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- 17/02694/FUL Trial Ground 94 dwellings and associated public space and external works – permission refused.
- 17/04904/FUL 1 Courtfield erection of bungalow to rear of existing dwelling. No objections in principle but concerns about access arrangements. Permission refused.
- 17/04828/FUL Ducks Hill 2 detached dwellings – Council was concerned about the mains drainage in this area and that it could be a precursor to far greater development of this large field in a predominantly rural area of the parish, leading to full absorption of the hamlet of Pibsbury. Huish Episcopi Parish Council recommended refusal and that this application should be considered by the Area North Committee. Permission granted.
- 17/04236/S73 Plot 1 Land Opposite Autumn Leaves vary condition 2 of 17/00167/FUL for re-siting and design of dwelling. The Council felt that this site is only suitable for one large dwelling, as envisaged in the original decision, which would complement existing development in the area and therefore recommended refusal. Permission refused.
- 17/04060/FUL Land opposite Autumn Leaves the Council felt that, as there were now several large single houses in this area in Pibsbury, the replacement of the original decision's similar sized dwelling with two much smaller houses would look incongruous and thus recommended refusal. Permission refused.
- 17/04943/FUL 60 Barrymore Close erection of two storey side extension no objections – permission granted.

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

- 17/04508/FUL (including amendment) 19 Portland Road – no objections.
- 17/04918/FUL Holly Cottage extensions – no objections. (see amendment below)
- 17/04048/FUL Land behind Badger Cottage (amended) - the Council did not feel that the amendments had made a significant improvement so its original comments stood. This development had too many houses and cramming had resulted in a functional, unimaginative layout which could be much improved by a reduction in numbers. In particular a reduction to 18 would allow removal of the three isolated dwellings on the "island". It should also be noted that over recent years parishioners in this area, including some of those whose land would form part of this proposed development, had complained that the mains sewerage system was inadequate, due to development in neighbouring villages. The Council would welcome an improved development design with fewer dwellings, otherwise it recommended that this application be referred to Area North.
- 18/00250/S73 Bowdens Crest Caravan and Camping Park variation condition to increase number of caravans and change occupancy period – no objections, the Council felt that the site could sustain the increase and this could only benefit local tourism.
- 18/00345/FUL Land east of Ablake Pibsbury – no objections, the proposed dwelling should fit in well.
- 17/04918/FUL Holly Cottages extensions (amended) – no objections.
- 18/00699/FUL 3 Kelways Cottages, Iris Way – open sided canopy to rear of dwelling (retrospective).
- 18/00745/FUL Pibsbury Cottage - no objections.
- 18/00699/FUL 3 Kelways Cottages open sided canopy. Council had very serious concerns about this retrospective application. The canopy was far too overwhelming, covering virtually the whole back garden and overshadowing the neighbour's garden. The canopy was clearly in breach of a covenant, as advised and confirmed both to the glazing company and the builder. Consequently the Council strongly recommended refusal.

**5. Minutes of the last meeting (15 January 2018).** Approved and signed.

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

**a. Speed Indicator Device.** There was a possibility of co-sharing a SID with Long Sutton and/or High Ham PC, but the Council remained concerned that without police support to act on the information provided by SIDs the exercise would prove meaningless with a great deal of time wasted and the inherent cost. The Clerk would look into the costs of permanent speed signs indicating vehicles' actual speed.

**Action: Clerk**

**b. Bus Shelter.** The width available to include side panels had proved marginal for wheelchair users, so this had not been progressed. The Clerk would discuss cleaning of the bus shelter with the Town Clerk.

**Action: Clerk**

**c. Parish Notice Board.** This was expected to be fully installed within the week.

**d. Community Infrastructure Levy.** The Clerk had spoken to SSDC and it was clear that S106s and CILs were both still in place, depending on the planning, and that this should be streamlined in due course.

**e. Extra dog bins.** The Dog Warden had checked the suggested location at Kennel Lane and there was insufficient need to justify the cost at present. There was already one sited at Station Path.

**f. Clerk's handover, including contract.** The handover between Mrs Redfearn and Mrs Newby was going well and Mrs Newby had attended a very useful SALC full day training session for new clerks on 17 March. Her contract would be signed in April.

**g. Hanging Chapel signage.** It had been confirmed that the Hanging Chapel would not closed and the Council had forwarded recommendations for appropriate signage to reduce the possibility of future damage to the building.

**7. Correspondence received and other matters.**

**a. Allotments, including steps and handrail.** Following Cllr Crumb's investigation of new handrails and steps at the Allotments, it was proposed by Cllr Lock, seconded by Cllr Horsgood and agreed unanimously to accept the quotation of £299.65 from Paull's of Martock and Cllr Crumb and Cllr Pope would liaise with them regarding timing of the installation, for which tenants might be able to provide assistance. Cllr Crumb would forward the details of all quotations to the Clerk and endeavour to get the final invoice in the Council's name, so that VAT could be reclaimed.

**Action: Cllr Crumb/Cllr Pope**

**b. Lengthsman, including possible increase.** It was proposed by Cllr Lock, seconded by Cllr Nicholas and agreed unanimously that the Lengthsman's salary should be increased by 2% from £189.29 to £193.23 per month, in line with most of the other councils involved in the original scheme. The Clerk would confirm the change of Standing Order.

**Action: Clerk**

**c. Youth Club.** There was nothing further to add to the Annual Report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish earlier.

**d. Councillor Surgeries.** Councillors were unconvinced of the value of these, now that most parishioners could either ring or email any concerns direct to the Council.

**e. Langport Information Centre.** It was possible, but as yet unconfirmed, that the LIC would move into the Library.

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**f. Draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework.** Cllr Wood had looked at this and judged the brochure excellent and ambitious, but felt that it provided no resolution with sustainability still hampered by infrastructure issues. Cllr Wood and Cllr Peto would consider a reply on behalf of the Council.

**Action: Cllr Wood/Cllr Peto**

**g. Langport/Muchelney Cycleway.** Three quarters of the cycleway was in Huish Episcopi and a quarter in Drayton, although it was clear that from a tourism perspective it was also aligned with Langport. Two meetings had taken place, with another planned, and the licence was under negotiation, however the Westover section was due to be sold by auction in early June. Cllr Lock felt that, once the present maintenance issues after several years without any cutting back had been addressed, it might only require a good annual trimming estimated at £350-£400. It was essential that proper access was available, especially in the case of any accident. SSDC must restore it to good order before any transfer of responsibility. The Council felt was a good facility that should be maintained for the public's benefit.

**h. Possible Academy use of car park.** The Chairman had met with the Mrs Eastwood to discuss this and the situation regarding Academy student parking in St Mary's Park. Cllr Horsgood offered to get a quotation for possible white lining of the whole car park.

**Action: Cllr Horsgood**

**i. Proposed Parish Council Meeting dates 2018-2019.** These were agreed, as follows:

21 May 18 (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)  
16 July 18  
17 September 18  
19 November 18  
21 January 19  
18 March 19 (and Annual Meeting of the Parish)

<b>8. Accounts.</b>	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Savings</b>
<b>Payments authorised by RFO</b>		
Huish Episcopi Academy hall hire	97.50	
Queensbury Shelters	4862.40	
Parish Noticeboard	780.00	
Transfer to Business Reserve	10000.00	
<b>Receipts since last meeting (since 1 April 2017)</b>		
<b>total receipts</b>	<b>66470.97</b>	
<b>total payments (inc. transfer)</b>	<b>60035.06</b>	
<b>balance at 12 Mar 18</b>	<b>6435.91</b>	
<b>Business Reserve (inc. transfer)</b>		<b>66321.88</b>
<b>Parish Charities</b>		<b>1746.31</b>
<b>Payments to be authorised</b>		
Clerk – administration	50.28	
J Taylor – purchase of magnets	13.98	
<b>Payments by Standing Order (25<sup>th</sup> of the month)</b>		
Clerk	500.00	
Lengthsman	189.29	

**9. Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

**a. Chairman.** Cllr Nicholas mentioned the fundraising for restoration of the Town Hall clock and the Council agreed that it would match the Town Council to meet any remaining shortfall.

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**b. Clerk.** The Clerk had nothing further to add.

**c. Members.** Cllr Wood reiterated his concern that public footpath L13/28 in Wearne was not fully accessible to residents. The Clerk would contact the Rights of Way Officer.

**Action: Clerk**

**10. Date of next meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 21 May 2018 in the Huish Sixth Auditorium at the Huish Episcopi Academy at 7pm.

At the end of the official meeting, Chairman Cllr Nicholas thanked Mrs Redfearn for her 20 years of service and dedication to the Huish Episcopi Parish Council as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. On behalf of the Council, she presented her with items of Shakspeare Glass and a Windmill Flowers bouquet, both reflecting local parish businesses.

The Meeting finished at 9.20pm.

**Agreed:**

**S NICHOLAS (Mrs)**  
Chairman of the Parish Council

**J M REDFEARN (Mrs)**  
Clerk to the Parish Council

Approved