



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 11th September 2018

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

Approx: 16 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Received from Jim Godfrey and Nancy Green

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Dave Vigar declared an interest in item 6c.

3) Open Discussion:

Concern re verges and ditch work not done properly by county council. Questioned whether it could be done privately by lengthsman. (Bottom of Cox Hill particularly bad). Thought probably not practical for lengthsman who could only trim it. Highways to be contacted regarding cracked road surface near Charnbrook. Vegetation encroaching on several roads. Photos to be sent to highways.

4) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded. Speed camera supplier information to be forwarded.

Gerard had sent in his report. Highlighted that the district council looking to cut costs but in certain cases undertake charged work for others for example MOTing their own vehicles and having this service available at a charge for others. The work of Street Scene highlighted.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018 were approved with minor amendment as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 18/02287/FUL Broadham, Henley Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BH Extension and alterations to existing bungalow, formation of new access, change of use from agricultural land to garden use and relocation of existing outbuilding/store. - The application was unanimously supported.

b) 18/02125/FUL Land West Of Cemetery, Field Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0QX Change of use to equine facility, extension to existing hay barn and erection of American Barn and yard with associated parking. — TIME EXTENSION GRANTED THEREFORE NOT DISCUSSED.

c) 18/02403/FUL Henley Corner Farm, Henley Bridge Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BQ Erection of an extension to existing barn Amanda Chuter took the chair and Dave Vigar retired to the back of the audience. The application was unanimously supported David Vigar returned to the chair at the conclusion of this item.

It was noted that there had been concern regarding some trees at Hamdown which overshadowed some small gardens. Chris Palmer to comment on behalf of the council that feel that it is not unreasonable for the trees in question to be pollarded due to overbearing size. The application was for the trees to be reduced but not removed. — unanimously agreed.

7) Planning Applications Decided

18/01075/FUL The Cottage, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX Erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated parking and turning, landscaping and gardens - Granted



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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. – Granted

18/01554/FUL-Bramwells,Low Ham Road,Low Ham,Langport,Somerset,TA10 9DY, Demolition of existing porch, alterations and the erection of a two storey extension to dwellinghouse.-Granted

18/01527/LBC-Classeys House ,Classeys House Road,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9DP Conversion of former stable and coach house 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. - Granted

18/01541/FUL-2 Hillside ,Long Street,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9DN Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a double and single storey rear extension to dwelling. (Revised application.) -Granted

8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

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

b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

Lengthsman Activity Reports - Craig Howe

July/August 2018

Total hours - 75

Hours remaining - 263

Picts Hill fingerpost cleared of vegetation

Picts Hill pavements weed sprayed

Cemetery mowed

The Green site meeting re diseased tree. HiLine contacted re clearance of tree growth from power lines. Application submitted to SSDc re tree work in Conservation Area

Playing Field fence repaired

Millennium Wood Pond clearance - assisted by MW team: Dave V, Amanda C, Amy J, Roger H, Roger P

MW crown lifting

MW trees identified for thinning

MW site meeting

MW 9th Sept - log sales and delivery assisted by Dave V, Amanda C

Ragwort pulling

Some vegetation management following start of regrowth

Millennium Wood

See above Lengthsman Report

Also

20 'Lost Words' plaques made by Rachael Howe installed.

6 Family Challenges designed by Rachael Howe printed and laminated - 5 of each. Stored in wallets and box in pond-side shelter. Total cost £50.89

c. Footpath Strimming

Footpaths Volunteer Strimmer - Tony Whitford



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Total hours - 6 hrs 30 mins

Cemetery grave-edge strimmed

Footpaths:

Low Ham between Pound Cottage and Springfields

Leazemoor

Stembridge

Culver Hill/Reservoir

Fountain entrance

Pipers Ash enclosed section

Nythe Road stile and gates

Firing Range stile

d. Village Hall – Success of flower show was noted. Lots of winter fund raising underway. Tea and Cake this Sunday afternoon (11-3).

e. CLT–Dave Vigar reported back from the first meeting with Wessex Community Assets regarding a CLT. The process was fully discussed. Highlighted that there was no cost to the Parish.

f. SIDs/Speedwatch –Speedwatch group still working well. An advert was to be put on the website for volunteers for the speedwatch group.

g. Playing Fields –rememberance service. – Noted that the Playing Field Committee and the British Legion were hosting a lunch event in commemoration of the centenary of the armistice. It was unanimously agreed to make a financial contribution towards this, but to wait until later before making it, so that it could be used in the best possible way. Next meeting was on 8th October. Climbing frame unit had now been painted and Craig was cutting the hedge back on the corner.

11th November there was a service of the going down of the sun at 4pm at Aller and a supper. The 10th there was a harvest rememberance supper in the 'Barn' at Aller.

h. Other - Diversion signs suggested for Beer Drove whilst the road was closed re unsuitable for HGVs to be requested.

Carols around the Christmas tree was set for Saturday 22nd December at 6pm. John Vigar to obtain the Christmas tree.

It was confirmed that Hi-Line would only pollard the trees where the wires were. It was to be confirmed if other trees needed pollarding.

9) Correspondence. – Noted that there had been correspondence from France trying to trace the family of a soldier who's parents had lived in High Ham in order that any civil dignitaries and relatives might like to attend a service of remembrance for those fallen in the battle which took place in their Parish. It was confirmed that the soldier was from Clevedon rather than High Ham.

The audit had been completed and there were no matters to bring to the attention of the council.

Brian Hill was giving a talk on Saturday 15th regarding the restoration of 100 tonne cannon.

On Saturday 22nd there was to be a barn dance in the village hall. Langport Youth Club were holding regular meetings on the 1st Saturday of the month aimed for any age re warmhammer model club.

10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.



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David Vigar had attended the NFU meeting with the rural crime team at Portishead. Points had been put across to Sue MountStevens regarding livestock rustling and the extent of it. A North Somerset butcher mentioned some problems and it was confirmed that the traffic officer were not getting training into what paperwork livestock carriers should have in an expedient manner and that they needed the training sooner.

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

- V Young – Clerk wages and expenses (payable aug) – £221.56 (chq reqd)
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- Parish Lengthsman - £502.40 (last month)
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- Somerset Landscapes (playing field) grass cutting -£61.74 (chq reqd)
- Parish Lengthsman – additional expenses - £20.00 – weed killer –jul/august+ £27.96 (chq reqd)
- SSDC – GDPR training - £32.50 chq reqd
- Cosmic Website fees - £180.00 chq reqd
- Somerset Young Farmers – posters re CLT meeting - £40.00
- Robert Matthews – playground – painting climbing frame £719.21
- A Chuter- Millenium Wood expenses - £10.89
- Hannah Marchant – print/laminating re Millenium Wood information sheets - £40.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting - No further matters.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as 9th October 2018.

Meeting closed at 20:55hrs.