

# HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 27th April 2023 at 7:30 pm in the village hall

**Present:** Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Mary Abel (MA), Sarah Payne (S Pa), Steven Powles (S Po), Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Louise Cook (LC).

1	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr Francis Nicholson (FN), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Chris Chanter (CC), and Cllr Steven Pugsley (SPu)	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest-</b> None	
3	<b>Updates from Somerset Council Councillors.</b> FN and SPu were unable to attend this evening but MA had attended the Exmoor Panel meeting. The ravine near Exford will cost £750K to repair and will not be done until next year. Magna Housing have reported lots of issues with local council houses. Exmoor National Park is short of funds and not able to do all the work it would like to do. The Lengthsman can only work on non A roads on his own, There are no A roads in Huish Champflower. Connecting Devon and Somerset where private providers have paid for BT broadband lines, additional people will not be added in. Brompton Regis has no copper wires and rely mostly on mobile phones, this makes it very difficult for emergency services etc	
4	<b>Minutes of the meeting on the 14th March 2023</b> It was agreed that these were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed off by Mary Abel.	
5	<b>Matters arising</b> We need to chase planning enforcement about the gates on the Cleeve and ask Cllr Stephen Pugsley if he can help as well as nothing is happening re returning the area to how it was. Swings on the agenda The scrambling motorbikes are now in the woods near Potters Cross and some late night suspicious activity in the area, DH to discuss with PCSO and Upton Parish Council as this affects their parish as well.	DH DH
6	<b>Finances</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Balances a) Business Bank Acct £1067.34 at 9/3/23 b) Treasurers Acct £13238.24 at 29/03/23</li> <li>● DH presented year end draft accounts from the AGAR return. Although balances look good £10,370 is reserved for the replacement of the swings from a Lottery grant and there are repairs to the Huish Moor noticeboard, matting for swings, wages and general running costs to be paid. Over £6K was paid to the village hall for the refurbishment last year, meaning that finances are sound but tight. However, some VAT reclaims should be possible to claim after the swings have been paid for.</li> <li>● Outstanding payment due to SK for the website renewal of £89. SK to send DH the invoice.</li> <li>● Third signatory needed, SPa agreed to take this on. DH to set up the paperwork</li> </ul> The village hall also has limited funds and it was suggested that we could take out a public works loan, but this could take 6-8 months to organise and could affect future precepts whether residents used the hall or not. Could the village hall try Hinckley Point again?	SK/ DH
7	<b>Planning</b> we have had notification about a Q class application at Sperry Barton. This development falls into Upton's area, DH to make sure Upton has had this. There is a possible illegal development going on at Syndercombe lane near Stolford, lots of construction lorries. DH to report to Planning enforcement. Future planning issues will be discussed via a teams meeting	DH DH
8	<b>Village Hall</b> refurbishment complete but still lots to be done in terms of curtains, sound baffles etc	

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<b>9</b>	<p><b>Playing Field/ Swings</b>          Louise has a date of the 8th May 2023 from the supplier, she has been having difficulties with them in terms of getting an accurate drawing and her contact is leaving tomorrow, but has agreed to revise the drawing first. SPO is going to remove the old swings before that date, but not on the afternoon of the 4th May as there is a wake being held in the hall. Once the swings are in safety surfaces will go in under the swings, LC working on quotes at the moment.</p>	LC SPO
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Highways</b>          Brown Lane has lots of potholes, it is residents responsibility to report this to Somerset Council. However, this may be worth mentioning to Cllr Stephen Pugsley DH to email him. It may be possible to claim for damage to vehicles caused by potholes etc, if a specific pothole is at fault.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Dates of next meetings</b>          Annual meeting of the parish council on the 9th May 2023, with a short parish council meeting afterwards. Future meetings this year to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the following months at 7:30 in the village hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 11th July</li> <li>● 12th September</li> <li>● 14th November</li> <li>● 9th January</li> <li>● 12th March</li> </ul>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>AOB</b> there is a Coronation Lunch at the village hall on Sunday the 7th May at 12 noon bring your own dish to share.</p>	