



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 13th March 2018

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Bryan Bartlett, Chris Palmer, Jim Godfrey, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor), Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor), V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 25 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Nancy Green
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Dave Vigar declared an interest in planning application 6a on the agenda.

3) Open Discussion :

A ditch by the Church in Low Ham kept blocking and was to be cleared.

4) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded to the Councillors and was taken as read and people were encouraged to take part in the 'Library consultation'.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report. It was mentioned that the PACT meeting had been helpful, but was somewhat disappointing that as it was Police and Communities together, that few other community organisations or representatives from District/County council attended.

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February were approved as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

Amanda Chuter took the chair for the next item and Dave Vigar did not participate in the discussion or vote, but sat in the audience.

- a) 18/00545/FUL Orchard Home, Henley Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BG Erection of a dry fodder store and creation of a new agricultural access.

The voting members of the Parish Council (one council member having declared an interest) unanimously raised no objections, in principle, to the application. However, the Parish Council did identify the following concerns:

- 1) That no specific detail was provided in the application confirming how surface water run-off will be managed;
- 2) That the location of the new access could, potentially, have a detrimental impact on both the applicant's business and that of the neighbouring business. As a consequence, it was felt there was merit in the consideration of an alternative more appropriate access to address this potential.

As a result of the lack of detail regarding the management of surface water it was felt that there was not sufficient information available to the Parish Council to allow an informed decision to be made on this proposal. Additionally, because of concerns raised over the location of the new access the applicant was advised that the plans should be withdrawn/revised and re-submitted showing how the concerns identified by the Parish Council will be addressed.

David Vigar resumed as chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

- b) 18/00321/FUL 2 Hillside, Long Street, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DN, Demolition of existing rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Revised Application).
The Parish Council unanimously raised no objections in principle to the application. The Parish Council did defer opinion on the neighbour's concern to the professional planner's at the District Council to decide whether the concerns raised by the neighbour were planning concerns of sufficient severity to warrant an alternative decision.



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c) 18/00457/FUL Highgate ,Stout Road,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9BJ Erection of agricultural storage building
The application met with unanimous support although the Parish Council would have liked to see some landscaping detail included.

7) Planning Applications Decided

17/04869/FUL – The erection of two extensions to existing barn (Part retrospective) – Decoy Farm, Steart Drove – Granted.

17/04533/FUL Beer Farm,Beer Road,Aller,Langport,Somerset,TA10 0QX, Proposed conversion of agricultural building into garaging/storage, the demolition of 2no. agricultural buildings to form 1no. dwelling, reparation works to a listed agricultural building and creation of new vehicular driveway at Beer Farm. - Granted

17/04534/LBC Listed Building Consent for above - Granted

8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

Various matters were noted and progressing. A replacement for the retiring highways officer was still awaited. Nythe Road closure had been lifted. IDB engineers to undertake the work at the collapsed gully.

Potholes – people were encouraged to report these directly to Highways.

The thaw water had caused some damage to roads – particularly noted in Henley where it was thought that the drains needed jetting again. There was a problem with persistent fly-tipping. Individuals were encouraged to report this directly as soon as possible to the District Council. The Culverts on Turn Hill, Craig had done his part clearing them and now it was down to Highways to do their part as they had previously agreed to be proactive providing the Parish Council undertook their part in clearing the drains etc.

Finger post training was to be this coming Friday.

b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood/Strimmer Project .

February 2018 Lengthsman Activity - Craig Howe

38hrs worked

39hrs remain

Drainage: Turn Hill and Bere - inlets opened up. Drains are blocked - action SSDC drain clearing team?

Millennium Wood: Trees pruned/felled to increase light to Weeping Ash and Beech. Some of Hazel coppiced. Some brash left at Den Building area, rest to be processed later for bean poles.

Logs from earlier felling, processed for selling..

2018-19 contract

2018-19 hourly rate to be confirmed

Millennium Wood

See Lengthsman report

Volunteer Foothpaths Strimmer - Tony Whitford

No strimming activity.

Reccy walk (with some of Parish Walkers) from Turn Hill through to Mildmays via Wood Lane and Breech Wood. Email correspondence followed regarding concerns about occasional discrepancy between Red Flags and published Firing Notices.



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c. **Millennium Wood/cemetery/churchyard**

See Lengthsman Report for Millennium Wood.

Cemetery - above

Churchyard-.none

d. **Website** - none

e. **Village Hall** – update given on village hall items.

f. **Housing Needs Survey**– Working party was considering options on how the results could be taken forward.

g. **Other** Mill – Ongoing correspondence reported.

SIDS – The Parish Council were to consider purchasing their own SIDs as it was felt £100 per time was too pricey and that the Parish Council should persue trying to get an additional SID site at Picts Hill.

Cemetery Gate - Unanimously agreed to ask a knowledgable volunteer in the village to take a look at the Cemetery Gate – particularly the bottom of the gate, which was coming in need of attention.

9) Correspondence.

There had been instances when the schedule for the range had not matched with the flags. Sometimes there were late bookings which did not go on the schedule. The advice was still DO NOT IGNORE THE RED FLAGS.

10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

Some disappointment was noted that the PACT meeting had had a large focus on motoring offences and did not have that much advice or help regarding agricultural thefts etc. It was noted that the Parish Council was entitled to have the PCSO to attend annually.

The NHS Health checks had gone well.

Some local communities had implemented emergency plans during the recent snow.

It was thought that it would be helpful if the 'Welcome Letter' could be updated. Chris Palmer agreed to look at this.

11) Financial

Payments for approval and cheques to authorise

The following items were approved for payment

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £492.16

Lengthsman Millenium wood – Chipper hire - £55.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

Parish mapping was to be considered – there was a service called Parish online which cost approx. £120 per annum. (may be dependent on electrol numbers).

The Playing Field were putting their project out to tender.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 10th April 2018.

Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.