

# *Huish Episcopi Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Huish Sixth Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy, at 7.00 pm on Monday 21 March 2016**

### **I. Chairman's Report on the year 2015 – 2016**

The report following gave an account of Council proceedings in the year March 2015 to March 2016 and the Council's aspirations for the future.

#### **a. Major area grants 2015-2016**

• Memorial Field	£6,000
• Langport Information Centre	£4,000
• Community Links	£3,000
• Langport & Huish Episcopi Youth Centre	£5,000
• Christmas Lights for Langport Town	£1,000
• Payments for the upkeep of Churchyard	£1,500
• Donation for the repair of the Scout Hut	£1,000
• Primary School (grant is aimed at Swimming sessions)	£1,000

#### **b. Other grants/donations**

• Langport Festival £500 per year for 3 years	£500
• Flower Festival	£250

#### **c. Land Revenue**

• 2 Farm Businesses	£3,100
• Allotment revenue (cost of 12 new allotments £1250)	£600

#### **d. Parish Development**

- Two 'wigwag' speed warning lights to be installed on Field Road in April 2016
- A SID (speed indication display) device has been installed on the Somerton road
- Negotiated with Huish Leisure to have the existing defibrillator installed on the exterior of their building
- All know the parish has grown during the last 10 years – 500 houses either built or at the planning stage
- A new fire-proof dog bin installed opposite Huish House

**e. Community Website** – this is not a Parish Council Website as it is intended for the benefit of the whole community

#### **f. Future Aspirations**

- The possibility of a Community Hall
- Awareness of how much the Astro-turf is being used, now perhaps the time has arrived to have a cover for the swimming pool to enable it to be used all year round.

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**g. Maintenance**

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| • Lengthsman - Cost | (per year) | £2,140 |
| • Other maintenance |            | £1,000 |

**h. Residents' Survey** – would be discussed during main meeting

**2. Local Reports**

**a. Youth Club Report** (scan) Councillor Barry Horsgood

**Youth Group  
An annual Update  
March 2016**

What have we been up to in the last year, here's a brief overview

**Stuff we have provided that contributes to youth development**

- Drug Screening training attended by 2 workers
- Three of our volunteers undertook Youth Worker Level One training
- We took on a second year student from the Department of Psychology in the University of Hertfordshire on a two year placement
- Drug and alcohol awareness workshop and targeted sessions provided
- C Card has been widely used and local young people receive health advice from qualified workers
- Six Music Workshops were held, ending in a performance called Spirit Levels which took place during the Langport festival.
- Several Go Girls sessions held after requests from young people
- 1 young person has taken their food hygiene for the benefit of our club

**Where did we go?**

- Yeovilton Air Day (fund raising)
- France for a five day residential (abroad for the first time and hopefully not the last)
- Birmingham day trip (museum, art centre, the new library, restaurant and fun fair visited)
- Lyme Regis (fossilling and metal detecting)
- Drayton - Wilder Woods where the squirrels bite
- High Ham - Metal Detecting trips held (we didn't find anything)
- Bristol to Airhop (pure fun on trampolines)

**Supporting others/community and younger children**

- Brand new flags made, designed and painted/sewn which are displayed in the summer months
- We face painted for the ABP Christmas party
- 15 of us helped with Drayton street fair running their children's games.
- The Halloween Walk took place and this attracted 349 people
- Play Day's held for younger children to attend
- We provided Steward Training for the community to attend
- Flag workshops
- Grow Wild seeds planted locally
- Sail Making workshops and painting the boat for the Somewhen boat project
- Warhammer now has a railway side added to it
- We had a visit from Croyton Youth Club from Devon
- ABP Meats choose us as one of their charities of the year to support

**Plus we also held the weekly youth club: all the above was held in addition to the club**

Who have we worked with or were supported by:

ABP Meats Langport, Awards for All, Drayton Street Fair, Florin, Glastonbury Ales, Glastonbury Festival, Grow Wild, Health and Well Being SDC, Heather Ridgway, Huish Academy, Huish Episcopi Parish Council, Huish Primary School, Kitchen, Langport Town Council, Musgrove Willows, Parents, Police, South Somerset County Council, South Somerset District Council, Somewhen, Churches Conservation Trust, Quakers at Long Sutton, Volunteer Network, our Volunteers, Wilder Woods, Plus many others who have supplied raffle prizes, donations or time, anyone missed out is not intentional:  
**Thank you for your support**

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**b. Memory Café Report**

Christine and Roger Hampton

**FORGET-ME-NOT MEMORY CAFÉ**

The Forget-me-not Café has now been operating every Tuesday afternoon at the Angel in Langport for over three years. The Cafe regularly attracts between 6 and 12 clients and carers and every week we do a different activity. It has a very relaxed atmosphere, where we try to encourage clients to remember and talk about their lives and to provide an environment to stimulate them. The activities we do include: Name the Faces, 50s and 60s memory cards, Spot that tune, gentle exercises, talks, Christmas and Easter card making and other craft activities like creating flower arrangements or making a posy, plus:

playing games (usually dominoes or cards),  
have tea and cake, and  
concluding with a singalong

The Café is organised and run by Rotary volunteers and more recently with some help from local WI members. Although it is at the Angel, the Café has no connection with the Church.

We are always keen to welcome new members, which for many of our clients and carers is one of their weekly highlights. We have links with Langport Surgery and the Buttercross Surgery in Somerton. The Café is regularly attended by the Alzheimer's Society and Age Concern, who can offer Carers help and support.

It costs over £1500 per year to fund the Café and this is achieved through the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton's fundraising and grants. Most recently this has included a very successful Barn Dance, a Horseshoe Tossing Competition and the Curry Rivel United Reform Church Christmas Tree Event. The very kind £500 grant from Huish Episcopi Parish Council is very much appreciated.

Our clients are elderly with differing problems, from short term memory loss to the onset of Alzheimer's, This facility helps the very vulnerable in our society in a safe, caring and fun atmosphere.

**c. bibic Report**

Becky Trout

**bibic REPORT**

Becky explained that bibic, now established at Old Kelways, is a registered charity encouraging home-based therapy to help children variously diagnosed as having autism, autistic tendencies and brain damage. The Children's Therapists carry out an initial one day assessment of need, then the second day is used to set up a six month therapy course delivered at home. One in three of the children helped is from Somerset, although the charity is national. The charity is very aware that it needs to become more sustainable through fundraising and it has already launched a new website.

**3. Parishioners' Questions None**