

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 14th March 2023 at 7:30 pm in the village hall

Present: Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Mary Abel (MA Chair), Sarah Payne (S Pa), Steven Powles (S Po), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Chris Chanter (CC), and Cllr Steven Pugsley (SPu) .

1	Apologies Cllr Dave Mansell (DM) , Stephen Kimsey (SK)) Louise Cook (LC), and Cllr Francis Nicholson (FN)	
2	Declarations of Interest- None	
3	<p>Highways Updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dip in the road at Tanners caused by water board stopcock still needs reporting. • Winter maintenance contractor has not succeeded as well as hoped, the red routes are ok, but some green routes which should be salted if cold weather due have not been done for 20 years. SCC are highlighting the issue 1 by 1 and contractors given warning where appropriate. • There was a proposal to withdraw the salt bags and bins, but this was challenged by Councillors and parish councils and the proposed saving was withdrawn. However, it may be one to watch in the future. • Frozen road signs-Highways are not keen to erect a permanent sign for a temporary issue. In Kent they have foldaway signs, still ongoing negotiations. • LCN Highways pilot extended for a year. 	DH
4	<p>Updates from SW&T and SCC.</p> <p>The new Somerset Council unitary will take over on the 1st April. The new unitary will include planning and Cllr Steven Pugsley will be on the planning committee.</p> <p>The LCN areas have been confirmed and Steven Pugsley has forwarded a map. The Exmoor LCN, which includes us, covers Stephen and Francis's areas and where the current highways pilot is. The new structures will be based on the panels. On Thursday night there is an important meeting where they would like as many parishes as possible to send elected representatives. They will be filming with the new county cabinet members. Mary and Sarah agreed to attend</p> <p>Stephen Pugsley was asked if he could find out/ chase what was happening about the enforcement notice re: the gates on the Cleeve</p>	MA/ SPa SPu
5	Minutes of the meeting held on 10th Jan 2023. It was agreed that these were an accurate record and were signed off by the Chair Mary Abel	
6	Matters Arising Policies and procedures will be posted on the website soon	SK
7	<p>Finances</p> <p>Balances Business Bank Instant Acct £1066.30 as at 9th Jan 2023 and Treasurers Account £13,382.37 at 26th Jan 2023. However this includes a £10K grant for the swings.</p> <p>Clerks wages approximately £900 due plus £400 to HMRC</p> <p>An invoice to SALC due for VAT training but that training has allowed us to claim £255.87 for the financial year 2021-22.</p> <p>Audit training Mary would like to undertake this training for £20, this will benefit both us and another parish that she audits.</p> <p>Charitable donations it was agreed that we would donate the same amounts as last year:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wivey Link £75 • British Heart Foundation £100 • Exmoor Search and Rescue £50 • Air Ambulance £50 • Church £200 <p>DH To organise payments</p>	

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8	<p>Swings update. Louise wasn't able to attend but sent an update Quote accepted and order placed 10/12/22 for £10,395.18 Expected to be between the 24th March and the 21st April actual date to be confirmed currently waiting on the fitters schedule Old swings and concrete bases need to be removed Steve Powles is going to do this Louise looking at quotes for surfacing</p>	SPo LC
9	<p>Planning no major planning issues outstanding at the moment. The gates on the Cleeve, SPU chasing what is happening with the enforcement notice</p>	
10	<p>Village Hall update:- Official opening on Saturday 18th March at 12.00 noon. Any contributions of savoury nibbles are welcome. Committee members are setting up on Friday at 11.00 to put up bunting and the plaque etc. There are still things to fund such as curtains, a dishwasher and acoustics as there are lots of echoes. A Coronation Day lunch is planned for the Sunday of the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend , where everyone brings a dish to share.</p>	
11	<p>Emergency Planning/ Civil Contingencies Emergency Contact name- leave for next meeting</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting Annual Meeting to be held on the 9th May-and Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 27th April along with a normal parish meeting to include discussion on year end finances.</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC contacted the owner of the field between the church and the hall. Unwilling to allow a permissive path across the field due to legal complications, he would be willing to sell but 6.7 acres would cost a lot of money. It is unlikely to be affordable. ● Gate by swings SCC won't put one in as this is not an existing footpath, however it would save people from walking on the road a bit. So we may need to do this ourselves. ● There have been scrambling bikes in the woods above the Cleeve on privately owned land. Land owner doesn't want them. Mary is to ask the footpaths officer if the gate could be reinstated on the footpath. Also bikes are still an issue in the old quarry Marc is to pull together a meeting of English Heritage, the Police and the adjacent landowners to discuss options. ● Lights seen in the quarry late on Friday nights are also very suspicious and also evidence of poachers on privately owned farmland. Dot to discuss bikes and poachers with the local PCSO 	MA MVJ DH
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.28 pm</p>	