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 20th July 2026 at 19:00hrs.

Present: Cllrs: Julia Gadd (Chair), Rob Crumb, Edward Keirle, Barry Horsgood, Peter Porter, Jane Redfearn, Val Saunders, John Wood (8).

In attendance:

Clerk: Julie Ferguson
Somerset Councillors: Cllr Wilkins reported:
Active Travel Path – Lots of progress recently, Drayton spur is under construction with rest to follow soon, looking for more support from HEPC. Contact lead is Tony Greenaway. HEPC are invited to purchase their own signs to advise of cyclists to make way for pedestrians. Stone is available for Huish Drove, Cllr Crumb to arrange.
SC Merger – Handling very poor to date, resulting in a repeat of the consultation, Cllr Gadd requested better publication of the merger, to raise awareness in the community.
The school caretaker had asked for help addressing a large sinkhole that had developed outside the school, Cllr Wilkins inspected the hole and agreed to report to Abri.
Members of the public: no members were present.

19:23 – Meeting opened

26/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE *(LGA 1972 s85(1)).*

Cllr Arwyn Harris – personal. Accepted.

26/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Crumb, Allotments. Non-pecuniary.

26/28 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS. *(LGA 1972 sch12,para41(1))*

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 15 June 2026.

26/29 CHAIRS REPORT.

a. To report on a recent JCC meeting.
   i. Finance Working Party, looking into grant recipients to understand if savings or efficiencies could be identified.
   ii. Westover car park. A progress report was heard, awaiting the O2i report, SC highways have no issues, basic plans, costing and permissions to be looked into. Need to obtain quotes for work required to turn the area into a car park. Cllr Porter suggested to look into alternative access from Frog Lane during times of severe flooding.
   iii. Merger. Request that all Cllrs help with encouraging residents to respond to the merger, due to the requirement to repeat the public consultation.
b. Response to Somerset Local Plan Scoping Consultation was agreed at the recent JCC meeting and circulated to all Cllrs. Clerk to provide the agreed response to SC.

26/30 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Somerset LCN correspondence.
b. SC news and bulletins.
c. TRO notices (various).
d. Email from resident regarding smell believed to be coming from APB (Cllr Saunders). Frequently raised at ABP meetings, but as ABP have their own sewage treatment plan it's not believed to be the issue. Cllr Horsgood believed the source to be coming from the large tanks under the car park and the connecting drains. Cllr Saunders has written to ABP and will forward any response, but also agreed to report to Wessex Water at a drop in event on 30th July at Somerton Library, which she was planning on attending.

26/31 PLANNING MATTERS.

a. None.

26/32 FINANCE MATTERS.

a. Members **NOTED** Receipts. June 26.

June 2026 Receipts				
Inv	Payee	Particulars		Amount
1	LTC	Repayment of VAT element of previous invoice	£	7.09
2	UTB	Q1 Interest	£	801.74
		Total	£	808.83

b. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Payment Schedule:

July 26 Payment Schedule					
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Invoice No.		Amount
1	Timeback Accounts	Payroll fee June26	Inv. 7657	£	6.00
2	Somerset Landscapes Ltd.	Ranger Jun26	SLL 36963	£	1,131.22
			Sub-total	£	1,137.22
Payments for Report					
4	None			£	-
			Sub-total	£	-
			Total	£	1,137.22

c. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Q1 cashbook/Bank reconciliation and **NOTE** the budget summary (App1).
d. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** an additional £500 to increased budget to £1500 for costs incurred by the Car Park Working Party.
e. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** a grant application from the Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue for £2000 (App2).

26/33 PARISH MATTERS

a. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Pibsbury Allotment Garden Rules.
b. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Pibsbury Allotment Garden Risk Assessment.

26/34 REPORTS.

a. Committees or Working Parties. Cllrs Wood and Horsgood to conduct an allotment inspection
b. Parish Councillors.
   i) Cllr Keirle to provide quotes for Cllr IT devices from at least 2 different suppliers.
   ii) Cllr Porter reported that MF changing rooms build has started.
   iii) Cllr Horsgood reported that the Langport Area Business Group have removed many Huish business from the group. Cllr Gadd agreed to make enquiries.

26/35 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

a. Public presentation from Act to Adapt.
b. Quotes for Cllr laptops

26/36 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 21 Sept 2026 at 7.00pm, Huish Epsicopi Primary School, Langport, TA10 9RW.
All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Fri 11 Sept 2026.

20:05 – Meeting closed.

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APPENDIX 1

HUISH EPISCOPI PARISH COUNCIL Q1 BUDGET SUMMARY

Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2027

	Last Year	This Year	This Year	This Year	This Yea
RECEIPTS	2025-26	2026-27	Allocated budget	Budget remain (£)	Budget remain (
Precept	£ 92,600.00	£ 60,225.00			
Deposit Interest	£ 5,013.59	£ 801.74	£ 3,000.00		
Allotment Rent	£ 1,608.00	£ 96.00	£ 1,728.00		
FBTA/Wayleave/Academy	£ 3,097.92	£ -	£ 3,360.00		
VAT refund	£ 2,283.17	£ 2,626.21	£ 2,200.00		
Other receipts	£ 4,236.41	£ 7.09			
Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 108,839.09	£ 63,756.04	£ 10,288.00		
PAYMENTS					
Emoluments	£ 15,691.50	£ 3,762.51	£ 16,500.00	£ 12,737.49	77%
Admin Expenses	£ 11,622.98	£ 740.12	£ 4,500.00	£ 3,759.88	84%
Chair's Allowance (NEW)	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%
Audit	£ 475.00	£ 204.00	£ 600.00	£ 396.00	66%
Parish maint	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	100%
Allotments	£ 143.94	£ 21.54	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,478.46	99%
Ranger	£ 11,546.50	£ 3,736.01	£ 14,000.00	£ 10,263.99	73%
Insurance	£ 867.71	£ 901.56	£ 1,000.00	£ 98.44	10%
Car park	£ 1,110.28	£ 582.78	£ 1,000.00	£ 417.22	42%
Subs	£ 1,283.00	£ 1,121.22	£ 2,000.00	£ 878.78	44%
Training	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 500.00	£ 450.00	90%
Grants and donations	£ 25,390.00	£ 8,250.00	£ 15,000.00	£ 6,750.00	45%
Grant (Youth Club)	£ 10,000.00	£ 12,500.00	£ 12,500.00	£ -	0%
Grant (Memorial Field)	£ 33,500.00	£ -	£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00	100%
Grant (Landmark Langport)	£ 10,000.00	£ 11,800.00	£ 10,000.00	-£ 1,800.00	-18%
Grant (Churches)	£ 1,750.00	£ 1,750.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 250.00	13%
War memorial	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%
Bus Shelter cleaning	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	100%
LTC	£ -	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	100%
HEPC & LTC Merger projects	£ -	£ 189.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 7,811.00	98%
Community Projects	£ 2,000.00	£ -			
VAT incurred on payments in y	£ 2,808.37	£ 747.21	n/a		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 128,189.28	£ 46,355.95	£ 120,450.00	£ 74,094.05	
Excess of Receipts over Payme	-£ 19,350.19	£ 17,400.09			
plus balances b/fwd	£ 206,379.91	£ 187,029.72			
Balances c/fwd	£ 187,029.72	£ 204,429.81	CASHBOOK TOTAL		
RECONCILIATION	30-Jun-26				
Unity Trust Instant Access		£ 146,309.62			
Unity Trust Current Account		£ 4,810.07			
Nationwide Business Saver		£ 53,310.12			
Total balances at bank	-	£ 204,429.81	BANK TOTAL FROM STATEMENTS		