



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), John Vigar, Amanda Chuter, Bryan Bartlett, Chris Palmer, Nancy Green, V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 10 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Jim Godfrey, Clare Aparicio Paul, Gerard Tucker.

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

**3) Open Discussion:**

Noted condolences for the families of Mr Chorley and Mr Tapscott.

Nythe Road repairs discussed – one repair could not be fully made as badger damage so only able to repair top surface. Other repair IDB was going to close road to repair culvert but workmen have to wait to hear from Sedgemoor DC when the road will be closed for them to do the work.

**4) Councillors reports**

Written reports had been sent in and circulated to council members.

It was encouraged that individuals should continue to report urgent matters of highways public safety.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved with minor amendment as a true record.

**6) Planning Applications for Consideration**

a) 18/02125/FUL Land West Of Cemetery, Field Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0QX Change of use to equine facility, extension to existing hay barn and erection of American Barn and yard with associated parking  
After much discussion it was unanimously agreed that there were no objections in principle to the application but that in this format it could not be supported. There were concerns of scale, traffic, parking adequacy, junction visibility. Above all else it was queried whether it would have a detrimental effect on the cemetery. It was felt that more details were required, such as a business plan to confirm if plans for the site were suitable in that location and traffic movements realistic. There was no screening from the the cemetery and it was felt that the cemetery should be treated sensitively. Additionally there was concern about the height of the buildings and how the lighting would affect the area.

b) 18/02285/FUL The Heights, Main Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DA The carrying out of alterations and engineering works to level rear gardens, formation of a swimming pool and pool outbuilding and roof terraces. (Part Retrospective) – Time extension granted to after next meeting – therefore not discussed.

**7) Planning Applications Decided**

18/01741/COU Hamdown Farm, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX Change of use of barn to a mixed use comprising agricultural use and caravan storage (retrospective) -Granted

18/01622/FUL Hamdown Farm, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX The formation of a replacement field entrance and the laying of a no-dig private pedestrian path - Granted – There had been various legal issues regarding the path over neighbours properties and the planning conditions regarding this were read out. The planning officer's report exonerated the Parish Council's stance not to comment, as most of the matters were complex and rare legal matters and not planning matters leaving the Parish Council unable to comment.

18/02558/TPO 4 Hamdown Court, Picts Hill, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9EB, Application to carry out tree surgery works to trees included within SSDC Tree Preservation Order (HIHA 1) 1993. and down trees – Withdrawn



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18/02713/TCA Village Green, Rectory Triangle, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9BZ, Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area - Granted

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

**a. Highways**

Bryan Bartlett continued to work with the reporting of defects of highways to the Highways officer. Fly tipping had been reported and removed. County Highways had given the go ahead for bollards around the green, but the tree was to be replaced first. The tree could be replaced straight away as it had died of bleeding canker which does not affect the ground. Paul Brunson recommended a species of tree for replacement, which was a type of Ash tree. Paul Brunson to contact Amanda Chuter. And Craig was to remove the tree (unanimously agreed).

Work re the dropped curb outside the school was still pushing for this work to be done.

John Vigar to speak to landowners where hedges were starting to be an issue with obstructing the highway.

Signpost Restoration

3 fingerposts restored: top Culver Hill, Top of Hext Hill, Ham Hill/Henley Junction

9th October work started on fingerpost top of Fountain, opposite pub. The team (Roger Powell, Dave Vigar, Phil Cale and Amanda Chuter) scraped and primed the post. The collar was removed from the Hext Hill post 3rd finger (Pedwell/Street) can be reinstated after spending some years in the pub. Work will continue on the 16th. Thanks to Dennis and Marion and Dennis for the use of their electricity.

**b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood**

Millennium Wood

September 9th: 33 nets of seasoned logs sold on the day (£115), and £80 worth later - the logs a result of Craig Howe's work in MW recent years. The money raised will go towards the upkeep of the woodland. Thanks to the 'sales team' of Craig, Dave, Amanda and Amy, and to Dave for the use of his tractor.

On the day, Craig and Roger Hall discussed which trees required thinning out in coming months. Amy Jenkins and her children trialled the new Family Challenges - now stored in the pond-side shelter.

Thanks to SSDC area North and Pauline Burr, we have been given a further 10 laminated copies each of the 6 Challenge sheets - some for spares rest to Amy Jenkins for her work at school.

Work for October/ November

Removal of tree on Little Green, and planting of new tree - species to be decided. Work to be completed before installation of bollards during school Christmas holiday.

**c. Footpath Strimming**

**Footpath - Volunteer Strimmer**

5hrs15mins

Cemetery: strimming grave edges

Village Hall to Standhill Rd: gates and stiles

Beer Drove: first stile and stile 1 mile east

Breech Wood: stile to east

**d. Village Hall** – New Years party being organised and auction of promises most likely to be in the spring.



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- e. **CLT**–2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the steering group had been held yesterday led by Alison Ward regarding the legal parts of the CLT. It had been decided to choose the ‘community benefit’ organisation as it was more flexible. Dave Vigar to Chair for first 6 months, Mike Tottle – treasurer, Vicky Young Secretary. These posts were for the first 6 months. Amanda Chuter and Nancy Green had also attended the meeting. £40 payment for the registration of the CLT with the Financial Services authority was unanimously agreed.
- f. **Playing Fields** –The Parish Council unanimously agreed to pledge £100 towards the Commemorative Dinner that the playing field committee were organising with the support of the British Legion. The dinner would be held in the Village Hall. Limited to 80 seats.  
Fund raising was continuing for the pavilion. A quiz would be held in the new year.
- g. **Other** Hi-Line had been through the Parish but would only work on the trees touching or by the line.

**9) Correspondence.**

A letter from the National Trust had been received stating that the windmill sail was being repaired.  
A letter had been received about the mobile library service ceasing.  
Low Ham Church had requested that the council write a letter to support its bid for a grant with the heritage lottery fund.

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.**

Some Parishioners had attended a trip to Hinkley Point – anyone wishing to visit had to book through EDF.

**11) Financial**

The following payments were authorised

V Young- clerk wages and expenses £221.56  
Lengthsman - £502.40  
Lengthsman extra materials millennium wood - £32.57  
PKF- Auditors - £240  
Somerset Landscapes (mowing playing field) - £61.74  
FSA- CLT registration fee - £40.00

In addition to cemetery receipts there was £80 from log sales at the Millennium Wood to pay in.

**12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting** - No further matters.

Dennis Davis award was to be bi-annual and therefore due to be awarded again November/December 2019.

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meetings was set as 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 followed by November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed at 21:00hrs.