

# *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 18 March 2019 after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.**

In attendance:

Cllr S Nicholas                      Chairman

Cllr G Lock

Cllr J Wood

Cllr B Horsgood

Cllr R Stranger

Cllr K Peto

Cllr R Crumb

Cllr F Pope

Lisa Newby Parish Clerk

Clare Aparicio-Paul District/County Councillor (left 8:01pm)

Gerard Tucker District Councillor (left 8:04pm)

14 members of the public

Press

Langfest19 committee (3 members arrived at 8:32pm)

**Public session opened at 7:17pm after the Annual Parish Meeting had concluded. Notes of the subsequent topics discussed are found appendix 1 at the end of the minutes.**

## **Meeting opened at 7:36 pm**

**10/2019. To receive apologies for absence, and to note and approve reasons given -** Apologies received from Cllr Palmer. It was resolved to note the apologies and approve the reasons given.

**11/2019. Declarations of interest.** None.

**12/2019 Approval of Minutes.** It was resolved that the minutes are a true record of the full Parish Council meeting on 21 January 2019, and duly signed by the chairman.

### **13/2019 To receive a report from the clerk including matters arising from the minutes.**

A report from the clerk summarising matters arising from the minutes was received. The report covered various streetlight, footpath and highways issues which are either resolved or awaiting maintenance from District or County Council. A suitable location for a bus shelter on Somerton Road is still ongoing

**a. Royal Mail and Huish Episcopi as a postal destination.** It was acknowledged that a parishioner had spent considerable time building a case for Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC) to proceed with. It was resolved that HEPC takes no further action, and HEPC involvement is at an end forthwith.

**b Speed Indicator Device (SID).** A report by the Parish Clerk summarising various aspects of a SID was received. The clerk is to obtain details of similar device from alternative suppliers, and this item is to be discussed further at the May meeting.

**c Town Clock.** A further estimate has been received from Langport Town Council (LTC) regarding the clock refurbishment. It was resolved that HEPC pay one third of the total shortfall as per the quote received in March 2019 up to and including £4600.

### **14/2019 Planning applications**

**a. There are no decisions notified since last meeting to note.**

**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.

18/03993/FUL - Land adjacent to the Grange Pibsbury TA10 9EJ – Erection of a dwelling house and a double garage.

19/00099/FUL – Land OS 8441 Pibsbury TA10 9EH – Erection of a general purposes agricultural barn with solar PV panels.

**15/2019. To receive written or oral reports from Councillors attending meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.**

**Hanging chapel** meeting attended by Cllr Peto. Proposals for traffic calming put forward.

**River project** meeting attended by Cllr Palmer and Cllr Wood. Discussions regarding the boardwalk materials and on going meetings with Environment Agency.

**Cycleway** meeting due in April 2019. Cllr Lock voiced concerns regarding maintenance work on the entire area.

**Youth Group** meeting attended by Cllr Nicholas – positive report, the Youth Group continues to make a positive impact on the community

**16/2019 Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

**a** A verbal report was received from Cllr Peto, stressing the focus is raising awareness not to achieve prosecution.

**b. Donation to Speed Watch Organisation.** It was resolved to make a £200 donation to the Speed Watch Organisation for six CSW signs.

**17/2019. Allotments**

**a. to discuss an application.** An application had been received from tenants to rent a second plot (adjacent to their existing plot) in order to keep chickens in accordance with the PC chicken keeping policy adopted in November 2018. It was resolved to allow the tenants to rent the second plot to facilitate this.

**b. to receive a verbal update.** The noticeboard has been installed by Cllr Crumb. Rents all received this year, along with new tenancy agreements and update of details form. The details form also required the tenant to indicate a preferred method of contact by the PC, moving towards being GDPR compliant. An incident of fly tipping has been reported to the District Council. The Clerk and Cllr Pope met with the Environment Manager of ABP (abattoir) recently regarding the willows on the rhyne at the allotment field.

## 18/2019 Accounts

march meeting receipts				
allotment rent			£252.00	
interest			£32.73	
wessex water			£100.00	£384.73
				£17,237.59
payments to be auth				
somerset wood	£100.00			
SLCC		£72.00		
litterpickers		£51.96		
academy		£33.75		
cleancut bus shelter		£45.00		
notice board		£277.00		
clerk expenses 06/11/2018-05/03/2019		£145.36		
clerk Mar & apr		£973.34		
lengthsman		£386.46		
	£100.00	£1,984.87		£2,084.87
				£15,152.72

a. It was resolved to authorise the payments as listed:

b It was resolved to accept the current spend to budget 2018/2019.

c. It was resolved to authorise the payment of £1800 to the Sports and Social Club refurbishment towards the heating replacement.

d. It was resolved to renew the Lengthsman contract for 2019/2020 and increase the hourly rate to £13.50 from April 2019. A standing order mandate for the amendment of the monthly payment was signed.

### 19/2019. To discuss grant applications received.

a. **Foodbank** – It was resolved to grant a contribution to the annual rental of the Ridgway Hall of £468.

b. **Yeovil Shopmobility** – It was resolved that the PC is unable to assist with a donation at this time

c. **Langfest19** – A grant application for £1000 has been received. The PC felt that more information, in particular financial information and what the requested funds would be used for, was required. Members of the committee are to be invited to the May PC meeting.

**20/2019** It was resolved to adopt updated versions of HEPC Standing Orders, and the Code of Conduct. It was resolved to adopt a Training and Development policy to continue towards the PC being GDPR compliant.

**21/2019. Date of next meeting (13 May 2019).**

**Meeting closed 8:45pm.**

## **Appendix 1 Notes from the Public Session of the meeting 7:17pm until 7:36 pm**

Tenants Allotment Plot 27 (left at 7:25pm)- read out a statement to support their application for a second allotment plot (26), adjacent to their existing one in order to place chickens as per the HEPC chicken keeping policy.

Val Saunders Chair (LTC) - Pleased to report that LTC have been successful in the River Project bid, and thank you to HEPC for the support.

Clare Aparicio-Paul - District (SSDC) and County Councillor (SCC) – An Interim ISI Officer has been appointed, and that a balanced budget has been presented. As a result, services such as road gritting will be reconsidered. Cllr Wood asked a question regarding the Small Improvement Scheme ongoing in Wearne, an email will be forwarded on from Clare to him.

Gerard Tucker District Councillor (SSDC) - Clarified the policing situation regarding the Police Beat team after a meeting with the manager, George Flint, recently. The Area Plus programme for SSDC is now in place, suggests getting to know the system. The Economic Development Strategy has gone through. This is the last meeting with two District Councillors attending. As a result of the Boundary Commission the Turn Hill ward is now removed. County Lines, in connection with the clarification of the policing situation, the concern is that crime will be pushed out from the conurbations into rural areas.

**Public session finished at 7:36 pm.**