



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 17th December 2019

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

Approx: 20 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:-** Chris Palmer, Rob Webb, Clare Paul (County Councillor),
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** both John Vigar (being the applicant) and Paul Brunsdon (being a neighbour) declared an interest in application 6a.

3) Open Discussion: None

4) Councillors reports

The County Councillor's written report had been forwarded.

The District Councillor presented his report which is appended to the minutes. Highlighted items included the Climate Change Strategy and planning matters at area north.

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 26th of November was approved as a true record with minor amendment and duly signed.

6) Planning Applications for consideration

A) Reference 19/02843/FUL

Address Land North Of Long Street House Long Street High Ham Langport Somerset

Proposal Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to residential, the erection of a new dwelling, triple garage with bat loft and conversion of an existing outbuilding into an annex.

John Vigar introduced the application to the meeting and then left the meeting for the discussion on the application. Paul Brunsdon presented his view on the application and then left the meeting for the discussion on the application. It was confirmed that the meeting was still quorate.

Discussion took place regarding the placement of the building on the site and the size of the building on the plot and how it fitted on the footprint of the original barn. After discussion a vote was taken with 2 in favour of raising no objection and one abstention.

At the closure of the item John Vigar and Paul Brunsdon returned to the meeting.

B) Reference 19/03298/TCA

Address Land Opposite 4 Hawthorne Close Main Road High Ham Langport Somerset

Proposal Application to carry out Tree Works within a designated Conservation Area

The council was not consulted on this application as this was an application by the council for tree works at the green.

7) Planning Applications Decided

Dairy House Farm including Listed Building Consent – approved

19/01835/FUL – Stout, 3 holiday cabins – approved

Morganside – after the special meeting there was disappointment that this still was not decided.



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8) Matters for consideration/Items for Discussion

- a. Enhancements at the Green – continuing – has been marked up by highways for their part of the work.
- b. Highways. & Fingerpost restoration project/ & SIDs (speed indicator devices). Wig Wags – Highways had assured the Parish Council representative that this would be done soon. Nythe Road had been improved, Picts Hill Sids was still ongoing awaiting a response regarding SID placement from highways. Matters with various ditches and drains to be chased up and the pothole at the bottom of Bridgehorn had come back. The joint Turnhill SIDs was ongoing.
- c. Parish Lengthsman –inc Mil. Wd Wk and Cemetery and Strimmer Project

December 2019 Lengthsman Report

Play Area - cut back the hedge adjacent to the bmx track.

Drainage - clearing grids and grips - work ongoing. Recording blocked drains as requested

The Pound - application made to SSDC Planning to carry our work in conservation area ie the lime tree.

The Green - chasing western power about clearing the branches around the utility cables on the village green - no success so far. Issue raised over a year ago, they are being pretty slack

Millennium Wood - attended Site Meeting on 29th November re Management Plan for 2020 and beyond.

Millennium Wood

29.11.19 Site Meeting attended by Paul Brunsdon, Amanda Chuter, Craig Howe, Tim Lawton, Dave Vigar

Following discussion, a draft plan was drawn up by Tim, and will be circulated to the MW management group for comment, and before January meeting, the final copy to the PC.

The redundant tree guards have been collected and will be re-used to protect self-sown seedlings.

A successful grant application was made to the Woodland Trust. In March the following will be delivered:

Hedge (30 saplings) dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab-apple, dogwood

Copse (30 saplings) silver birch, Rowan, wild cherry

It was to be considered whether the metal side gates should be painted.

- d. Millennium Wood – inc above –noted there had been a successful grant from the Woodland Trust for 30 saplings. The redundant tree guards had been gathered up and used for the self sown seedlings.
- e. Village Hall items – Wifi was being investigated. Rob Webb to liaise with Village Hall Committee. Grants likely to be available from Area North.
- f. Playing Fields - Various matters ongoing – litter picking had been undertaken and grants were being sought.
- g. Speed Indicator Devices – already discussed.
- h. Other/lecturn/The Pound –progressing.
- i. Picts Hill – various ongoing traffic matters etc. Gerard had spoken to the developer about the removal of the problematic hedge.

9. Correspondence. Enquiries were to be made to cosmic regarding various website matters including the WCAG 2.1 AA regulation.

10. Summary of Meetings attended - At a working party meeting in the Parish it had been noted that the notice board on the Green was continuing to let water in and needed some renovation work or replacing.



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11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

Entertainments licence - £70.00

Engraving D Davis award -£7.00

Additional Chipper Hire - £50.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -

Various upcoming local events were highlighted – including sing song around the Christmas Tree on 21st December. – Charity that was chosen was the air ambulance.

The Date of the next meeting would be 28th January 2019.

The meeting was closed to the public to discuss confidential contractual information regarding the contract review for the Parish Lengthsman.

Meeting closed at 21.00hrs