

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 9th May 2023 at 8:05 pm in the village hall

Present: Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Mary Abel (MA), , Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Louise Cook (LC), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Chris Chanter (CC), and Cllr Steven Pugsley.

1	Apologies Cllr Francis Nicholson (FN), (SPu), Sarah Payne (S Pa), Steven Powles (S Po)	
2	Declarations of Interest- None	
3	Updates from Somerset Council. The Exmoor Panel will now become the LCN Board from the 8th June. They are developing a program, it started with Highways and this has been very successful, but what are the local issues that we need Somerset Council to pay attention to? The buy in from all the parish councils has been very good, we need to keep up the engagement as the Exmoor area is leading the way. Steven Pugsley is now on the Planning Committee and Francis Nicholson on the Highways.	
4	Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2023. It was agreed these were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed off by the Chairman Stephen Kimsey	
5	Matters Arising- MA has chased Planning Enforcement??	
6	Finances, Balances and Outstanding payments discussed at the meeting on the 27th April and at the Annual meeting on the 9th May 2023. No issues to discuss	
7	Planning in particular ref 3/17/23/001. The Enforcement Officer for the issue of the gates on the Cleeve, is unfortunately on long term sick leave. Kieran Reeves is the case officer for the new application. Steven Pugsley to ask Kieran to focus on this issue. Dot to compile a letter of objection, taking into account the responses she has had so far, letter to be circulated asap, but she will need responses back by Sunday 14th May as she is going on leave and will need to get this submitted first. Objections so far include the outstanding Enforcement Notice on this individual for the damage to the ancient hedge along the Cleeve and the illegal platform, which hasn't been made good. The proximity to a listed building, the large size and high specification of the platform and shed for a small plot of land. Dot to circulate planning responses leaflet with the draft letter.	DH All
8	Village Hall- no updates	
9	Swings- the old swings have been removed and the contractors are coming this week to install the new ones. Safety matting, ROSPA guidance says we don't need this, but LC feels that strips under the swings would be wise, she was given the go ahead to get quotes. Once installed we need to get an inspection going asap for insurance purposes. Fitters may have contacts, but they wanted to install huge amounts of unnecessary safety surfacing which we don't need. Inspectors could be Fields in Trust or RoSPA. Well done Louise almost there.	LC
10	Highways- Brown Lane in very poor condition with lots of potholes. Steven Pugsley to drive home that way and have a look, he will alert Highways meeting about this issue. Dot has asked Highways via their contact form if any works are planned for Brown Lane. We may need to log each pot hole individually, elderly resident with no IT has been writing to Highways with no response and is getting frustrated by the issues.	SPu
11	Emergency Plan SK to coordinate	SK
12	AOB None Meeting ended at 8:4	
	Date of next meeting 11th July 7:30 in the village hall	

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