



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 23rd October 2018

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), John Vigar, Amanda Chuter, Bryan Bartlett, Chris Palmer, Nancy Green, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor), V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 16 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Jim Godfrey, Clare Aparicio Paul, Gerard Tucker.

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

3) Open Discussion:

Future development of Leafy Brook Farm was mentioned. No planning application had been made yet. The idea was for 4 terrace 2 bedroom properties on more or less the same footprint as the current buildings. Water hydrants mentioned. Parish Council would get map of these and the washouts and then it may be possible for the lengthsman to help keep them clear. It was thought that the maps could go on the notice boards and phone boxes and web when available.

The item on the agenda regarding the future of the Village Hall was to be deferred until a future meeting. Dave Vigar apologised for any distress that the item may have caused.

4) Councillors reports

Written reports had been sent in and circulated to council members.

It was encouraged that individuals should continue to report urgent matters of highways public safety. Bryan Bartlett reported that the dropped curb by the school had been marked up.

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

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 18/02285/FUL The Heights, Main Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DA The carrying out of alterations and engineering works to level rear gardens, formation of a swimming pool and pool outbuilding and roof terraces. (Part Retrospective) It was felt that the planning objections registered online on the SSDC website represented valid planning objections. The work had commenced before the applicant had confirmed whether it was permitted development and then built additional and/or larger than on the application for permitted development. Much of this application was retrospective.

The District Councillor was asked to take up matters at the District Council regarding the failings within the planning department which meant that the issues with this application had not been dealt with correctly.

Gerard Confirmed that the senior planning officers had been alerted and confirmed that the flat roof as the balcony was not permitted development but required full planning permission.

Due to issues of privacy and the overbearing nature of the application on the surrounding area and neighbours the Parish Council voted against the application by a vote of 5 against and one abstention, with no-one in favour of supporting the application.

b) 18/03081/FUL Land South Of The Firs, Stout Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BD Erection of a new dwelling and garage and the construction of associated access, parking and turning. This application was discussed. There were no objections and it was felt that it was of appropriately modest nature and works in the space such that it would be an opportunity for a young family. The Council voted unanimously to support the application and also ask in the comments to the application that a footpath/pavement be included around the edge as it would be helpful to families walking to school.



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7) Planning Applications Decided - None

8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

Bryan Bartlett was thanked for his time working on chasing up highways issue. A highways safety officer was to visit the area of the village by the school on Thursday. There was concern regarding the spring at Stout Hill icing over. There was an area half way up Fountain where the edge of the road was being sorted out. The road surface on a section of High Ham hill was to be monitored. Fly tipping possibly with some asbestos had been reported.

The replacement tree for the one which had been removed on the green was discussed. It was confirmed that it would be replaced with a wild service tree (rowan).

It was felt that there were probably enough reserves of grit/salt not to purchase extra from highways. Highways was now charging for grit – free grit bags for parishes were no longer available.

b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

£20 had been received for the last of the log sales.

The cemetery had been mowed and Craig continued to work well for the Parish on all the tasks he was requested to do.

c. Footpath Strimming-no report

d. Village Hall – A list of maintenance work had been drawn up and the committee were looking to find people in the community who would help with repairs. The next big plan was to upgrade the toilets.

e. CLT–no update- next meeting on 12th November at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

f. Playing Fields –no update

g. Other - none

9) Correspondence. – There was to be a change over of the police local beat team that covered High Ham. It was to be asked if the police could attend High Ham soon to discuss issues of rural crime. A support letter was required from the council for the Church to support grant bids.

10) Summary of Meetings attended. – None

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Village Hall Hire - £180.00 (chq reqd)

SSDC Playground inspection –£94.20

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

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meetings was set as November 27th and December 18th.

Meeting closed at 20.50hrs