



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 12th June 2018

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), John Vigar, Nancy Green, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor), Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor) V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 20 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Amanda Chuter, Chris Palmer, Bryan Bartlett and Jim Godfrey

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None. The meeting was confirmed as Quorate.

3) Open Discussion : Keri Phillips was introduced and spoke about the mill. The house was connected via a curtilage. The walls were separating in the cottage so that it could not be lived in. The house was to have a major refurbishment over the next 12 months. The windmill could not be opened as it was not deemed safe for volunteers to use facilities in the cottage. The sail had come off as a result of a previous repair failing. The trust were waiting for the insurance to mend the mill. It would take a long time to repair due to finding the craftsmen required and they would be working under the recommendations of the conservation officer. All other work had been done in the mill so apart from the sail it was structurally sound. It was not possible to move up the list of priorities.

On a different matter once the ownership had been established of a strip of land by Teddy Bear Cottage it would be possible to write to the owners of the rough part of land which was thought to be harbouring vermin.

4) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded. It was noted that the Libraries consultation remained open until tomorrow.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018 were approved as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 18/01622/FUL – Hamdown Farm, Picts Hill, Langport TA10 9EX – The formation of a replacement field entrance and the laying of a no-dig private pedestrian path. – After discussion and listening to objections and the applicant it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should not make a determination/decision on the application due to civil legal issues surrounding the application which were not planning matters, thereby leaving the council unable to make a decision.

b) 18/01075/FUL – The Cottage, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX – Erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated parking and turning, landscaping and gardens.- After discussion the application was unanimously supported.

c) 18/01554/FUL – Bramwells, Low Ham Road, Low Ham, Langport TA10 9DY – Demolition of existing porch, alterations and the erection of a two storey extension to dwellinghouse. – After discussion the application met with a unanimous vote of no objections.

d) 18/01332/S73 – Ark Farm, New manor House Road, High Ham, Langport TA10 9DP – Application to vary planning conditions 2 (approved plans) 6 (access/visibility splays) 7 (existing access and 8 (materials of new wall) of approval 16/03242/FUL in order to change roadside boundary treatment. – After discussion the application met with a unanimous vote of no objections.

e) 18/01527/LBC – Classeys Huse, Classeys House Road, High Ham TA10 9DP – Conversion of a former stable and coachhouse to ancillary accommodation. Replacement of 2 no. fireplaces, insertion of door to existing opening and external repairs to house. Provision of new foul drainage system. – After discussion the application met with a unanimous vote of no objections, but it was to be commented that it should be tied to the main house.



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7) Planning Applications Decided

Department of Transport had granted the stopping up of the layby by Nenmead.

18/00710/FUL- Torwood - Demolition of cottages and the erection of 2 No. dwellings – Revised) – GRANTED

18/00642/FUL – The Meads, Henley – Proposed change of use of agricultural land to form garden extension, erection of a single storey rear extension, erection of a new double garage, enlargement of hard standing to front and internal alterations – GRANTED

18/00545/FUL – Orchard Home, Henley Road – Erection of a dry fodder store and creation of a new agricultural access.- GRANTED

17/03122/FUL – Land at High Ham, Hillside Farm Road – proposed creation of a new agricultural access.-GRANTED

18/01136/PDE – The Heights, Main Road - Permission not required.

8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

Bryan Bartlett continued to work with the reporting of defects of highways to the Highways officer.

Fingerpost Restoration Project

Following training, survey of posts, and a lot of form-filling, the team started work in May by working on the part-painted Fingerpost at One Elm.

The post at Hext Hill has been scraped, primed and painted, and the surrounding vegetation removed that was obscuring the post.

The post at Henley/Windsor Farm has been released from the hedge, raised in height and primed. The finial and 1 arm are being restored off-site.

Hidden in a hedge at the bottom of Stout is a post and finial - the arms lost long ago. The plan is to use this redundant to replace the post on The Green.

There has been 4 sessions and a total of approx. 20 hours worked by the team: Dave Vigar, Roger Powell, Phil Cale, Amanda Chuter.

Thanks to Dave for the use of his tractor and trailer; Roger for his truck and the additional work done at home; to Jane for her refreshments; Bill for his 4 minutes of digging; the loan of a crowbar from a resident who came to look; and all the passing drivers and their calls of thanks.

See Parish website and Facebook 'High Ham News and Events' for progress reports and photos.

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

Long Sutton have continued to co-ordinate the scheme for some time and they were requesting if another Parish could do this for a bit. Amanda Chuter to be asked whether she would be able to do this.

Lengthsman Activity May '18

14.25 hrs worked

160.75 remain

Accompanied Dave, Bryan and Derek Davies (Highways) on tour of parish to identify issues.

Drainage work at start of month

Grass cutting Cemetery and Millennium Wood

Clearing visibility splays from Hext Hill through to high Ham - work will continue in June

Footpath Strimming

May '18 Footpath Strimming Activity - Tony Whitford, volunteer

1. Cemetery grave surrounds - 3 sessions - 9 hrs

2. Gates and Stile surrounds strimmed - 9 1/2 hrs



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Low Ham Rd to Moretons Lane
Moretons Lane to Leazemoor Lane
Low Ham footpath between Spring Fields and Pound Cottages
Reservoir, Furpits Lane, Culver Hill
Fountain entrance
Pipers Ash - enclosed section
Nythe Rd to Peaky Corner
NYthe Rd to Henley Corner
Village Hall to Standhill
Beer Drove - western end

3. Parish Walk 18th May 19 walkers led by Tony Whitford
circular walk village hall to Breech Wood

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

See Lengthsman Report for Millennium Wood.

Cemetery - above + gates were need of repair. A top budget of £300 was agreed for repairing the bottom panels of the gates.

Churchyard-.none

d. **Village Hall** – update given on village hall items. Mid summer mingle to be held on Sunday 23rd June.

e. **Affordable Housing**–The working party had reported to the council that they found the most suitable option to deliver affordable housing to be a CLT. The Hall was booked for a public meeting on 11th July at 7pm to discuss this and what it would mean to the community.

f. **SIDs/Speedwatch** –discussion re purchase of speed cameras etc to be deferred for future meeting.

g. **Playing Fields** – Next meeting 9th July. It was hoped that the quotes would be received by then. There was the possibility of a joint fund raising event to commemorate the end of WW1 and raise money for the pavilion.

h. **Other – Parking by School** - it was agreed that individuals seeing bad parking should put pressure on the police to come and look. The care taker was to clear some brambles from the hedge over the next ½ term which would help with a few parking spaces.

District Councillor Report – Gerard Tucker reported on the District Council matters affecting High Ham. There was to be an Area North meeting for local councils on 26th June.

The dates of future meetings would be changing so that the District Councillor could attend meetings.

The revised schedule changed with effect from October as follows

October –Parish Council meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday. November 4th Tuesday, December 3rd Tuesday and from January 2019 the 4th Tuesday of the month.

9) Correspondence.

Correspondence had been received highlighting that the track owned by Turn Hill Farm was private and was not a footpath. The landowners of the adjoining land known as Beer Wood did not own any part of the access track or indeed have private easement over the Turn Hill Farm track. The letter was read in its entirety.

A grant request had been received from Citizens Advice south West. This was to be considered at a future meeting, once it was clear if other Parish Councils gave grants for this.



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10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Somerset Landscapes (playing field) grass cutting -£129.96

SALC - £247.46

Insurance (Came & Company) – £987.15

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -

Speed Indicator Devices to go on a future agenda.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 10th July2018.

Meeting closed at 21.50 hrs.