



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, Chris Palmer, Andrew Davidson, John Vigar, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor)  
V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 8 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies**, Paul Brunsdon, Rob Webb, Clare Paul (County Councillor).
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

**3) Open Discussion:**

Noted that the Parish Recipe Book was available with the proceeds going to the Village Hall.

Clearing of ash in the Milleniumm Wood - there had been some updated guidance regarding ash trees – to be covered later in the meeting.

**4) Councillors reports**

The County Councillor's written report had been forwarded.

The District Councillor's report included that the application for Torwood had been approved. The District Council were implementing their draft climate strategy. It was reported that the investment strategy of the District Council had led to the District Council borrowing to the full extent of its assets.

It was clarified that Hamdown was an unadopted road.

The postbox at Park had been removed. Gerard and Clare working to find out why highways would not allow a replacement post there when there had been one there for so many years.

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved as a true record.

**6) Planning Applications for consideration**

A) 19/02718/LBC

Address Stembridge Tower Mill Cottage Windmill Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DL

Proposal External and internal repairs and refurbishment of cottage. Including repairs to solid stone walls, removal of a chimney and enhancing drainage. All retaining existing layout. – no objections

B) 19/02247/LBC

Address Dairy House Farm Lower Street High Ham Langport TA10 9DR

Proposal Listed Building Consent for the repair and reinstatement of a fire damaged outbuilding –no objections

**7) Planning Applications Decided**

Torwood had been approved

The cottage at windmill road – approved.

Land adjoining Morganside – withdrawn- but a new application expected.

**8) Matters for consideration/Items for Discussion**

a. Enhancements at the Green – ongoing re bollards. Trees on green to be worked on lower branches – Craig would sort out.

b. Highways. & Fingerpost restoration project/ & SIDs (speed indicator devices). Wig Wags would likely be put in in November

various issues noted

SIDS –the shared Turnhill one was progressing.



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- c. Parish Lengthsman –inc Mil. Wd Wk and Cemetery and Strimmer Project  
Craig would work on the lime tree in The Pound.  
Ongoing. Strimmer project – SCC now conceded that PC can use their insurance for a volunteer to operate the strimmer.
- d. Millennium Wood – inc above – Various professional opinions had been sought. It was agreed that the council should proceed with thinning the trees at a lesser rate. During the winter, selected trees will be coppiced to allow the tops of the neighbouring trees to spread out. This will slow down the upward growth and allow the remaining trees to become sturdier. Parish Lengthsman, Craig Howe, will do the work. The large banks of garden-species dogwood and the boundary hedge will be cut by Olly Howley.’. Approved that Craig could use some of his extra days for this work.
- e. Village Hall items – noted again that the Parish Council had offered to help financially with wifi connection for the village hall and the 1<sup>st</sup> years operating costs of the wifi.
- f. Playing Fields - The finance committee had met and put a recommendation to the council that £10,00 be put aside in the playing field reserves in order that they could use that to find match funding grants etc. Motion proposed by John Vigar, seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.
- g. Speed Indicator Devices – already discussed.
- h. Other/lecturn/The Pound –progressing. RW to look into getting quotes from local trades people.  
Re Dennis Davis award – all councillors were in agreement with regard to whom should be the recipient and it was agreed that it should be engraved and awarded at a suitable parish event.
9. Correspondence. – no additional
10. Summary of Meetings attended - finance group had met to make a recommendation regarding the playing field.

**12) Financial**

Bank mandate – ongoing, necessary form signed

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing field– £191.70

**13) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -**

Various upcoming local events were highlighted

The Date of the next meeting would be 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting closed at 20.55hrs