

# *Huish Episcopi Parish Council*

**Approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC) held via virtual platform 'Zoom Conference Facilities' on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.08pm.**

**Present:**

CLlr Shirley Nicholas - Chairman  
CLlr Graham Lock - Vice Chairman  
CLlr Robert Crumb  
CLlr Arwyn Harris  
CLlr Barry Horsgood  
CLlr Keith Peto  
CLlr Jane Redfearn  
CLlr John Wood

Emma Curtis - Parish Clerk  
County/District Councillor Clare Paul  
District Councillor Tiffany Osborne  
Four members of the public

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 the Government introduced the Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings)(England) Regulations 2020 to allow local councils to meet remotely up to and including 7 May 2021.

**Public Session**

No questions raised

**23/2021. To receive apologies for absence, and to note and approve reason given.**

Received from CLlr Julia Gadd – away on holiday. Reason for absence approved.

**24/2021. Declarations of interest.**

Received from CLlr Crumb – Langport Town CLlr

**25/2021. Approval of Minutes.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 are a true record. The minutes will be signed at the next face to face Parish Council meeting.

**26/2021. Matters arising from the minutes.**

CLlr Redfearn stated she felt the new flagpole at the war memorial was marvellous and that the Parish Council should invest in more flags such as a Union Jack and St Georges flag. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would purchase one of each flag to be flown at relevant times throughout the year. CLlr Wood volunteered to assist in erecting the flags.

**27/2021. Planning:**

**a. To consider applications received since last meeting:**

**21/00642/HOU** 37 Barrymore Close, Huish Episcopi, TA10 9TD

Erection of a two-storey side extension

**No Objections**

**21/00390/HOU** 87 Bartletts Elm, Langport, TA10 9BS

Two storey side extension and single garage

Amended application – Clarification re Bader Access Corridor to the west of the site

***Previously submitted observations from the Parish Council remain***

**21/00311/OUT** Land to the North of Somerton Road Adj The White Bungalow, Langport

Outline planning for up to 100 dwellings, associated open space and infrastructure with all matters reserved except access

***Cllrs considered this application extensively and a number of concerns were raised. To conclude, it was RESOLVED by 6 votes to 2 to object to this planning application. A copy of the planning objection can be found attached to these minutes in Appendix 1.***

**b. To note applications still in progress:**

**21/00219/HOU** Mulberry House, Pibsbury, Langport, TA10 9EJ

Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension

***Considered between meetings, No Objections***

**c. To note decisions notified since last meeting:**

**21/00192/HOU** 1 Maple Road, Huish Episcopi, TA10 9TG

Removal of existing porch and erection of a new single storey extension to form WC and larger hall.

Removal of front boundary wall. New drop kerb for additional parking.

***Decision: Approved***

**21/00097/HOU** Kings Orchard, Kennel Lane, Huish Episcopi, TA10 9SB

Construction of single story rear extension with a single garage to side and a loft conversion

***Decision: Approved***

**20/03587/FUL** Telephone Exchange, North Street, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9RR

It is proposed to remove glass from one window on the ground floor south elevation. An aluminium ventilation louvre will be installed and fixed to the wooden window frame

***Decision: Approved***

**28/2021 Highways and Car Park:**

**a. Bus shelter on Somerton Road.**

Cllr Nicholas reported that a representative from Persimmon Homes had confirmed they would be in touch with the Clerk later that week with further information.

**b. Speed Indicator Device (SID).**

Cllr Wood confirmed that the three new SID posts had now been installed. Cllr Peto commented that not all the new posts had yet been used and that he was in the process of liaising with the police in order to share the SID statistics.

**c. Westover Trading Estate Parking.**

Cllr Redfearn reported that she had been to British Rail to discuss asking for some hardcore material for surfacing and they had commented nothing would be available before August. Cllr Redfearn confirmed she would complete more work on the project prior to the next meeting. Cllr Lock stated he felt if this project was pursued it should become a priority and worked on in conjunction with Langport Town Council.

**29/2021 Reports from meetings and training attended by councillors since the last meeting**

**River Group Project report** Cllr Gadd provided a written report prior to the meeting which can be found in Appendix 1.

**Carbon Free/Environment report** Cllr Peto referred Cllrs to his report circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which can be found in Appendix 1.

**Abattoir Liaison Group** Cllr Harris stated the group were still unable to meet and he didn't know when face to face meetings may be possible. A copy of Cllr Harris report can be found in Appendix 1.

**Any other reports not listed.** Cllr Horsgood reported that the Youth Club would be working on wall art projects and trips to the woods had been arranged. Cllr Crumb stated he had walked all the footpaths within the parish and reported any defects to the Rights of Way team at the County Council.

### **30/2021 Community**

#### **a. New Changing Rooms.**

The Clerk reported that the planning application was being produced by the designer and once complete would be ready to submit to SSDC Planning Department and the tender procedure could start.

#### **b. Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Harris reported he would be talking to Langport Town Council at their upcoming meeting to discuss the project.

### **31/2021 Council**

#### **a. Allotments.**

Cllr Crumb reported there were currently no issues and that the new fence posts had been fitted, the water pump had been serviced and a new volunteer pump rota arranged. Cllr Crumb stated that there was currently one vacant allotment which the Clerk is in the processing of letting.

#### **b. Lengthsman.**

The Clerk stated that she had received two quotes but was hoping for three so this item was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Horsgood commented why the roundabout and station path had not been cut and the Clerk confirmed she would write to the contractor undertaking work in the interim period.

#### **c. Meetings.**

The Clerk reported that the remote meeting legislation has not been extended would cease from 7<sup>th</sup> May, meaning that Councils cannot meet virtually after this date. The Clerk explained that a case had been taken to the High Court to query wording in the 1972 Local Government Act Legislation and depending on the outcome, virtual meetings may become legal, but as it stands after 7<sup>th</sup> May all meetings would need to take place face to face. It was **RESOLVED** to cancel the June meeting and to make contact with Huish Academy to ensure that the meeting space could be covid safe for a meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **d. Mobile Phone.**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the Clerk a smart phone for Council use at £7.50 per month.

#### **e. Noticeboards.**

It was **RESOLVED** to update the noticeboard rota to include all members of the Council throughout the year.

### **32/2021 Accounts**

#### **a. To resolve to approve payments listed**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as listed.

#### **b. To receive the bank reconciliations provided**

Circulation of the bank reconciliations was noted, no queries were raised. It was **RESOLVED** the reconciliations would be signed at a later date.

#### **c. To receive of Quarter 4 report and summary account reports as provided**

Receipt of the Quarter 4 report and summary account reports was noted. No queries were raised. The Clerk reported that there was a slight underspend from the 2020-2021 year and the Council should consider its management.

**d. To consider grant application from Wassail Theatre**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application for £500. The Clerk stated the Council would need to monitor its grant expenditure.

**e. To note Precept income of £63,000 from SSDC**

Receipt of the 2021-2022 precept was noted.

**f. To consider funding requests from Langport Town Council**

Cllrs undertook an in-depth discussion about the funding request from Langport Town Council and the manner in which the Council had been approached for funding. It was felt by most that Huish Episcopi Parish Council should have been involved in the projects from the start, prior to any funding requests being made. The Clerk stated that joint working would be best practice and that the funds requested had not been budgeted for. Cllrs felt that communication between the two Councils had been abysmal. Cllr Crumb commented that he had bought the bus shelter to the Council previously but it had been dismissed. To conclude, Cllr Redfearn proposed that the Council agree to purchase a defibrillator for the Westover area and to contribute towards the fencing of the cycleway and that all other requests be considered in further detail at the next meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would fund one defibrillator directly at £2241.50 for the Westover area and provide funding for the fencing of a cycle way at a cost of £535. Cllr Crumb abstained from the vote.

**33/2021. Date of next meeting:** The date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**Payments:**

<b>Supplier/Contractor</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Timeback Accounts	Payroll	£5.00
Staff	Clerks Salary	£561.86
A C Fencing	Stakes at allotments	£780.00
Cleancut	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£60.00
Howe Tree Surgery Ltd	Grass Seed	£25.00

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Signed as a true record**

**Cllr Shirley Nicholas**