



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 27th November 2018

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

Approx: 30 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1) **Apologies**, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor)

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

3) Open Discussion:

A pre-application consultation for a potential building development took place, an outline plan for up to 3 dwellings altogether was mentioned at Geoff Webb. – Given lack of detail at current time the Parish Council and members of public present were unable to provide comment but were grateful for the notification of the intent.

Chris Palmer had chased up the hydrant manager at the fire brigade, but was still waiting for a response regarding obtaining a hydrants map.

4) Councillors reports

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

Langport library was to remain after the libraries consultation. Concern was raised that despite budget cuts to all the services at County council that they still had to fulfil a duty of care on such things as children's services.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2018 were approved as a true record.

8a) - Village Hall - A brief explanation was given to the circumstances which lead to the item being on the last agenda. The Parish Council apologised again for any upset that it had caused. Mrs Chubb read out a statement which highlighted the history of the hall.

There was some full and frank discussion on the topic and how it had come to be aired. It was reiterated again that the Parish Council firmly support the current Village Hall committee and thank them for their work and the manner in which they keep the hall to such a high standard of condition. It was re-iterated that the idea was just to start discussions for the community to engage in regarding whether in future another hall/community centre might be required. This might be additional to the existing hall. The playing field were comfortable with what was required of the current plans and would carry on with them, leaving the door open for future development if it was wanted. A trustee from the Village Hall Committee said that their duty was for the current hall and any general parish consultation was for parish to ascertain the views of the parishioners.

With regards to Wi-Fi at the Village Hall, Chris Palmer asked Clare if area north at the district council could help with grants for this.

8b) Highways – progressing. Spring at Stout Hill had been dug out and rodded and will get jetted. With regard to the safety issue at the school and the near miss of a child with a car, Garry Warren had come out at school pick up time. Highways were prepared to do something as a one off, but would meet with representatives of the council to discuss the options available. Other road issues noted – still ongoing. Tri-signs reported as broken and replacements possible if the Parish council would make a donation. The cost of each was £30. John Vigar proposed £50 donation, seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.

Roger and Viv Hall thanked for help with the tree. Craig and a colleague were thanked for their professional work in removing the dead tree. Was questioned whether Craig would have an extra 6 hours to clear hydrants and if so the Parish Council would need to grant him some extra hours for this.

Next Finger post to finish was the one at the Green, which required some major work.

There were two potential donors for a replacement tree at the Green. A 10ft specimen est £100 and 6ft - £70 (wild service tree/rowan) Unanimously agreed that Paul Brunsdon could go ahead and order the biggest possible and this met with the approval of the immediate neighbours. (Unanimously agreed to go ahead and purchase 10ft tree)



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8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

O Howley to cut hedges again soon at Millennium Wood.

37.5 hrs worked

188 hrs remain

Diseased tree on Little Green felled and stump removed. Craig assisted by fellow tree surgeon Simon. Invoice for hire of stump grinder sent to Vicky. More detailed report and photos on website.

Thanks to Roger and Viv Hall for cake and coffee.

Comment by Parish resident:

'Craig and his colleague Simon were doing things in a very professional manner, quite a lot of technical stuff and things like Craig keeping a constant look out for people etc coming on site when he was working in the tree and his mate keeping the road clear of twigs and branches as they were coming down out of the tree, all things that some tree surgeons are not completely on top of.'

Visibility splays at Long St/Windmill Rd junction and Playing Field entrance trimmed.

Drainage work: Low Ham, Long St, Morton's Lane, Henley, High Ham Turn Hill, Bere.

Leaf clearance around Cemetery entrance.

8d) Footpath strimming — Tony Whitford, volunteer

3.5 hrs worked

Strimmer has been returned to SCC for servicing. Season will start again late April.

23.10.18 cemetery grave surrounds. 3.5 hours

8e Village Hall – Roger Lucken thanked for the new notice board. Up coming events highlighted included the New Years Eve party – tickets were available from Charlie.

8f CLT – Progress reported. Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would grant up to £200 to cover start up costs etc of the CLT.

8g) Memorial Lunch. This had gone very well. Nancy Green thanked for her work in organising the event.

Unanimously agreed that the British Legion be made a donation of £50 as the British Legion had partly funded the memorial lunch.

8h) Playing Fields- Moving forward with grant sourcing and obtaining quotes for timber framed buildings.

8i) Carol singing - SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 6PM unanimously agreed ½ to go to Village Hall and ½ to Air Ambulance.

The Church bells were to be ringing on St Andrews Day.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 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) - amended .

It was felt that this application was still problematical. The chaos within the planning department at the District Council had not helped any party in this matter. The Parish Council had met with the planning officer who was now assigned this application. There were still concerns as the plans did not show what had in fact been built. The parish council were also disappointed to acknowledge there was no consideration from the District Council regarding whether permitted development was based on the current footprint, including previous development or the original property size. The balcony still overlooks 2 neighbours. The planning officer had suggested amendments which the applicant had



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refused to make. Unanimously to object on the grounds above and ask the ward member to request that the Area North Chairman will allow the application to be heard at Area North.

b) 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 – amended plans. There was still some concern regarding the size of the building and about noise and visual impact upon the sanctity of the neighbouring cemetery. It was agreed by a vote of 6;1 in favour to support the application providing that some sort of visual screening between the buildings and the cemetery was undertaken together with a condition being made that it must not become a commercial enterprise.

c) 18/03710/AGN Ark Farm, New Manor House Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DP, Notification of intent to erect an agricultural storage building – This was not a full application – the parish council had not been asked for comment, but it was mentioned so that people would know what was happening at this location. – no comments to be made on this application.

7) Planning Applications Decided

Notice of agricultural intent at Wishels Farm – planning application was not required.

A further application had come in since the date of the agenda and a time extension was not granted. The clerk would collect comments in consultation with as many members of the council as possible as there was no other option.

9) Correspondence. – None that had not been included in items above.

10) Summary of Meetings attended. – David Vigar reported back from meeting with the new beat office George Flint. A drop in session on January 26th between 11-1 was planned with the new beat manager. Marking equipment would be available for people who wanted items marked. The area should soon have 2 PCSOs and can be contacted via Avon and Somerset Police website.

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Village Hall Hire re cllt meetings - £45

Somerset Landscapes 2 x cuts playing field – October - £123.48

Clerk wages and expenses & SLCC sub - £309.30

D Vigar wreath - £25, reimbursement re remembrance dinner - £90 – total £115.00

British Legion - £50

Community Speed Watch re signs - £50.00

Caterers –re remembrance dinner – 1011.00

Village Hall Hire – remembrance dinner - £30.00

Receipts to pay in for the remembrance dinner were £ 1090.40

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -

Reconvene Finance committee with regard to 2019-20 budget

Clerks hours

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next December 18th.

Meeting closed at 9.36pm