



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

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, Nancy Green, John Vigar, Jim Godfrey, Clare Aparicio Paul (County councillor).

V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 5 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies**, Chris Palmer, Bryan Bartlett, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

3) Open Discussion:

The disappointment regarding the fascia at the front of Hedgecoes was noted.

It was also highlighted that the road across the moor was now closed.

The pavement opposite St Andrews outside the Heights was noted as it had been left a dangerous mess and the lorries parking there had broken the road.

4) Councillors reports

Gerard gave his District Councillor's report highlighting that rural communities were important and that he was making these thoughts known as necessary at higher level. The County Councillor report had been forwarded to all councillors. Clare highlighted that the County Council had balanced their budget.

5) Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2019 were approved as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration - None

7) Planning Applications Decided

Erection of a two storey rear extension. South View Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EX

Ref. No: 19/00139/HOU – Granted

Outline application for the erection of 1 No. new dwelling. with some matters reserved except access, layout and scale.

Land Between Teddy Bear Cottage And Lyncot Hamdown Court, Picts Hill Langport Somerset

19/00119/OUT – Granted

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

Yew Tree Farm Henley Road High Ham Langport TA10 9BH

Ref. No: 18/03919/COL - Granted

Change of use to equine facility, extension to existing hay barn and erection of American Barn and yard with associated parking.

Land West Of Cemetery Field Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 0QX

Ref. No: 18/02125/FUL – Granted

Application to carry out tree works to 1 No. Lime and 1 No. Horsechestnut shown within Tree Preservation Order SSDC (HIHA 1) 1993 Confirmed 24.11.93

4 Hamdown Court Picts Hill Langport TA10 9EB

Ref. No: 19/00160/TPO – Refused. Noted that there was likely to be an appeal.

8) Matters for Consideration

8a) - Enhancements at the Green - new tree was now budding. Bollards had been installed with one more to go in as one short. There had been a kind donation of snowdrops for The Green.



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Obtaining info re mid path across green and the options, but it would require a financial contribution from the Parish Council. The school warning signs had gone up and the installation of flashing lights was still ongoing.

8b) Highways –Several pothole repairs had been completed. Beer Drove potholes and road edging was going to be highlighted again as a safety defect. Street Scene to be asked if they could come and clear up the fly tipped stuff that had recently been dredged out of the rhynes.

Finger post restoration project was to resume when the weather improves. The Parish Council contact in Aller was to get back to the Parish Council with regards to the SID sharing arrangement.

8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

37hrs worked February

37hrs March

Cemetery - grass cutting started

Millennium Wood - first cut of grass

tree thinning now paused. Will continue next winter

site meeting

March/April work to include - clearing vegetation from Walls of The Pound

Weed killing along pavement between Manor Farm and

Millennium Wood Site Meeting: Dave V, Craig H, Amanda C, Roger H, Roger P

Actions Agreed

1. Pond-side shelter. Anti-slip strips to be fixed to deck. Craig Howe to source materials and install. Roger P. to assist
2. Pond. Clear algae and Parrot Weed early May. Date/time tbc. Volunteers will be sought when date agreed
3. Hazels by car park entrance. Craig to coppice 2 for den-building material
4. Grass cutting to start by end of March. Craig
5. Native woodland plants. Planting - Stinking Iris - Roger H. Wild Garlic - Amanda C
6. Remaining Ash trees to be monitored. Winter 19/20 thinning to continue. craig and Roger H to select trees for thinning out.
7. Long-term, new plantings to include Alder, Sycamore, Beech, Birch - mature, not whips

8d) Village Hall –Wi-fi – the village hall was to look into the installation and first year's running costs of wi-fi. The monthly charge was putting the committee off. Grants were available for match funding from area north and loop system grants aswell.

Auction of promises for Village Hall was on 18th May.

8f) Playing Fields –AGM was noted as 2nd April-Community School Room.

8g) Other

CLT Meeting – Highlighted that there was a public meeting tomorrow night regarding the CLT at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Cemetery gates – Council to have a site visit and review, with the view to the possibility of a professional repair job to the gates.

9) Correspondence.

Yarlington Housing had responded but offered no help with regard to the parking situation.

Noted that there was a High Ham Beat Surgery poster which would go up and advertise the events.

The parish council element on the statements had been reduced as reserves quite high as the council had had so many good volunteers and additionally found several grants for projects. There would be a small decrease showing on people's council tax statements for the Parish Council element of the council tax.

10) Cemetery fees. Nancy Green proposed the new rates shown in appendix 1 be adopted. This was seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously. The rates table from April 2019 was to come into effect from 1st May.

11) Summary of Meetings attended. – Millenium Wood working party had met.



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12) Financial

It was proposed by Amanda Chuter and seconded by John Vigar and carried unanimously that the receipt of £1090.40 from the memorial dinner be allocated to the playing field reserves.

The following payments were authorised;

Clerk wages and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Parish Lengthsman – generator hire - £50.00

Cosmic 4 hours websupport - £288.00

Robert Matthews - £530.00

13) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

Nomination papers for anyone wishing to stand as Parish Councillor were still available from the District Council or from David Vigar.

Noted that the annual parish meeting and annual parish council meeting would be on 14th May with the normal 4th Tuesday of May a short interim meeting being held. This was due to the elections.

14) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting would be 23rd April 2019

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Appendix 1. revised cemetery rates

From the 1 April 2019 the fees for High Ham Cemetery are as follows:

To purchase a plot for Burial

High Ham Parishioners	£165
Non Parishioners	£250

To open a grave for Burial

High Ham Parishioners	£165
Non Parishioners	£250

To erect a headstone £100

For placing cremated ashes in an existing grave £80

Burial of ashes in the Garden of Rest £80
Non Parishioners £110

Placing a stone tablet with carved name over buried ashes (Tablets must be 15” and laid flat on the gravel area) £75

Place a separate stone or marble Vase £50