



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 26th February 2019

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Nancy Green, John Vigar, Jim Godfrey, Bryan Bartlett, V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 13 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies**, Amanda Chuter, Chris Palmer, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor) Clare Aparicio Paul (County councillor).
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Nancy Green declared an interest in item 6c being the applicant.

3) Open Discussion:

Clive Miller spoke about the infilling policy which was a new national policy which would be taken into consideration on applications. Hamlets can be infilled if near other large settlements/villages. The example that they were considering in this case was whether to apply for permission on a paddock next to Tibbs House. The policy did recognise the importance of the countryside and was only for limited infill on a small scale allowing self builds. If people wished to self build they would need to register with South Somerset District Council. There was a possibility of using a plot for infill to meet the aspiration of a local family to stay in the hamlet of Henley

Work re the tree on the green – discussed.

Thefts of bicycles in the area mentioned and also a few shed thefts – please lock up sheds.

4) Councillors reports

Written reports had been sent in and circulated to council members for both the County and District Councillor reports. The District Councillor report highlighted that the application for the heights which was retrospective had been refused. The request regarding a pavement by the school on a planning application had also been considered and would need funding from another source which would be difficult to secure due to the large amount of investment required.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2019 were approved as a true record with one minor amendment. The issue of Wi-fi at the Village Hall was briefly discussed. It was known that grant funding for it would be available. John Vigar to take the matter forward with the Village Hall committee.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 19/00119/OUT Address Land Between Teddy Bear Cottage And Lyncot Hamdown Court, Picts Hill Langport Somerset

Proposal Outline application for the erection of 1 No. new dwelling. with some matters reserved except access, layout and scale. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to offer no objections.

b) 19/00139/HOU Address South View Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EX

Proposal Erection of a two storey rear extension. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to offer no objections.

c) 18/03919/COL Address Yew Tree Farm Henley Road High Ham Langport TA10 9BH

Proposal Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension.

Nancy Green did not take part in any discussion on this item. The discussion was limited to the fact that the Parish Council had not been consulted on the application as it was not a full planning application, but if anyone wanted to make comment on the application they could do so directly to the planning department.

It was noted that the application for revised tree works at Hamdown had been received by the District Council.



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7) Planning Applications Decided

19/00037/HDG – Removal of 3m section of hedgerow – Land south of Union Drive – granted

18/04075/FUL – Leafy Brook Farm – demolition of existing buildings and erection of four dwellings and improvements to access - pending

19/00139/HOU – South View, Picts Hill – Erection of a two storey rear extension – pending

18/03691/FUL –land adjoining Morganside, Turnhill Road - Erection of 3 dwellings with associated works including the creation of a new access – pending

18/03081/FUL Land South Of The Firs ,Stout Road,- Erection of a new dwelling and garage and the construction of associated access, parking and turning. – pending

18/02285/FUL The Heights Main Road High Ham - The carrying out of alterations and engineering works to level rear gardens, and formation of a roof terrace. (Part Retrospective) - Refused

8) Matters for Consideration

8a) - Enhancements at the Green – Tree planted - Craig, Paul Brunsdon and Geoff Webb thanked.

8b) Highways – progressing regarding the reported defects – large pot hole outside Field House to be reported. In places highways to be asked if they can reinstate the verge where they are insistent that the unevenness is not a pothole on the carriageway. Lots of ditching work being done in the Parish which has brought up a lot of items that were fly tipped in the rhynes. Bryan to ask Street Scene if it could be removed as fly tipping.

8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

£50 received for wood sales. Craig would be asked to look at the drains in Long Street where it was thought tree roots were growing down into the drain.

lengthsman Jan/Feb 2019 activity

Work includes

Clearing grips and drains.

Further felling of selected trees in Millennium Wood as part of planned programme of thinning. £50 received for sale of unseasoned wood

13.02.19 Little Green. Tree planting site cleared of a trailer-load of stone rubble and old stumps and roots. Wild Service tree planted. Thanks to help from Paul Brunsdon, Geoff Webb, Dave V, Amanda C, Roger H.

14.02.19 Little Green. Bollards installed to prevent further erosion of the green by passing and parking vehicles

Playing Field gate installed

2019-20 contract. There has been informal liaison with Long Sutton, Aller, Huish Episcopi, Long Sutton and Long Load PCs re hourly rate. LL proved rested unknown, but other have already agreed or are proposing £13.50.

Contract with HH is for 65 days, 455hrs. 5 additional days can be used, if required.

Millennium Wood

See Lengthsman Report

Site meeting to be held 15.03.19 to decide 2019 tree and vegetation management. Craig Howe, Dave Vigar, Amanda Chuter, Roger Hall, Amy Dewitt, Roger Powell to attend

For further information and photos, visit:

www.highhamparishcouncil.co.uk 'Parish Lengthsman' and 'Millennium Wood' pages

Instagram: Highhammillenniumwood

Footpath Strimming: no activity



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Fingerpost restoration: no activity. Drayton resident, on seeing reports of restoration work on website, made contact enquiring information about paint used - they plan to repair one of their posts. Good to know the website is visited and HH PC projects being discovered.

2, possibly 3, posts awaiting work.

8d) Village Hall –Wifi issues had been noted earlier in the meeting and John Vigar was to ask if the committee could investigate possibilities.

8e) CLT – Progress reported. PUBLIC MEETING ON 27TH MARCH AT 7PM for the chance to sign-up to become a member of High Ham CLT.

8f) Playing Fields- Quiz had raised £213 profit.

8g) Other - SIDS – a ward meeting with other Turnhill parishes had taken place. All looking into shared SID arrangement with High Ham. A laptop for the Parish Council was discussed. It was unanimously agreed to purchase one suitable for office work. A budget unanimously agreed between £500-£1000.

9) Correspondence.

Administrative correspondence regarding pension arrangements and SSCSW had been dealt with as had other general enquiries of minor nature. Email correspondence had been passed on to the High Ham Parish Group where appropriate. Chris Palmer had heard back with reference to the fire hydrants and the fire brigade would look and help Parish Council with the exercise to identify the hydrants in the Parish. EVERYONE WAS URGED THAT THEY SHOULD FIND THE NEAREST HYDRANT TO THEIR HOME. IF THERE WAS ONE ON THEIR DRIVE THEY WERE URGED TO ENSURE THAT IT STAYED CLEAR.

10) Summary of Meetings attended. – There had been a meeting of Turn Hill Ward parishes and there had been a discussion with George Flint the beet officer regarding countryside policing.

11) Financial

The quote for cutting the grass at the playing field was unanimously accepted.

The following payments were authorised;

D Plant – mtce/mowing at the green - £650

Clerk wages and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Parish Lengthsman- post mix - £40.00

D Vigar – expenses – Christmas service -£50.00

Chew Valley Trees - £177.50

PRB-re playing field gate - £52.50

Information Commissioner's Office - £40.00

Village Hall - £81.30

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - £81.30

Review grass cutting quote for playing field of £53.25 + VAT per cut

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

To be discussed at next meeting

-review of cemetery fees

-drainage across the moor

-elections

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting would be 26th March 2019

Meeting closed at 9.00pm