

# *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 21 January 2019 at 7 pm.**

In attendance:

Cllr S Nicholas            Chairman  
Cllr G Lock  
Cllr J Wood  
Cllr B Horsgood  
Cllr C Palmer  
Cllr R Stranger  
Cllr K Peto

Lisa Newby Parish Clerk  
Clare Aparicio-Paul District/County Councillor (left 7:45pm)  
PCSO manager George Flint (left 7:45pm)  
Solagen engineer (left 7:30pm)  
13 members of the public  
Apologies: Press

**Public session opened at 7pm, with a demonstration of a Speed Indicator Device from Solagen. Notes of the subsequent topics discussed are found appendix 1 at the end of the minutes.**

## **Meeting opened at 7:38 pm**

### **01/2019. To receive apologies for absence, and to note and approve reasons given -**

Apologies received from Councillor Crumb and Councillor Pope. It was resolved to note and approve the apologies and the reasons given.

### **02/2019. Declarations of interest. None.**

**03/2019 Approval of Minutes.** It was resolved that the minutes are a true record of the full Parish Council meeting on 19 November 2018, and duly signed by the chairman.

### **04/2019 Planning applications**

#### **a. To note decisions notified since last meeting:**

18/01420/COU – change of use – permitted with conditions.

18/01971/S73 – land at Ducks Hill – permitted with conditions.

18/02771/FUL - Siting of pontoons and boardwalks alongside the River Parrett, Cocklemoor, Bow Street TA10 9RA- no objections to plans – concerns raised regarding materials for boardwalk and pontoons, along with maintenance costs and health and safety. – permitted with conditions

#### **b. To note applications still in progress, or applications received since last meeting:**

18/01249/FUL – Trial ground 94 dwellings. Although the outlaying permission for 80 has been permitted with conditions, this application still remains live on the SSDC planning website. The Planning Officer is expecting this application to be withdrawn in due course.

18/03657/FUL – land north of Brookside Wagg Drove Huish Episcopi - erection of dwelling and car port. Following some discussion, it was resolved that there were no objections to this application.

#### **c Notifications of appeals received since last meeting**

APP/R33525/W/18/3202355 re 17/0460/FUL land opposite Autumn Leaves Pibsbury  
APP/R33525/W/18/3202365 re 17/04236/S73 land opposite Autumn Leaves Pibsbury  
Approved at appeal.

### **05/2019. Matters arising from the minutes and raised by members:**

**a.** It was resolved to adopt the revised allotment rules for Huish Episcopi allotments.

**b** The notice board for the allotment field has been ordered and will be installed by the spring.

**c** Ideas have been received from Councillor Dunn at Langport Town Council regarding the Telephone box. Councillor Nicholas to liaise.

**d** – The proposed bus shelter on Somerton Road. The exact location has not been determined, and there is a meeting with a site surveyor on 25 January 2019 to look at proposed sites within Huish Episcopi Parish along Somerton Road. Consider in front of the Trial Ground development, in the future.

**e.** It was resolved that the Parish Council meeting dates for 2019 are:

18 March (Annual Parish meeting),

13 May (Annual Parish Council meeting, and hall is already booked on 20 May),

15 July,

16 September,

18 November.

**06/2019. Correspondence received and other matters.**

**a. Footpaths.** Parish footpath consultation has been submitted.

**b. Wessex Water** – still planning to work on asset in the Church car park in February half term 2019.

**c. Removal of litter bin from Church car park.** Arrange for a replacement, and ensure that South Somerset District Council still have the location on their schedule for emptying.

**d. Cycleway** – A verbal report received regarding the meeting on 17 January 2019. Waiting for solicitors to produce the agreement to be taken back to partners.

**e. Community Speed Watch (CSW)** – A report received as an update of progress to date. There is roadside training occurring on 2 February 2019. Five locations have been agreed for CSW. The aim is to slow the traffic down by raising awareness. Cllr Peto has liaised with Wearne CSW. Consideration is to be given to the Speed Indicator Device demonstrated earlier.

## 07/2019 Accounts

a.

	Current Account	Savings
<b>Business Reserves</b>		<b>66341.15</b>
<b>Parish Charities</b>		<b>1746.97</b>

### Receipts

Greenslade Taylor Hunt re FBTA	1300.02
Western Power – Wayleave	21.24
<b>total receipts</b>	<b>1321.26</b>

### To note payments authorised by RFO

Huish Academy	101.25
CPRE membership	36.00
Poppy appeal	100.00
Somerset Playing Fields Assn	20.00
Langport Information Centre	4000.00
SLCC Membership	106.00
Allotment notice board	287.00
Lengthsman - materials	75.00
<b>total payments</b>	<b>4725.25</b>

### To note payments to be authorised

Parish Maintenance contract	965.00
<b>Payments by Standing Order (25<sup>th</sup> of the month)</b>	
Clerk (Jan & Feb)	973.34
Lengthsman (Jan & Feb)	386.46
<b>Total of payments to be authorised</b>	<b>2324.80</b>

### Balance after above receipts and payments

**16852.46**

b. It was resolved to authorise the payments as listed,

c. It was resolved to accept the current spend to budget 2018/2019 as a true record.

d. It was resolved to approve the budget for the year 2019/2020. It was resolved to increase the precept for the year 2019/2020 to £60,000, an increase of £15.45 to the parishioner.

e. It was resolved to close the Parish 'Charities' account, and transfer the balance into the Parish reserves account, as recommended by the Internal Auditor.

**08/2019. Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

**a. Chairman.** Somerset Wood, Bishops Lydiate. It was resolved to donate £100 towards the commemorative wood being created

**b. Clerk - None**

**c. Members.**

Cllr Horsgood spoke about the Memorial Field and the Sports Club. There is an urgent need to refurbish the electrics and the heating in the building. After lengthy discussions it was resolved to allocate the monies from the closure of the Parish 'Charities' account towards the refurbishment work. Cllr Horsgood to forward estimates of the proposed electric and heating work to the Clerk. Due to the lack of members of the Memorial Field Management Committee, Cllr Palmer volunteered to attend Memorial Field Committee meetings.

**09/2019. Date of next meeting (18 March 2019).**

**Meeting closed 8:55pm.**

## **Appendix 1 Notes from the Public Session of the meeting 7pm until 7:36 pm**

A demonstration of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) by a Solagen engineer. The device is a portable speed indicator that also collects data (not number plate information). This was demonstrated, and various details and prices were discussed. Other Parish Councils locally are considering a SID. More details to be obtained by the clerk to present a report for the next Parish Council meeting in March

Report from Clare Aparicio-Paul (CAP) District/County Councillor: The transformation at District Council continues at pace, Planning department is the most disrupted. The planning appeal for Autumn leaves was approved. The local plan is under review. There is a pilot scheme with EE & BT and broadband provision CAP to keep the Parish Council informed. Picts Hill drainage work starts 4 March 2019. The boundary review is confirmed and Langport and Huish Episcopi are joined with Curry Rivel. Somerset County Council are due to give a balanced budget in February.

PCSO Beat Manager George Flint, for the Huish Episcopi area: PCSO is Josh Weldon. Please continue to use '101' and the online reporting system to notify of issues.

The streetlamp at the pedestrian crossing at Shire's garage is still not working. It has been reported, the clerk is still monitoring the situation and will continue to chase.

Councillor Val Saunders, Langport Town Council (LTC): Update on the town clock and the costs involved in restoring and replacing the clock on the town hall. The costs are much higher than previously budgeted, due to the traffic management measures and having to remove the clock completely. The estimated full cost is now around £24,000, leaving a shortfall of around £16,000 after fundraising taken into account. Cllr Saunders reported that it was hoped that this shortfall could be split three ways – one third each from LTC, Langport Town Trust, and approach the Parish Council to contribute a third (about £5,300). It was pointed out that the previously agreed matched funding with LTC by the Parish Council was towards the refurbishment of the clock only. Cllr Saunders confirmed the clock refurbishment was in the region of £10,680. Cllr Saunders will send a full breakdown of income and expenditure so far to the clerk. Further fundraising avenues were suggested.

A Wearne resident enquired to whether the Parish Council had received an update regarding the traffic calming in Wearne, from Somerset County Council. The clerk confirmed that an update had not been received.

Public session finished at 7:36 pm.