

Huish Episcopi Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Huish Episcopi Parish Council held at the Church Room, Huish Episcopi Academy on Monday 26th September 2011 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr G Lock	Acting Chairman
Cllr R Stranger	
Cllr J Wood	
Cllr F Kimpton	
Cllr J Fraser	
Cllr B Horsgood	
Cllr R Mills	District Councillor
Cllr D Yeomans	County Councillor (7 – 7.50pm)
Parishioners	Mr M Marshall, Mr and Mrs L Paul (7.30 – 8.30pm)
Others	Mr A Lee (The Leveller), Mr R Golledge (Western Gazette) PC B Middleditch (7.10-.7.20pm)

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr S Nicholas, Cllr F Pope and Cllr M Norton.

2. Minutes of last meeting (25th July 2011). These were agreed and signed.

3. Declarations of interest. There were none.

4. Matters arising.

a. Hedgerows – Field Road and Station Path. Cllr Lock had established that the Church and Station Path fields were owned by the Lloyd trust. The Field Road and cricket field hedges had been trimmed. The Clerk would enquire who would have responsibility for the footpath through the Old Kelways estate.

Action: Clerk

b. Parish Website. The website group had held two meetings with Lloyd Wilton and it was agreed that Mr John Taylor would take the role of Webmaster at present. Cllr Pope said that one of the allotment tenants, Mr Keith Peto, had agreed to provide an allotments section. It was anticipated that the website would be self-funding through business advertising, at the same rates as the Curry Rivel Community Website. Councillors were asked to provide a photograph and short CV and the Clerk had set up a new email address in preparation for the website launch.

Action: Councillors

c. Speed review – Wearne, Pibsbury and Somerton Road. PC Middleditch informed the Council that there had been only one volunteer for a Speedwatch team, so this had not gone ahead so far. He felt the recent vandalism in Brookland Road had been an isolated instance, maybe following a party.

d. Safety measures at Station Path. Cllr Yeomans reported that the installation of safety railings had been agreed by SSDC, subject to site investigation and a feasibility scheme, and the request to reduce the speed through Pibsbury to 30mph had been refused as not in keeping with current road policy. However he would continue to press for this and the request had also been supported by Langport TC.

Cllr Wood expressed concern that the blind exit from Old Kelways onto Wearne Lane did not have bollards or offset railings, as agreed. The Clerk would contact Mr McWilliams of County Highways and/or C G Fry as necessary.

Action: Clerk

e. Bowdens Quarry. Somerset County Council had approved this application.

5. District Councillors' and County Councillor's Reports. Cllr Mills confirmed that SSDC had completed a licence agreement with the Royal Mail for a replacement post box in St Mary's Park in February, so the installation delay was with Royal Mail. The Clerk would write to Royal Mail. There had been complaints about the hedgerow alongside the cricket field and Bishops Drive. The Clerk would ask SSDC if this was still their responsibility, as in the past.

Action: Clerk

(5.) Cllr Yeomans said that SCC was conducting service reviews over the next six months to consider ways of streamlining the 170 individual services clustered in 24 groups. The boundary review was expected to result in the loss of one Councillor locally, three in the county, requiring the Curry Rivel and Langport divisions to be joined with the impact of less Councillor availability at parish meetings. Parish Councils would be notified for their comments to the Boundary Commission by April 2012. November 2013 would see the introduction of radical changes in the NHS and establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board with a local £70m budget for healthcare.

6. Correspondence received and other matters.

a. Allotments matters. The Council was very supportive of The Levels Scout Group taking on the remaining vacant plot. It was proposed by Cllr Pope, seconded by Cllr Wood and agreed unanimously not to charge the Scouts rent for the remainder of the present year. Cllr Pope would be contacting Mr Russell about the possibility of manure being offloaded just inside the fence at the bottom of his section of the Allotments field.

Action: Cllr Pope

b. Possible grants. The Council would await further details of any shortfall in funding concerning All Saints' Churchyard wall (LTC) and any grant for the Ridgway Hall Satellite Group would be considered at the joint precept budget meeting. The Clerk would contact recommend that the Huish Leisure Manager contact the Council if there was any shortfall in the funding for a Sports Centre defibrillator, which the Council considered an excellent proposal.

Action: Clerk

c. Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The Council did not plan to organise any specific parish celebrations, but would be pleased to consider support for any local events, if requested.

d. MUGA Project. Cllr Lock was confident that the MUGA Project was now well in hand and advice from the Martock fundraiser, Mrs Louise Treacher, was proving very beneficial.

e. Remembrance Sunday Service (13th November). Councillors were reminded about the Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church.

f. Core Strategy Review. The Council commended a very well composed response by the Town Clerk on behalf of the two Councils.

7. Planning.

a. Decisions notified since last meeting:

11/02745FUL 5 Brookland Road first floor extension – permission granted.

7b. Applications received since last meeting, or still in progress:

11/01976FUL Land at Windmill Lane, change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural and stationing of two caravans for residential occupation by single traveller family with associated development – recommended refusal (see July minutes).

11/02448FUL Bartlett's Elm, amended development plans (Summerfield Homes) – no objections.

11/03221FUL Baulkes Yard, conversion to B1 light industrial use on ground floor and residential on first floor (Langport TC) – no comment.

11/03240LBC Old Kelways, adaption of glazed screen for emergency exit and other minor works – no objections.

11/03117LBC Wearne House, conversion of carriage house into additional living accommodation – no objections.

11/03298FUL Redroof, Newtown Road, erection of three detached three bedroom dwellings and garages – no objections.

11/03056DUL Bradstock, Ducks Hill, change of use from B1 to C3 private domestic garage and two storey rear extension – no objections.

11/02688FUL Huish Episcopi Academy Church Room railings – recommended refusal as no discernible change from previous unacceptable applications.

8. Accounts.	Current	Savings
Payment authorised by Chairman		
Keystrokes (website design)	568.00	
total receipts	36254.14	
total payments	19451.88	
balance at 19 Sep 11	16802.26	
Business Reserve		26217.22
Parish Charities		1741.45
Payments to be authorised		
Clerk – salary	600.00	
Clerk – administration	5.60	
R Carter – cut back willow	48.00	

9. Matters of report and items for next meeting.

a. Chairman. The Chairman had no further matters.

b. Clerk. The Clerk had no further matters.

c. Members. Cllr Fraser asked if there was any progress on the additional school sign and an No HGV sign for Courtfield, both of which the Clerk had confirmed were in progress. Cllr Horsgood asked the Clerk to enquire if SSDC could tidy up the verge and weeds at 19 Brookland Road. Cllr Wood informed members that the Bartletts Elm roundabout repairs had been completed and still within the overall budget, as a result of a warranty claim.

10. Date of next meeting. The next meeting would be held on Monday 28th November 2011 at 7pm in the Huish Academy Church Room.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

signed:

S NICHOLAS (Mrs)
Chairman of the Parish Council

J M REDFEARN (Mrs)
Clerk to the Parish Council