HUISH CHAMPFLOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish: Dorothy Hayward Email: ParishClerk@HuishChampflower.org

Annual Meeting of Huish Champflower Parish Council held on the 14th May 2024 in the village hall

Meeting started at: 20:37 after the Annual Meeting of the Parish

Present: Dorothy Hayward (DH-Clerk), Mary Abel (MA), Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Steve Powles (SPo), Sarah Payne (SPa).

Election of Chairman. SPa proposed Stephen Kimsey for the role and MA seconded. Stephen was elected unanimously	
Acceptance of office: Stephen agreed to take on the role of Chair and paperwork was signed	
Election of Vice Chairman: SK proposed Mary Abel for the role of Vice Chair and SPa seconded this. Mary was elected unanimously. Mary agreed to take on the role and the paperwork was signed.	
Apologies Louise Cooke (LC)	
Declarations of Interest - None. DH to find forms for Sarah as she has had a change of circumstance	DH
Election paperwork was completed and handed to DH for returning to Somerset Council	DH
Minutes of the previous meeting 9th May 2023. MA proposed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and MVJ seconded, the minutes were signed off by the chair.	
Matters arising: The noticeboard at Huish Moor is in a dangerous state, SPa is arranging for repairs for an approximate cost of £200. The other 2 noticeboards are in need of some renovation/painting, it was proposed that DH puts out a note to the village to see if anyone would be willing to do the repairs on a voluntary basis.	SPa DH
Acceptance of the accounts for 2023/24 Summary Accounts were circulated to Parish Councillors before the meeting. On 1st April 2023 we had £11,923 in the bank, which included a £10,000 grant for replacing the swings. During the year we had income of £5674.40 which comprised £3,500 precept and £2,163.03 VAT reclaim from HMRC plus £11.37 in interest on the Business Bank Account. Expenditure during the year was £14,530.00 which was £2,870 on wages, £10,885 on the swing replacement and other minor fees and £775 on charitable donations including church grass cutting and Wivey Link. At the end of the year on 31st March 2024 we had £5449.29 in the bank accounts SPa proposed that the accounts were accepted and MVJ seconded. The accounts were approved, and the AGAR return was signed off by the Clerk and Chairman	
Current finance Since the first of April 2024 we started with a balance of £5449.29 The precept was paid to us on the 30 th April of £5250 We have also received £1.15 Interest on the Business Bank Account We have made £160 worth of charitable donations and paid £394 to HMRC Current balance in the Treasurers account is £9066.38 and The Business Bank Account is £1080.97 Questions were asked if more interest could be earned on the bank accounts and DH to investigate. There are a lot of unknowns about services we will need to fund during this year/ next year and we are still waiting on information from Somerset Council on what these will be and how much they will cost. Repairs to noticeboards and grit bins are necessary and will need to be looked at this year.	
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12	AOB: DH has had several requests and the promise of some donations for an additional defibrillator at the village hall. It is not far enough away from the telephone box one in the village to get grant funding and would cost in excess of £1,000. An externally accessed box would be preferred. Donations could amount to £400, along with a suggested fund-raising coffee morning. Would it be possible to grant fund or match fund along with the village hall? DH to raise this at the next Village Hall Committee meeting. Fete is going to be on the 7 th September The police pop up event went well MVJ asked if the footpath map could go back on the wall, perhaps in the entrance (check with VH Cmtee!!) The next Business Break meeting will be in the church on the 27 th May from 11:30 to 1:00 pm We have had a lovely thank you letter from Mr Bryant for helping him get the order lifted from his property so that he can sell his house	DH MVJ
13	Date of next Annual Meeting – 8 th May 2025	
	Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - 9th July 2024 at 7:30	

Meeting closed at 21:21 pm