

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes of SMASH CEB Committee Meeting.

Date: 12 th October 2022		Venue & Time: Village Hall Annex, 4.00pm
Members Present: Tony Adams, Cllr Jo Hocking Tony Lyle Sara Robinson Jamie Rundle Janey Syrett Georgie Tann	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk to Malborough & South Huish Parishes Emma Gray Jim McGinley	Apologies: Pauline Stidston

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SMASH CEB MEETING:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the SMASH CEB meeting of 4th May 2022 without alteration

3 OPEN FORUM (allocated time not longer than 15 minutes, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 2 minutes as per Standing Orders): No guests present.

4 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

a) Parish Survey Results. See Appendix A.

The results of the survey were reviewed with the following comments made:

- More responses from younger people in the parishes are required. All present were asked to speak with younger people to find out their priorities.
- Public Transport – it was noted that busses do not always stop at the bus stops even if they arrive before the stated time.
- Sustainable South Hams have produced a carbon footprint report for each village. TL will obtain the link to the details.
- A “Loan Truck” is due to come to Kingsbridge once per week – its purpose is to loan items that you would not necessarily buy.
- Composting site – this has currently been shelved indefinitely by the Parish Council due to lack of available land. TL suggested the site behind the recycling bins at the village hall. Interested parties will visit South Brent to look at how this project is managed/maintained etc. Emma Gray will take the lead with this project. Jamie, Georgie and Sara are also happy to help.
- One of the parishioners has recently mentioned starting a new sewing/craft group in the parish. TL agreed to speak with the lady concerned.
- Solar panels on the village hall roof & EV charging points at the village hall were mentioned, these are projects for the MVH & PFA Committee to take forward. Noted: These projects could be tied up with other local halls.
- TL advised six acre sites are being sought for solar panels, in hidden away areas, not near footpaths.
- The personal data of the respondents is being retained by the SHPC & MPC Data Controller. Those who expressed an interest in future activities will be contacted in due course.

b) SMASH Five-Year Plan – our focus for the next five years. No agreement was reached in respect of this agenda item.

c) Request for a Thermal Imaging Camera, costs to be covered by MPC and/or SHPC.

There is potential to set up a scheme for properties rated as E,F,G for their energy efficiency. The idea being that residents with properties proven not to be efficient could then be signposted to relevant grants and subsidies available in the area.

Concern was raised from the Parish Councils as the request dated 4th September, was written on behalf of SMASH when it had not been discussed or minuted at a SMASH meeting and had therefore not been approved by a majority of the committee. Furthermore, with respect to spending public monies, there is a

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potential pecuniary interest as TL is a Home Energy Advisor. If a parish council were to support the purchase of such a camera they would have to take further advice to ensure the funds could be released.

There was mention by TL that Kingsbridge are setting up a group similar to Sustainable South Hams which will include nearby parishes. The first meeting to be held on 2nd November. The new group might be in a better position to purchase items like the thermal imaging camera which we could use?

- d) **Housing stock energy surveys, help for vulnerable families and CO2 reduction in our parishes.** No agreement was reached in respect of this agenda item.
- e) **How to start a Community Cafe**, run once weekly for helping disseminate information on energy and biodiversity matters. The discussion considered both setting up a new café type operation and working with existing groups to share information. At this time it was agreed that working with existing groups would be the better option.

5 FINANCE UPDATE:

Malborough Parish Council £1050.63

South Huish Parish Council £200

Total: £1,250.63

A cash payment of £40 dating back to the Climate & Nature Fair was received, this figure will be added to the above total.

The above funds are held by the respective councils. Any payments to be made in connection with SMASH activities must be applied for and approved by a majority of those Parish Councillors. If payments are made prior to approval being received SMASH are not guaranteed a refund.

MEETING ENDS 17.24 Hrs

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Wednesday 2nd November, Village Hall Annex, 4pm

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Distribution list:

- Climate Emergency Sub-committee
- Malborough Parish Council
- South Huish Parish Council
- Jamie Rundle – Tree Warden for Malborough & South Huish Parishes