



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 14th May 2019

Present: Dave Vigar (Chair), Chris Palmer, Robert Webb, Paul Brunsdon, Amanda Chuter, Andrew Davidson
Parishioners Approx: 15

Meeting opened at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

1) Present, consideration of apologies received and confirmation that a quorum is present –Apologies were received from John Vigar, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor) and Clare Paul (County Councillor). Quorum confirmed present.

2) Declaration of acceptance of office All councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office and took their seats on the council.

3) Election of Chairman for the year and signing of Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

This item was chaired by the vice-Chair Amanda Chuter. David Vigar was elected Chairman. Proposed by Chris Palmer, seconded by Paul Brunsdon. David Vigar having indicated that he would be willing to stand again the motion was carried unanimously.

4) Election of Vice-Chairman for the year. David Vigar took the chair. David Vigar proposed Amanda Chuter as vice-chairman, seconded by Chris Palmer. Amanda Chuter indicated that she would be willing to stand again as vice chairman - the motion was carried unanimously.

5) Declarations of interest on agenda items. Chris Palmer declared an interest in 18/03691/FUL by virtue of being a neighbour.

6) Open Discussion : A meeting regarding the speed indicator devices was taking place on June 6th.

7) Representatives, Appointments & Policies including

- Planning Officer. Chris Palmer appointed. Proposed by David Vigar, seconded Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.
- The School Representative. Chris Palmer appointed with Robert Webb as an additional representative.. Proposed by David Vigar, seconded Andrew Davidson and carried unanimously.
- The Village Hall Representative. Robert appointed. Proposed by Amanda Chuter, seconded Chris Palmer and carried unanimously.
- SALC. Vicky Young appointed – Proposed by David Vigar, seconded Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.
- Parish Lengthsman Liaison and Strimmer project. Amanda Chuter appointed. Proposed by Chris Palmer seconded Andrew Davidson and carried unanimously.
- The Hext Almshouse Trust. – to be held over until the next meeting.
- Speedwatch Representative. - the group had disbanded. No appointment made.
- Footpath officer – Andrew Davidson appointed. Proposed by Robert Webb, seconded by David Vigar.
- To appoint the Council's Tree Warden. – Paul Brunsdon appointed. Proposed by Amanda Chuter, seconded Chris Palmer and carried unanimously.
- To appoint the Honorary Auditor. – Mike Tottle appointed. Proposed by Paul Brunsdon, seconded by David Vigar and carried unanimously.
- Playing Field Management Committee ratification including 2 council members. Nancy Green, Paul Brunsdon, Peter Brown Charlotte Bean, Marianne Matthews, Robert Webb were ratified as members. Proposed by David Vigar, seconded Paul Brunsdon and carried unanimously.
- Millennium Wood Management Committee ratification including at least 2 council members. Amanda Chuter and David Vigar, Paul Brunsdon, Andrew Davidson, Roger Hall, Roger Powell and Amy Jenkins.
- Any other – Finance committee - David Vigar, Andrew Davidson and Amanda Chuter to make up committee. Proposal carried unanimously.

CLT – The CLT was acknowledged and it was confirmed that this was a completely separate identity to the Parish Council. The first elected board was due to be elected on 12th June.



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Emergency Plan – Chris Palmer to continue. Website co-ordinator – Hannah Rice volunteered to help with the Parish website. Highways – Andrew Davidson volunteered. Amanda Chuter to continue with footpath/strimmer liaison and John Vigar was nominated to continue as a contact for the cemetery.

Adoption of Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial regulations – unanimously decided to carry on with current arrangements.

8) Councillors reports

Gerard Tucker would present his report at the next meeting having sent his apologies for this evening's meeting. Clare Paul (County Councillor) - the written report had been forwarded and circulated prior to the meeting.

9) Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2019 were approved as a true record.

10) Item 13 on the agenda was taken next. – Planning Applications for Consideration.

a) 18/03691/FUL Amended -18/03691/FUL

Address: Land Adjoining Morganside Turnhill Road High Ham Langport Somerset

Proposal: Erection of 3 dwellings with associated works including the creation of a new access

The application was discussed. It was noted that there was dissatisfaction that an application that was now completely different to the original was being put through as an amended plan. There was no access statement although 3 accesses shown on the plan. It was felt that all the original concerns still remained, including issues with the conservation area and it not being in keeping with the surrounding buildings or area. Additionally although a desktop study had been done for the highways work it was known that in real-life there were highway concerns. Chris Palmer refrained from the vote. The voting members of the council unanimously voted to oppose the application.

b) 19/01001/HOU

Address Henley Corner Henley Langport Somerset

Proposal The erection of a two storey rear extension, porch and associated works. – After discussion this application met unanimously with no objections.

c) 19/01011/OUT 19/01011/OUT

Address Land Adjoining Greymanes Lower Street High Ham Langport TA10 9DS

Proposal Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling.

There was much concern raised regarding the harm to the character of Low Ham by allowing the 'cluster' principle to apply in Low Ham. The application was outline only and many of the concerns from the previous application still had not been addressed. After considerable discussion, by a vote of 4 against and 2 in favour of the application the council resolved to oppose the application.

d) 19/01082/SL3A 19/01082/S73A

Address The Cottage Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EX

Proposal S73 Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 18/01075/FUL to amend site layout, changes to fenestration and the addition of new balcony to the rear of each property, alterations to front porch and internal layout of proposed dwellings and changes to external finish of the front elevation. – The council unanimously raised no objections to this application.



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11) Adoption of accounts for year ending 31 March 2019 and resolution to agree annual return figures and Annual Statement of Governance. – the statement of governance must be completed before the resolution on the accounts.

- a) Andrew Davidson proposed, Amanda Chuter seconded that ‘The Annual Statement of Governance’ was approved for the year ending 31 March 2019. Carried unanimously.
- b) Chris Palmer proposed and Paul Brunsdon seconded that the statement of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019 be adopted. Carried unanimously.
- c) Risk Assessment and statement of Internal Control. The statements had been reviewed at the April 2019 meeting. It was confirmed by the council that these statements, that formed the appendices to the financial regulations approved earlier in the meeting, should also be approved.

12) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

- a. Highways - The Parish Council share of the cost of the flashing school signs was likely to be £1600. The approval of this was confirmed by the new council. Bryan Bartlett was in the process of handing over progress reports etc on highways issues to Andrew Davidson.
- b. Parish Lengthsman – none – next meeting
- c. Millennium Wood/Cemetery-confirmed requested quotes for gate work
- d. Any Other - None

13) Correspondence. – adjourned to next meeting. There had been correspondence relating to SIDs

14) Planning Applications Decided

19/00337/HOU Southend House - Granted

15) Summary of Meetings attended. - None

16) Payments for approval and cheques to authorise

The following items were approved for payment

Cheques and payments to Authorise

SALC – £242.97

Somerset Landscapes - £63.90

17) Matters of Report and items for next meeting –

Reported that the playing field grass cutting was not mulching in and a problem for football.

17) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 28th May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm