



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 22nd January 2019

Present: Amanda Chuter (Chairman), Chris Palmer, Nancy Green, John Vigar, Jim Godfrey, Bryan Bartlett, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor), V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 17 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies**, Dave Vigar, Clare Aparicio Paul (County councillor).

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

3) Open Discussion:

Parking problems in the parish were mentioned. A letter to go to yarlington re St Andrews Close as there was parking on the pavements and on the pavement along the main road by the bend at the top of the hill. The parking issue be mentioned to the police at the meeting next Saturday.

The police were holding a rural crime drop-in advice and marking session in the Village Hall next Saturday.

Helen Lazenby spoke regarding a potential project at Greymaynes and as a result of refusal of a previous application whether a smaller one would be supported.

It was mentioned that Stembridge Mill did not appear in the new NT guide.

It was noted that the defibrillator was working. There had been an issue with it but that had been procedures at ambulance control. These issues had now been resolved.

Noted that the May 2nd Elections included Parish Council elections.

4) Councillors reports

Written reports had been sent in and circulated to council members of the County Councillor's report.

Gerard's report highlighted that the planning application for 'The Heights' was going to the area north development committee.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 were approved as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 18/04075/FUL Leafy Brook Farm, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EZ Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of four dwellings and improvements to existing access. – After much discussion the application was unanimously supported. Neighbours were urged that they should put their comments into the District Council consultation on the application.

7) Planning Applications Decided

a) 18/03615/OUT Land Adjoining Greymaynes, Lower Street, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9DS Outline application for the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. - Refused

b) 18/02843/COU Rose Cottage, Windmill Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DL Change of use of premises from residential to a mixed use of residential/dog grooming salon. - Granted

8a) - **Enhancements at the Green** – Work was progressing. White lining to be refreshed. Signs for the school had been ordered and some bollard work would be done in the next financial year.

Speed Indicator Devices- comparison of prices and specifications allowed still ongoing.

8b) **Highways** – progressing regarding the reported defects.

8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

37 and half hours worked – 113 hours left. Grips and drains cleared. He would look at Long Street drainage issues. Tree thinning in Millennium Wood and logs stacked for seasoning. Tree thinning undertaken and work booked for tomorrow at the cemetery.



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Also reported that there had been a parish walk yesterday with 10 people, but not strimmer work due to the time of year. Users were reminded that the pond side shelter was slippery and there was work being done to make that non slip.

8d) Village Hall – The success of the New Year's party was reported. It had been very successful.

8e) CLT – Progress reported. The CLT was now registered as a community benefit society. A public meeting would take place on 27th March where people could sign up to become members.

8f) Playing Fields- Moving forward with grant sourcing and obtaining quotes for timber framed buildings. Quiz set for Saturday 11th February and AGM set for Tuesday 2nd April.

8g) Other - Wifi - John Vigar to liaise with the hall committee. The request for wifi would have to come from the village hall committee. It was likely that the District Council would support this request.

9) Correspondence.

The Correspondence regarding memorial trees was discussed. It did not seem appropriate for High Ham to put memorial trees in a different wood. The idea of memorial trees however, might be something that the playing field could look into.

10) Summary of Meetings attended. – None

11) Financial

Set the Precept for the year 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

A precept of £21750 was proposed by John Vigar and seconded by Nancy Green and unanimously supported.

This would be a slight reduction on the band d amount for individual households of a little under £5 per annum and would still allow enough reserves to support grant applications for supporting community facilities including the Parish Council's own assets. Calculations appended.

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Bryan Bartlett – re expenses re Bollards at the green £95.41

John Vigar – re Christmas tree for village green £100.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

Flood lighting had been ordered for the Church

13) Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 8.30pm