

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Huish Episcopi Parish Council held in the Huish Sixth Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy, on Monday 19 September 2016 at 7 pm.

Present:

Cllr S Nicholas	Chairman
Cllr G Lock	
Cllr J Fraser	
Cllr F Pope	
Cllr B Horsgood	
Cllr J Seaton	
Cllr C Palmer	
Cllr C Aparicio Paul	District Councillor (7-8.40pm)
Cllr D Yeomans	County Councillor (7-7.55pm)
Parishioners	Mr C Miller (7-7.55pm), Mr R Saunders and Mr V Derham
Others	Mr A Lee (Leveller 7-8.40pm)

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Mr Andrew Lee requested that Council look into an application to extend the permission date for the solar panel site near the Battle of Langport site. Mr Clive Miller spoke as the Agent regarding two applications, East of Ablake and Fouracre respectively. In response to Councillors' queries, he said that at Ablake the two proposed houses would step down in height from the two new houses to Ablake and be stone built in keeping with the original house. At Fouracre a new access was proposed off Picts Hill and the planned visibility splay should reduce residents' highway safety concerns.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr R Stranger and Cllr J Wood.
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Seaton declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Langport Town Council, as Chairman.

3. District Councillors' and County Councillor's Reports.

4. Planning.

a. Decisions notified since last meeting:

16/02411/S73A	Old Kelways amend condition 2 of approval 14/03943/FUL - no objections, providing that this building remained a garage/store. Permission refused.
16/03273/FUL	11 The Beeches replacement UPVC windows no objections. Permission granted.
16/03060/REM	Land to rear of Orchard Bungalow, Newtown Road reserved matters for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development – no objections in principle, but the Council was concerned that the single storey two bedroom bungalows did not have a second separate toilet, maybe within a slightly extended lobby. Permission granted.

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

16/02550/FUL	Park Lane Engineering Works conversion and extension of existing commercial buildings to form a dwelling - no objections.
16/03005/FUL	Land opposite Wearne Court conversion of redundant barn to a dwelling and new vehicular access for residential and agricultural use. Although described as a "traditional barn" this had been designed ambiguously in the style of a two storey domestic dwelling.

(4b)	This isolated building did not enhance the immediate setting, while lying outside of the hamlet of Wearne's current boundary and with no plans to connect it to the hamlet's sewerage system. The proposed new vehicular access would totally alter the characteristic nature of the lane and, regularly used as a shortcut, was renowned for speeding vehicles and outside the 30mph limit. This proposal was considered to be inappropriate and extremely dangerous. It was strongly advised that a decision on this planning application be deferred until this building has been fully surveyed and approved as meeting modern planning regulations.
16/03175/FUL	Highfield Farm redevelopment of existing agricultural building to provide 2 semi-detached 1.5 storey dwellings – no objections.
16/03176/OUT	Highfield Farm erection of 2 detached bungalows – no objections.
16/03302/FUL	Merriotts Farm, Wearne conversion of 2 agricultural buildings into 3 dwellings - no objections in principle, however the Council questioned the necessity of saving two buildings in a very poor state, having been allowed to deteriorate over a number of years, rather than building new bungalows in a style that was consistent with other dwellings locally.
16/03467/FUL	Hay Close, The Hill replacement domestic garage – no objections.
16/03370/S73A	Land adjoining Highfield Farm amendment to erect car port and turning area – no objections.
16/03268/FUL	Ablake, Pibsbury creation of new access point from A372 – no objections, providing Highways was in agreement.
16/03605/OUT	Land East of Ablake - no objections in principle, although one larger dwelling might be more appropriate, and concerns remained regarding proximity to flood area.
16/03522/FUL	Wagg House extension - no objections.
16/03638/S73A	Station Close amendment to materials - no objections, providing material colour(s) toned in with existing Chapel Court.
16/03755/S73A	Highfield Farm amendment - no objections.
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.
16/03954/FUL	Land adjacent Hamdown Lodge (High Ham PC) - Council continued to feel that the proposed building was overlarge at this site.

5. Minutes of the last meeting (8 August 2016). Agreed after minor amendment.

6. Matters arising from the minutes.

a. Village signs. Five quotations had been sought and discussions held with Mr Gary Warren regarding site selection and Somerset County Council's costs for installation of four signs. The recommended quotation was £2915 from Shelley Signs which provided a five year guarantee and vandal proof finish. It was proposed by Cllr Horsgood, seconded by Cllr Fraser and agreed unanimously to accept this quotation. Councillors thanked Cllr Nicholas and Mr John Taylor for their efforts regarding this project.

Action: Clerk

b. Church car park wall. Mr M Gillingham had increased the access width and repaired the wall at a cost of £236.12.

c. Dropped kerb at St Mary's Church corner. The Clerk had received three quotations for this work, which was greater than originally anticipated. A further local builder had been recommended, so the Clerk would await their quote before proceeding.

Action: Clerk

(6) **d. Brookland Road signage.** No action had been taken as yet by SSDC, which concerned Councillors. The Clerk would follow this up.

Action: Clerk

e. Planning Appeals – Land North of Old Kelways and Merricks Farm. The Land North of Old Kelways had been dismissed and the application at Merricks Farm upheld.

f. Cherry trees at The Avenue. The Clerk would liaise with the Town Clerk to follow up the quotation from SSDC.

Action: Clerk

7. Correspondence received and other matters.

a. Allotments. Following a second inspection, one of the two plots was improved but the other still undercultivated. One tenant had also made alterations to the water pump connection. The Clerk would follow up these concerns.

Action: Clerk

b. Lengthsman. The Lengthsman had cleared the wigwag sign of obscuring foliage. The Clerk would contact Hastoes regarding the footpath hedgerows at Old Kelways

Action: Clerk

c. Youth Club. The AGM was due shortly and interviews imminent for a replacement youth worker. All was thriving and the Halloween Walk would take place again. The youngsters had been canvassed for their opinions on, and designs for, the skate park's future.

d. Project to cover Huish Leisure swimming pool – possible grant. The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with the Principal, Bursar, and Leisure Centre Managers. While the addition of a toddler pool would have been welcomed, it was understood that the Sport England funding available was based on the 14-25 age range. The project needed to find £20,000 from the local community, a Council contribution to which might be requested shortly.

8. Accounts.

Current Account

Savings

Receipts since last meeting

Allotments (new tenants) 155.00

(since 1 April 2016)

total receipts 53469.97

total payments 26949.50

balance at 12 Sep 16 26520.47

Business Reserve

46301.26

Parish Charities

1745.74

Payments to be authorised

Clerk – administration 12.20

Lengthsman materials (September) 19.50

Payments by Standing Order (25th of the month)

Clerk 500.00

Lengthsman 178.22

9. Matters of report and items for next meeting.

a. Chairman. The Chairman requested that Clerk ask Chesterton Humbert again to cut back the Trial Ground hedgerow.

Action: Clerk

(9) **b. Clerk.** The Clerk reminded the Council about the Neighbourhood Planning consultation on 12 October with Langport Town Council, externally facilitated and attended by Louise Treacher the Town Council's Project Officer.

The Clerk requested, and it was agreed, that the January meeting be put forward one week to 23 January 2017 due to her unavailability the week before for family reasons.

c. Members. Cllr Horsgood would be attending the Abattoir Liaison Meeting shortly. Cllr Fraser had contacted Highways as the wigwag signs were not the correct design. He also asked if the Clerk would inform the Bursar that participants at the artificial pitch were leaving the Academy site by the entrance rather than the exit. There were concerns that the Field Road drains might be blocked again by the cricket pitch.

10. Date of next meeting. The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7pm in the Huish Sixth Auditorium.

Meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Agreed:

S NICHOLAS (Mrs)
Chairman of the Parish Council

J M REDFEARN (Mrs)
Clerk to the Parish Council