



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), James Godfrey, Nancy Green, Chris Palmer, Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Bryan Bartlett, Gerard Tucker, V Young (Clerk).  
Approx: 10 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Derek Yeomans.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

**3) Open Discussion :**

Overhanging hedge by Weare to be chased up.  
Derek Yeomans to be sent the Council's thanks.  
Bike trials were scheduled to go through the Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.  
The school had achieved a 'good' ofsted rating and was to be congratulated.

**4) Councillors reports**

Derek Yeomans monthly report had been forwarded to the councillors. Gerard reported that a planning application for Picts Hill was expected to go to Area North. There was to be a boundary review of the district council wards. NatWest in Langport was due to close in October.

**5) Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved as a true record.

**6) Matters arising/Items for Discussion**

**a. Highways**

Several matters were ongoing and progress reported regarding markers at Henley dray, chevron at Bridgehorn, pothole near Heavens Gate. StreetScene had been picking up fly-tipping. Posts for the green would cost about £25 each and would need about 10. There would be a permit charge of £90 which is refundable. - Bryan Bartlett to confirm a definite price.

Drains could be jetted to attempt to clear them at £11 per drain. Unanimous that this should be arranged for Craig to supervise which drains to treat when SSDC would provide the sucker. After which County can jet them if the sumps have been successfully sucked out.

The 30mph at the Picts Hill junction had been moved. Parish Council were thanked for supporting the residents in this request.

**b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood/Strimmer Project .** The following reports were made.

14 hours worked

Drainage: work in various locations in parish- gullies, grips, drains.

The Green: site meeting with Bryan Bartlett re. replacement of wood bollards and drainage (details from BB)

Vegetation management on road splays started.

Cemetery: 3 hawthorns planted between the new bench and the road.

Turnhill Lengthsman Scheme: the 5 parishes (High Ham, Long Sutton, Long Load, Aller, Huish Episcopi) now have their own contracts with Craig Howe. The contracts have now completed their first year and all have been renewed.

Long Sutton PC, who previously administered the scheme have now finalised closing the scheme's accounts. High Ham will be refunded £1,375.08.

Craig Howe's 2016-17 hourly rate: £12.73

Recommend 2017-18 hourly rate: £12.98

Footpaths

Tony Whitford, volunteer strimmer, has started working on clearing vegetation around stiles and gates.

Parish Walk Friday April 28th. Meet Pitney Playing Field 10am

**c. Millennium Wood:**

Millennium Wood: 15 trees planted with help from Amy Drewitt, Roger Hall, Amanda Chuter.

Wood chippings used to mulch new plantings, den building area, new paths.

Hedge trimming where flail could not reach in early March hedge trimming

Interpretation board - progressing



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- d. **Website** - Continuing, training date to be finalised shortly.
- e. **Village Hall** – Murder mystery night – 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Discussions re hot trolley for the hall use and the luncheon club.
- f. **Housing Needs Survey.** – Progressing. Working group had met with Sarah Kelly from SSDC and given guidance and the funds had been ring fenced for the project by the District Council. A draft will be produced by the group and would then go to all councillors for approval.

**7) Correspondence.**

The Parish Council would in principle be in favour of a train station local to the area. A letter from the MP had been sent to some of the Parishes in the ward regarding future possibilities.

The Parish Council would also support Langport Town Council's view regarding the unfortunate closure of Nat West in Langport if asked to do so.

**8) Planning Applications for Consideration**

- a) 17/01287/LBC Low Ham Church, Low Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9ER,  
Proposed external and internal repairs to the fabric of the building including works to roof, stonework, windows, doors, drainage and pathway. - unanimously supported
- b) 17/01069/FUL Pear Tree Farm, Henley Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BH  
Demolition of existing store and erection of new two storey annexe and double car port. - Decision deferred until all Councillors had chance to view the plans and confirm no objections.
- c) 17/01163/S73 Hill View, Low Ham Road, Low Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DY,  
Application to vary condition 02, 05 and 07 (approved plans) of 16/01183/FUL for the addition of a garden room.  
Unanimously supported providing conditions 5 & 7 on the new application if approved remain unchanged.
- d) 16/03673/OUT Land Adjacent To Fouracres, Picts Hill, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9EZ Outline application for alterations to existing accesses and erection of four detached dwellings. – Amended  
Unanimously supported and the planning department were to be asked to refer to item 1.3 of the original response.

**9) Planning Applications Decided –**

Moreton Dairy 17/00741/FUL – Granted  
The Cottage, Picts Hill 16/05548/FUL – Granted  
Bridgehorn – 17/00153/FUL – Granted  
Firtree Farm – 17/00194/FUL – Granted  
Wagg Meadow Farm 17/00413/FUL – Refused  
The Homestead 17/00875/FUL - Granted

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.** - The Playing Field Committee AGM was on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**11) Payments for approval and cheques to authorise**

The following items were approved for payment  
The 2% payrise for the Parish Lengthsman was agreed.

C Howe - Lengthsman – £482.33

V Young – clerk wages/expenses March- £221.56

**12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting** – None

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to commence with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.  
–meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.