have paid in rent over the lockdown period. A total of £6448.69 ● Church grass cutting grant plus rent for meetings £400 ● Gareth Varney Defibrillator repairs £139.68 plus batteries which he needs to invoice us for. MA to talk to him ● A VAT course for the clerk, so VAT can be reclaimed ● Clerks wages £700 <p>Online banking now hopefully sorted and Phase 3 opening up grant spent on chairs, tables and a gazebo for the hall</p> <p>S106 money we have claimed the money for the barns at Washbattle Bridge but there are some other developments where we are unsure if a S106 claim could be made and we need clarification Cllr Mansell to send link to information</p>	MA DM
7	Planning. It was agreed that all planning matters will go to a subcommittee held online for discussion. When a planning matter arises the clerk will send an email to all councillors who will then meet online to discuss the issue; any feedback will go to the clerk for updating the planning authorities via a proforma. The planning application will be noted at the full council meeting but not discussed further unless contentious and recommended for full council consideration. All councillors can take part in this group and the clerk does not have to be	

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	<p>present.</p> <p>Policy guide/ Statement on Planning: To explain the parish council's role in planning is advisory only, ask them to talk to their neighbours, consider that we live in a setting very close to Exmoor and surveys of residents in the past have shown that the majority do not want to see major changes. The local plan could be linked in as well as a link to the planning portal. If in doubt, they can talk to the parish council about their plans before they submit them.</p> <p>Hunt Kennel Noise: There are currently 2 packs of dogs at the kennels and they are causing a noise nuisance at odd times throughout the day. Could this issue be helped with noise insulation? SK to have a word with the master of the hunt to head off/ de-escalate any issues.</p> <p>Visibility splay near village hall is outside of planning permission given</p> <p>Resident discussion of planning matters: Normally there is a deferment of the meeting where residents can speak for about 3 minutes on their application. Afterwards the parish council discusses what they have heard but this is not a two-way discussion. DH to advise Potato Villa this is possible, but the decision-making body is Somerset West and Taunton. Also concerns about cull of red deer, DH to speak to Forestry Commission</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>DH</p>
8	<p>Playing Field Swings: -Louise successfully bid for and received £10K from the National Lottery for replacing the swings. She has received 3 quotes and some additional checks need to be made, but there appears to be one front runner Mort, a company from Bridgewater. Any work would need to be coordinated with Ware's whilst they are still on site at the village hall. Checks need to be made on guarantees and maintenance and a visit should be made to one of their local installations to check quality etc. All providers asked £700 to remove old swings, to ask SP if he can help remove them. To be discussed at the village hall meeting on Thursday. Louise was given a big thank you for all her hard work.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>SP</p>
9	<p>Highways: -We put in a request for some frozen road signs and this is going to panel on the 11th Nov, if approved it was requested could this be fitted before the winter. There is a scheme managed by Sam Murrell called the Highways Steward, there is a form that we can complete for things such as blocked drains and minor issues that could be sorted out by 1 man in a day. DH to investigate if she is on the email group for this. This is part of the pilot for highways and is continuing and moving forward.</p>	<p>DH</p>
10	<p>Noticeboards: DH had had a quote from GEViews for £1046.92 +VAT for a replacement notice board at Huish Moor. This was considered a bit expensive, DH was asked to see if Wivey Joinery could help and SK to put out an appeal on the website.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>SK</p>
11	<p>Parish Council 50th Year. More research is needed to confirm this date, it may be in the 1800's. Councillor Pugsley has a directory that might provide that information, otherwise the County Records Office would be the source.</p>	<p>SPu</p>
12	<p>Queen Elizabeth II commemoration: The favoured option was creating a Queens Path from the Church to the hall. This would be a safe route for children and all visitors to the hall. It would need consultation. SK to put this on the website, saying this is our idea, do you have any other ideas? DH to add this onto the Facebook page.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>DH</p>
13	<p>Local Community Networks (LCN's): These are for setting local priorities for a group of parishes. It will influence how the principal Local Authority spends its budget in the area, it should save money. The key issue at the moment is setting up the groupings of councils; they would ideally have shared interests and ideally the boundaries match councillor responsibilities, to make them easier to administer. LCN's will evolve, they are consultative, to set priorities and not incur additional costs.</p>	

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14	Updates from SCC and SW&T. A decision has been made to create a Taunton Town Council. The decision on boundaries has been controversial with the surrounding parishes and there is possibly a legal challenge. The new authority covers the urban area of Taunton. Up till now other parishes have been subsidising Taunton facilities. SW&T responsibilities will be moving to Somerset Council next year. This is causing staffing issues. Please use the online forms wherever possible.	
15	AOB DH investigating the warm spaces grant when the hall reopens in January. To discuss at Village Hall meeting on Thursday	DH
16	Next Meeting: 15th November at 7:30 in the church Standing orders to be sent out please read them and send comments to DH before the meeting	All