



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 11th October 2016

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

Approx: 142 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** None

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

3) **Open Discussion:** Highways were to be reminded about cutting a hedge on Picts Hill.
The meeting was informed that Dennis Davis Community Award forms were available.

4) **Councillors reports - This was given after item 6a**

Derek's monthly report had been forwarded. Skanska had been awarded the highways contract for Devon & Somerset. The care bill/budget was still a problem for the council. There had been a response to Derek's letter to the police regarding rural policing. Shane Pledger, district councillor, had resigned. Derek would cover until the election for a new councillor was held.

At the conclusion of this item Derek left the meeting with his apologies.

5) **Approval of Minutes -**

13th September 2016 minutes approved as a true record.

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

a. **Highways.** BB reported back on ongoing highways matters that were progressing. There were some issues re flooding. Dropping the curb at the primary school would be possible but the cost would not be met by highways. It had been clarified that Union Drove was not an adopted highway and that the resident who had a request for it to be adopted contact Chris Weeks at County highways directly. Craig (Lengthsman) had accreditation to work on highways.

Cemetery Tarmac had broken again. The potholes at Bridgehorn had been marked up.

It was discussed if Huish School should be asked to move the bus stop. It was thought that if a free repair by highways was not possible this time, this would be a possible course of action.

Derek Yeomans then gave his report – item 4.

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

Lengthsman report

September 2016 Lengthsman Activity Report

Craig Howe: 38 hrs worked

227 hrs remaining

Vegetation management

Cemetery

Millennium Wood drives and paths

Union Drove verges

Playing Field car park

Hamdown Court weed spraying

Picts Hill - around parish notice board

Visibility splays and signs where necessary



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*Picts Hill pavement - to be sprayed October

MW grant-funded day: prepare sites, collect, erect and install 3 benches and 2 picnic tables.

Strimming, clearing stiles and gates

Fountain - entrance

Pipers Ash - enclosed section

Village Hall to Turn Hill

Reservoir, Furpits Lane, Culver Hill

Low Ham road to Moreton's Lane

Low Ham between Pound Cottage and Springfields

Cradle Bridge, west and east

Fault reported: Culver Hill Bristol Gate - footpath sign snapped off and way markers scraped off

c. **Millenium Wood:** 3 benches and 2 tables had now been installed as well as the 'bug' hotels. Work regarding the viewing platform was discussed. Jeffrey Carey was to be asked regarding the viewing platform. Unanimously agreed that Dave Vigar and Amanda Chuter could go ahead with arranging work on the Tesco grant, but to keep all the councillors informed. The Woodland Trust had an offer regarding shrubs and saplings in November, which was to be pursued.

d. **Website** - Nearing completion. The content was being compiled.

e. **Village Hall** - The Village Hall Committee had obtained quotes for painting the hall. 11th December was to be the big breakfast.

f. Any other matters – John Vigar to source a Christmas tree. Date set for carols around the Christmas tree – Tuesday 20th December at 6pm. John and Nancy to look at purchasing new Christmas tree lights. Dave Vigar to sort out refreshments. Everyone to think what Charity the collection was to be for.

7) Correspondence. – The clerk was requested to respond to the government consultation that SALC had circulated to Parish Councils regarding budgeting. It was agreed that the clerk should raise relevant concerns that had been highlighted by SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils).

8) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 16/4160/FUL – Poplar Farm, Henley, TA10 9BH – Demolish and rebuild of attached outbuilding and lean-to to erect an annexe to be used as ancillary annexe accommodation to existing dwelling. – No hard copies of the plans had been received. This was to be deferred until the next meeting.

b) 16/04081/FUL – Land Adjacent To Orchard Home Henley, TA10 9BG – Erection of a storage building and workshop. – After discussion of the application the Parish Council voted to support the application.

c) 16/04104/S73A – Morton Dairy, Henley, TA10 9AZ – Application to remove condition 3 from planning permission 08/03222/FUL relating to non-fragmentation of holding. As this application was to modernise the tie, where by there was still an agricultural tie, but not to a particular piece of land there were no objections raised by the Parish Council.

d) 16/03954/FUL – Land Adjoining Hamdown Lodge, Picts Hill TA10 9EX – Erection of a dwelling and garage. After discussion the Parish Council raised no objections to the detailed application. The clerk was to write to the District Council regarding S106 agreements as there was general concern regarding the adherence of the ties.



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e) 16/03673/OUT – Land Adjacent to Fouracres, Picts Hill, High Ham TA10 9EZ – Outline application for alterations to existing accesses and erection of four detached dwellings.

After discussion the Parish Council raised no objections and supported the application on the grounds of community benefit offered in terms of road safety improvements which could be made with the application.

f) Other planning - None

9) Planning Applications Decided

16/03455/FUL-Fountain House – tree house - withdrawn

16/03446/LBC & 16/03445/FUL – Fountain House – extension - withdrawn

16/03313/FUL - Land at High Ham - Temporary siting of LPG storage tank, garden shed - Granted

16/03242/FUL – Arc Farm – Granted

16/03062/S73A – Nenmead Farm - Refused

10) Summary of Meetings attended. - The Playing Field Committee meeting had been held and went well. The potential pavilion had been discussed and future fund raising ideas.

a. **Bank Reconciliation Report-** The audit for the year ending 31 March 2016 was now complete and the notices had been displayed. The precept was to go on the agenda for the next meeting. It was approved that Chris Palmer purchase gifts for the individuals who made the Dennis Davis Cup FoC. (Nominations to close on 28th October.) Presentation- 4th November at the Village Hall.

b. **Payments for approval and cheques to authorise**

Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthman expenses Sept – £19.50

Parish Lengthman millennium wood-September - £125

Parish Lengthman – September - £482.33 (standing order)

Playing Fields - Somerset Landscapes - £57.60

Cosmic website - £1833.00

Somerset County Council - £25 –re Dennis Davis community award – printing at the School

South Somerset District Council – playing Field Inspection - £94.20

M Howley – work at Playing Fields - £90.00

Grant Thornton – annual audit - £240

Wollens – re Millenium Wood - £72.89

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting –

Various up coming community events were mentioned.

David Norris to attend the next meeting regarding Parish Plans/S106 ties/Area North.

13) Date of Next Meeting 8th November 2016 at 7.30pm was the date for the next meeting.

No further business –meeting closed at 2100hrs.