

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in
the Huish Sixth Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy,
on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7 pm

PUBLIC SESSION

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declaration of interests.**
- 3. Elections and other related matters.**
 - i. Chairman
 - ii. Vice Chairman
 - iii. Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Chairman)
 - iv. Declarations of Interests forms – any changes not previously reported
 - v. Working Groups – Community, Development Control, Farming, Environment
 - vi. Local Committee Representatives – Memorial Field, Abattoir Liaison, Youth Club
- 4. Policies – confirmation (no changes since last AMPC).**
 - a. Risk Management Policy
 - b. Code of Conduct
 - c. Standing Orders
 - d. Financial Regulations
 - e. Freedom of Information Act (within Standing Orders)
 - f. De minimis level (2016-17 £1500)
- 5. Minutes of the last meeting (20 March 2017).**
- 6. District Councillors' and County Councillor's Reports.**
- 7. Planning.**
 - a. Decisions notified since last meeting:**

13/00314/OUT	Land at The Willows Business Park development Reserved Matters – permission granted.
16/04191/OUT	Land at The Willows Business Park development – permission refused.
16/04174/REM	36 dwellings at Newtown Road – Council, while recognising that the application as a whole was sympathetic to the terrain, required a number of concerns to be addressed with stringent conditions imposed before permission was granted. Permission granted.
16/05547/FUL	Land South of Union Drove 2 bedroom contemporary dwelling for home office, parking, bat rehabilitation flight cage/shed and change of agricultural use (High Ham PC). The Council supported Wagg Drove residents in that, despite all the best intentions expressed, this dwelling would be very visible from Wagg Drove and would set a precedent of unacceptable development in open countryside, recommended refusal. Permission refused.
17/00166/FUL	Land opposite Autumn Leaves Pibsbury conversion of storage barn to holiday accommodation no objections. Permission granted.
17/01270/TPO81A	Brookland Road permission to fell tree – no objections as tree had been judged unsafe by a qualified tree surgeon. Permission granted.
17/01217/CPO	Bowdens Quarry – Council had no objections to this extension to the quarry, providing all the present conditions, especially regarding noise and traffic, remained in place. Permission granted.

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- 17/00413/FUL Wagg Meadow Farm temporary building replacing existing caravan. Huish Episcopi Parish Council has no objections to this application, but did have concerns about the viability of the present agricultural business. Permission refused.
- 17/00167/FUL Plot 1 Land opposite Autumn Leaves Pibsbury, amended to allow oak tree to be felled - Council concurred with local parishioners' concerns and its previous comments applied that the "Council strongly recommended that a TPO be made on the oak tree prior to building". Permission granted.
- 17/01577/FUL Park Lane Engineering Works residential dwelling. Council continued to support development of this largely derelict site and the new application appeared to have addressed previous concerns. Nevertheless the proposed dwelling, attempting to retain an existing farm building wall, did not do justice to the site and an appropriately designed new build might be a far better option.

b. Applications received since last meeting, or still in progress:

- 16/03673/OUT Land adjacent Fouracre (High Ham PC) - no objections in principle, however the Council felt that Fouracre should retain its own independent entrance onto Union Drove remaining separate from proposed new development, and that Highways should consider the entrance onto Picts Hill for the new dwellings very carefully as road calming measures might be required.
- 17/00454/FUL The Retreat, Windmill Lane until the lawfulness of this dwelling had been fully established (or not) in law, no extensions should be approved to what was originally a very small barn. Strongly recommended refusal of this retrospective application.
- 17/00455/COL The Retreat, Windmill Lane - until the lawfulness of this dwelling had been fully established (or not) in law, no certificate of lawfulness should be approved. Strongly recommended refusal.
- 17/01301/FUL Merriotts Farm Wearne demolition of farm buildings, erection of 2 dwellings – no objections, proposed buildings would blend sympathetically within the hamlet.

8. Matters arising from the minutes and raised by members, to include:

- a. Somerton/Langport Train Station feasibility study
- b. Bus shelter (BH)
- c. Grouped Parishes Scheme
- d. Parish Council by-election

9. Correspondence received and other matters.

- a. Allotments
- b. Lengthsman
- c. Youth Club
- d. Langport Cycleway
- e. Church car park – request for white lining
- f. Speeding problems at Wearne
- g. Council insurance renewal

10. Requests for grants/donations (last year's figures in brackets):

Huish cum Langport PCC	£1500 (agreed)
Local Information Centre	£4000 (agreed)
Memorial Field	£7500 (agreed)
Langport Youth Club	£6000 (agreed)
Huish Episcopi Primary School	£1000 (agreed)
Langport Festival	£500 (agreed – final year of grant)

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Citizens Advice Bureau	(14/15 £150)
Senior Citizens Club	(16/17 £200)
Yeovil Shopmobility	
St Margaret's Hospice	
Community Justice Partnership	

11. Audit 2016-2017.

a. Annual Governance Statement

b. Approval of Accounting Statement

12. Accounts

	Current Account	Savings
Payments authorised by RFO		
SSDC car park rates half year	686.66	
Transfer to Business Reserve	10000.00	
Receipts since last meeting		
Precept	44500.00	
Allotments x 33	985.00	
(since 1 April 2017)		
total receipts including c/f	59912.61	
total payments	1375.95	
balance at 8 May 17	58536.66	
Business Reserve		56309.50
Parish Charities		1746.16
Payments to be authorised		
Clerk – administration	7.65	
B Knox Internal Auditor	166.25	
HEA Hall hire	67.50	
Came and Company insurance item 9g tbc	568.55	
Grants as at item 10	tbc	
Payments by Standing Order (25th of the month)		
Clerk	500.00	
Lengthsman	189.29	

12. Matters of report and items for next meeting.

a. Chairman.

b. Clerk.

c. Members.

13. Date of next meeting (17 July 2017).

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