

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 11th July 2023 at 7:30pm in the village hall

Present: Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Mary Abel (MA), Sarah Payne (SPa), Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Louise Cook (LC), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Stephen Powles (SPo), and Cllr Steven Pugsley.

1	Apologies Cllr Francis Nicholson (FN), Chris Chanter (CC)	
2	Declarations of Interest- None	
3	Minutes of the meeting on the 9th May 2023. It was agreed that these were an accurate record of the meeting. MA proposed that these were accepted, and SPa seconded. The minutes were accepted and signed off by the chair. Issues - Gates planning application was withdrawn	
4	Updates from Somerset Council Councillors. Stephen Pugsley updated the Parish Council with the following: - LCN meeting priorities have been set to cover Highways, rural housing, public transport, jobs and education. With housing they are looking at small scale housing with some self-build plots with infrastructure already in place. Somerset Council now has the Housing Revenue Account and Exmoor LCN will be asking for some funds from Somerset Council. The Refuse strike has been postponed for 2 weeks whilst there is a ballot of SUEZ employees. A press release has gone out.	
5	Planning Matters 1) Information has been passed onto a resident in relation to a planning dispute, and the clerk from Timberscombe where a similar incident arose has offered advice. 2) Mr Ray Bryant came in to ask for the Parish Council's help on a planning matter. There is a Discontinuance Order on his property dating back to the 1970's, but relating to a bungalow that was never built. The order effectively means that he can only sell to someone in Agriculture or Forestry. These orders are very rare. It means that he is currently unable to sell his property. He would like the Parish Council to write a letter of support asking the planning department at Somerset Council to remove the order. Cllr Stephen Pugsley has been supporting Mr Bryant in this process, but Somerset Council seem to be wary of setting a precedent. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write a letter of support. The letter should be written to Russell Williams, Chief Planning Officer, Alison Blond-Cooper and Cllr Simon Coles cc'd to Cllr Stephen Pugsley. Letter needs to be received by next Tuesday, it can be emailed and the addresses are on the website.	DH
6	Date for next Exmoor Panel Meeting: Next LCN meeting is the 7th of September - we need to send our Highways warden.	MVJ
7	Finances, Balances and Outstanding Payments DH had circulated the latest finance figures, following the payments for the swings. In the Treasurers Account we have £4938.06 after paying for the swings. We also have £1069.31 in the Business Bank Account. We hopefully will be able to claim about £2,500 in VAT after buying the swings and furniture for the hall & playing field. Outstanding bills are for the matting for the swings to reimburse Louise, Clerks wages and rent for the village hall agreed that we should pay for 2 hours per meeting annually in advance. DH to sort out the payments.	DH
8	Highway Matters The pothole on Tanners Hill is getting dangerous as people are driving on the other side of the road to avoid it, and this could lead to a collision. Highways say it's not them but the water board. DH to log it with both.	DH

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	<p>Brown Lane potholes update from Cllr Stephen Pugsley:- Two inspections have been allocated to investigate issues on the above lanes. The relevant confirmed references are 619439 for Chitcombe Rocks Lane and 619440 for Brown Lane.</p> <p>In addition to this the culverts into the fields are blocked. Ray Bryant knows the location of these culverts and maybe able to help. Compile a list and send to Christine Dubery and Sam Murrell either private jetting company or Banksman's workload.</p>	
9	<p>Swings- Insurance - the swings have been inspected and the only issue is safety matting, which is due to be laid hopefully on the 21st July. There is some discrepancy between Ken from Fields in Trust and the BS standards and the guidance from RoSPA. We have the specified matting and 2 very competent people to lay the matting with guidance. Louise spotted young people climbing on the ends of the swings so felt additional matting at the ends would be helpful. It was agreed to purchase the additional matting. Insurance needs to be in place as quickly as possible. A big thank you was given to Louise for all her hard work on this.</p>	LC
10	<p>Village Hall- no updates</p>	
11	<p>Emergency Plan SK is working on this.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highways hedge trimming there is a programme in place. ● Signpost at Beulah Chapel - not in our parish but the Give Way sign needs to be replaced by a Stop sign as there have been multiple accidents on this corner. DH to contact Sam Murrell and cc SPu and FN ● Footpath going through the Menage at Huish Moor - walkers can't walk side by side and it is very difficult, the stream is overflowing, it has been moved without planning permission. No warning signs about electric fences. MVJ to talk to the footpaths officer. ● No updates about the footpath gate on Huish Moor 	DH MVJ
	<p>Meeting closed at 9pm</p>	
13	<p>Date of next meeting 12th Sept at 7:30</p>	