



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 26th April 2016

Present: David Vigar (Chair), Nancy Green, Amanda Chuter, James Godfrey, Bryan Bartlett, Chris Palmer, and Shane Pledger.

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** John Vigar, Mr Brooks and Derek Yeomans had sent apologies

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** - None

3) Planning Applications for Consideration

a . 16/01183/FUL Hill View, Low Ham Road, Low Ham TA10 9DY – Conversion of former milking parlour to a dwelling. – After discussion recommend raise no objections.

b. 16/00922/FUL Fountain Farm, The Fountain, High Ham – Change of use from agricultural to residential, erection of two dwellings and 3 double garages, demolition of existing agricultural buildings, alterations to existing access.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the plans before the Parish Council on 26/4/16 were insufficient. The Parish Council therefore unanimously agreed to give no opinion/comments on the plans of support or objection until fresh plans are presented.

c. 16/01342/FUL Land Rear of Owl Cottage, Low Ham – Demolition, renovation and extension of buildings to provide a dwelling.

Discussion regarding the application took place. All parties were given a chance to speak.

There were several points raised by those objecting over which category the application fell into, whilst the applicant's agent referred to it as a 'hybrid' application. It was felt that these points of technicality should be something for the District Council Planning Officer to determine. The other points of objection broadly related to loss of privacy and the placement of the garage and a wall.

The meeting adjourned at 8.25pm to enable A) the objectors representative to speak privately with the applicants with the view to making a compromise on the application which would be acceptable to those objecting.-the objectors representative did not take advantage of this opportunity.

B)to allow the applicants a chance to consider changes that they might feel appropriate to make the application more acceptable.

The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm

Further discussion and consideration of the fact that the ability for young people and families to be able to stay in the village was important. It was recognised that this 'self- build' reflected strongly the desire from a long standing family of the Parish to be able to remain in the Parish.

By a split vote 5:1 the Parish Council voted that it was unable to support this application as it was felt that there were negative issues over certain aspects of these particular plans.

By unanimous vote, the Parish Council agreed that they were in favour, in principle, of a suitable dwelling on the site.

No further business –meeting closed at 8.45pm.