Huish Episcopi Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Huish Episcopi Parish Council held at Huish Episcopi Primary School on Monday 16th February 2026 at 19:00hrs.

Present: Cllrs: Julia Gadd (Chair), Robert Crumb, Arwyn Harris, Barry Horsgood, Edward Keirle, Peter Porter, Jane Redfearn, Val Saunders, John Wood (9).

In attendance:

Clerk: Julie Ferguson
Somerset Councillors: Mike Stanton
A report had been circulated and members **NOTED** the Somerset Councillor comments.
SC finances report was heard and no increase on Council Tax permitted by Government. Permanent S151 Officer appointed. A flooding report was also heard.
Members of the public: 6 members were present (part time) and members **NOTED** comments:
Residents of Union Drove asked for support from the parish council regarding a neighbour who was obstructing the RoW access to their homes. Cllr Stanton agreed to visit and bring it to the attention of SC RoW. The neighbours were also advised to take independent legal advice to protect their rights to the accessway.

19:32 – Meeting opened

25/147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All members were present.

25/148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

25/153c/d – Cllr Horsgood and Cllr Porter as members of the Memorial Field Committee.

25/149 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 19th January 2026.

25/150 CHAIR'S REPORT.

Members **NOTED** the chair's report:

a. **Flooding report for The Avenue, Langport.** Cllr Gadd had repeatedly raised the issue with SC Highways who have now discovered it's not connected. They are carrying out further investigations – **ONGOING**.

b. **St Mary's car park sewage overflow.** St Mary's car park has been flooded with grey water from the sewage overflow tank. Reported to Wessex Water who have visited and currently waiting for the correct team to address. Job number has been provided – **ONGOING.**

25/151 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Members **NOTED** the clerks report:

a. Stakeholder Briefing – Major incident and flood response updates.
b. SC – Have your say on Adult Social Care in Somerset.
c. Citizens Advice Somerset – update and 2025 reflections.
d. SC Dog Control PSPO Consolidation and consultation 2026.
e. PC Meeting dates for 2026-27 (inc. APM). **AGREED** and posted on the website.
f. Allotments & holders Public Liability (PL) insurance position. Clerk to write to all holders to inform of the limits of PC PL insurance cover to ensure they understand their responsibilities for PL on their plots.
ACTION: Clerk
g. Application to PC for Community Safety Grant – Crimestoppers SW for £200.
h. Somerset Community Foundation Grant.
i. Letter from residents of Union Drove. Advice offered in the public session.

25/152 PLANNING MATTERS.

a. 26/00084/FUL. South West Peninsular Training Westover Trading Estate Langport TA10 9RB. Proposed new window on the north west elevation of existing building.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** the application with no comments.

b. 25/02715/COU. Bowdens Crest Caravan And Camping Park Wood Drove Huish Episcopi TA10 0DD. The change of use of land from the stationing of caravans for holiday purposes to the stationing of caravans for residential purposes.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application with comments: Ensure that the distances between meet the required regulations and there is adequate sewage management provided.

c. 26/00092/COU. Highfield Farm Windmill Lane Pibsbury TA10 9EP. Proposed extension of residential curtilage and change of use of existing holiday let to a dual use residential annexe and holiday let.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application with no comments.

d. Walnut Ground, Wincanton Road, Huish Epsicopi. Community consultation on a proposed residential development of up to 9 dwellings and associated works.

Members AGREED to request a joint meeting with LTC and the developers to discuss the potential application.

ACTION: Clerk

25/153 FINANCE MATTERS.

a. Members NOTED receipts. January 26 – None.

b. RESOLVED: To APPROVE Payment Schedule

February 26 Payment Schedule					
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Invoice Numbe		Amount
1	Timeback Accounts	Payroll fee Jan26	Inv. 7443	£	6.00
2	Somerset Landscapes Ltd.	Ranger Jan26	SLL 36502	£	1,092.96
3	SLCC	Annual subscription		£	63.20
			Sub-total	£	1,162.16
		Payments for Report			Amount
			0	£	-
			Sub-total	£	-
			Total	£	1,162.16

c. RESOLVED: To APPROVE a grant request from Langport and Huish Memorial Field for £14,000 (App.1).

d. RESOLVED: To APPROVE a grant request from Langport and Huish Memorial Field for £2,800 (App.2).

e. To CONSIDER the current S106 funding, spend deadlines and potential projects or applications to recommend for support.

Members discussed 2 Expression of Interest (EoI) applications from the S106 monies, which were supported by the PC. Suggest JCC S106 Fund WP to put consider and approach future applicants. Cllr Redfearn requested to be on the S106 JCC WP. AGREED.

ACTION: Clerk & JCC

25/154 REPORTS.

a. Committees or Working Parties.

Cllr Saunders E&AWP: Website progressing (slowly).
Cllr Saunders ABP Liaison: Looking to install noise abatement measures. Recent day closure due to surface water flooding and road drains (or gullies) backing up. Investigating grants for drain jetting. Investigating request for lighting in the new 30mph zone. High Ham PC looking to address approved HGV routes.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Keirle: Glebe land purchase, email sent to Diocese but no response, suggest the PC send a letter to progress the issue.

ACTION: Cllrs Wood, Gadd, Keirle, Redfearn & Clerk

25/155 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

a. Asset Register.
b. Allotment Risk Assessment.
c. Banking audit
d. Laptops/Notepads for Cllrs

25/156 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 16 Mar 2026 at 7.00pm, Huish Epsicopi Primary School, Langport, TA10 9RW.
All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Fri 6 Mar 2026.

20:50 – Meeting closed.