

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

The Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Huish Sixth Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7pm

1. The Chairman welcomed Parishioners

2. The Chairman read a report which covered the year 2018 – 2019 and detailed:

- a. Major grants
- b. Land
- c. Parish developments and improvements
- d. Maintenance
- e. Future aspirations

3. Local Reports

a. Langport and Huish Episcopi Senior Citizens Club from Mr Greg Cooper
Mr Cooper thanked the Parish Council for the financial support. The club is thriving, numbers continue to grow. Meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month, with guest speakers. Funds are raised for charity by way of a monthly raffle. Six coach trips are provided each year.

b. Langport and Huish Episcopi Youth Group from Annie Shillabeer – see report attached to these minutes

4. Parish Elections to be held in May 2019.

5. Any other Parishioner's Questions. No questions

Meeting closed at 7.16pm

Appendices:

Chairman's report
Youth Group report

Signed as a true record:

Shirley Nicholas Chairman

16 March 2020

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The Huish Sixth Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy
At 7.00 pm on Monday 18th March, 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018 – 2019

1. Chairman's Welcome to Parishioners

2. The following gives an account of the Council's proceedings on the year April 2018 to March 2019 and its aspirations for the future.

a. Major grants 2018 - 2019

Memorial Field	£7500.00
Langport Information Centre	£4000.00
Langport and Huish Episcopi Youth Group	£6000.00
Payment for the upkeep of St Mary's Churchyard	£1500.00
Primary School (grant mainly for swimming lessons)	£1000.00
Huish and Langport Cricket Club	£500.00
Langport and Huish Episcopi Senior Citizens Club	£500.00
Scout hut for CCTV	£1000.00
Langfest 18	£500.00
Foodbank	<u>£324.00</u>
Total	£22824.00

Any questions?

b. Land

Allotments 36 at £36 per year

Over £9,500 has been spent on the allotments in recent years. This financial year, an additional £1230.04 has been spent. This includes the new notice board due to be installed this month (hopefully) and a skip was provided in the summer to assist tenants in disposing of allotment rubbish/

Recouped from rents

£2848.98 Farm Business Tenancies at Common Moor and Pibsbury field

Any questions?

c. Parish Developments and improvements

Further development plans envisaged (Trial Ground commenced)

Parish Notice Board installed on the HEPC Car Park

Notice Board for the allotments £564.00

New clerk appointed, Lisa, appointed after Jane Redfearn's retirement

Gifts were given to Jane were purchased from Shakspeare Glass (cost met by Councillors' donations - no cost to HEPC)

Any questions?

d. Maintenance

Lengthsman's Salary and cost of materials	£2200.53
Other Parish maintenance	£965.00
Bus shelter cleaning	<u>£90.00</u>
	£3255.53

Any questions?

e. Future aspirations

The possibility of a Community Hall which remains an aspiration held by the Council, various sites are being investigated.

A Bus Shelter for the residents of Huish Episcopi, hopefully sited on the Somerton road, funding opportunities and appropriate locations are being sought.

Speed Indicator Devices, to complement Community Speed Watch recently initiated within the Parish.

3. Local Report (possible)

- a. Langport and Huish Episcopi Senior Citizens Club
- b. Youth Club-Annie Shillabeer?

4.a. Parish elections will take place in May 2019. Nomination forms are available from Lisa, Parish Clerk, or via the South Somerset District Council website. Nominations accepted from 18 March until 4pm on 3 April.

5. Any other Parishioners' Questions

The meeting will be followed of the Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Youth Group annual Update

March 2018 - – February 2019

Activity's/Projects/Stuff/Funding, *(roughly in date order)*

- ✓ The following is in addition to the regular Tuesday and Saturday sessions we hold.
- ✓ Residential to London in March. Taking an established group of male youth group volunteers to London to help develop further projects thrown in with some fun and culture.
- ✓ Day trip to Microsoft in London and then attendance at Hackathon in partnership with In The Mix.
- ✓ 28 New flags on display in 2018 were added in Summer 2018, we now display over 50 flags each summer.
- ✓ Hazel in Boots of Langport held 2 raffles for us, funds from these raffles went towards our disadvantaged children's fund.
- ✓ We took a crew to Airday, our annual day out with the planes. a huge success where everyone had a good day, also raising funds for the club which was voted to go into our disadvantaged children fund. It was a 13 hour day and so everyone did well. We took our new rotary gazebo, which didn't blow away, we did however melt on the day. Thank you to Bill who helped set up the day before as well as on the day.
- ✓ The food bank have moved to the youth centre, The Ridgway Hall and now operate from there on a Wednesday afternoon, the youth group are registered to give out food vouchers and so see this as a positive move.
- ✓ We paid for two local young people to take part in four week National Citizenship Programme, a great achievement for them. Well done to Elisha and Jesse.
- ✓ We worked with Citizens Advice who provided finance advice for our young people.
- ✓ 7 of our young people aged between 11 and 19 took and passed their food hygiene level one course with us.
- ✓ Halloween eve. A youth committee (Brandon, Emily, Jesse and Perry) organised this year's Halloween fun and held a short walk with games included, ending up in the church where they enjoyed some food and a film together. It was a success and they voted to hold it again in 2019. The age range from 11 to 20 worked exceptionally well.
- ✓ Bridgwater carnival, We took part in this for the first time ever and used it as an experience for all to be a part of Europe's largest luminated carnival as well as an opportunity to raise funds. Put together by Brandon and Sam, 8 of us enjoyed the night. Thanks to Lisa, Bill and Vicky for making the night a lot easier for us with their enthusiasm, which is what you need at carnival. Another thank you to Brandon, Lisa, Bill, Sam for helping us with the carnival count the following day.

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- ✓ Anti-social behaviour. The past year saw some asb within the town. Working with the police and local businesses, it has, at present, quietened. Unfortunately, although the young people concerned were known to us, we were unable to work with them as we would of liked, mainly due to not being able to access the outside area of the youth group since May 2018 (*as directed by the town Clerk*). It was an exceptionally hot summer and this seriously impacted on membership and we lost over half of our members as they opted not to melt with us in the hall. The youth workers and volunteers all deserve recognition for managing to keep the group going.
- ✓ As a result of working to help with the asb, a road safety evening was organised and was held in October. Not as well attended as we hoped due to the young people being targeted have left the group and stated 'no point coming as we have to stay inside all night'
- ✓ However, Tuesday eve numbers are now healthy and the volunteers now have taken on the task of running an evening session to help their professional development. We have taken in year six pupils earlier than usual and this has been a success.
- ✓ The annual conker competition was a success, with a winner's cup being awarded for the first time to Alyssa.
- ✓ A group of five attended a meal at Langford Fivehead, this was arranged and 75% funded by the young people who wanted to eat there with one of our, ex member, volunteers who is an apprentice there. An experience for them which has helped inspire their experience of eating out and present opportunities available for their futures.
- ✓ We have had one university student placement and 2 school student work placements this past year, all are proving successful.
- ✓ We were able to put together a package of goodies for the Christmas lunch attendees for Jo, this was a donation from youth group members to their community.
- ✓ Christmas Fair. This was a success, lots of people giving up a whole day to set up, man stalls and provide refreshments for the public. See below
- ✓ In December 2018 we were able to gift 31 Christmas goodie bags, which were well received; this is our second year of providing this.
- ✓ Warhammer is going well, with a small but steady number of attendees. This is incorporated with a monthly train display offered by Glenn.
- ✓ Funding and donations also received from Langport Town Council, Huish Episcopi Parish Council, The Quakers, our two charity tins which are placed in Fosters and The Pound Inn at Aller.

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✓ **Stuff**

✓ Thank you to everyone who has donated time or items to the youth group over the course of the last year, to many to mention, but thank you all.

❖ A huge thank you to the following people who all helped to make our tombola possible, we couldn't do it without you. Donations for the 2018 Christmas Fair tombola:

Anita Lunch Club

Barb Langford

Barry Horsgood

Bernie

Bill Langford

Caroline Chapman

Claire Valentine

Diana & John Shillabeer

Dom & Jen Shillabeer

Elizabeth Foot

Francis Carter

Janet Seaton

Lisa

Heidi

Jill Lister

Julie & Chloe

Julie Taylor

The Robjohn Family

Laura

Lisa Pearson

Lisa Webb

Lorraine Gill

Lou Barrett

Maria Barrett

Mary Wolfe

Maureen Pittard

Nora Langford

Patsy Mounter

Peter Kitchen

Sally Head

Sally Mann

Sarah & Cully

Scilla & Dave

Shirley Nicholas

Stuart lay

Sue Kerswell

Sue Shillabeer

Val Saunders

Apologies to anybody left off the list

This report is a brief overview of most of the stuff we do; there are many more layers, if you would like to know more, please ask.

We also provide:

✓ *Health Sessions*

✓ *We are c card registered*

✓ *Go Girls workshops*

✓ *substance misuse*

✓ *help with accommodation*

✓ *individual 1-1sessions*

✓ *foodbank voucher*

✓ *Residential /Trips*

✓ *Signage to other professionals*

✓ *Flag Workshops*