



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 12th April 2016

Present: David Vigar, Nancy Green , Amanda Chuter, James Godfrey, Bryan Bartlett, John Vigar. Chris Palmer, Shane Pledger, Derek Yeomans.

Approx 25 parishioners
Clive Miller regarding planning applications

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Gwenn Chubb had sent apologies

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** - John Vigar declared interests in 8e & 8f.

3) **Open Discussion:** - None

4) **Councillors reports -** Shane Pledger gave an update on ongoing matters relevant to High Ham. All solar farm application had gone to appeal. The result of the appeal was expected shortly. Shane Pledger was asked about litter picking across the moor. Derek Yeomans gave the County Councillors report and summarised the written report forwarded to councillors.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - minutes of March 2016 meeting were approved and adopted as a true record with a minor 'typo amendment to remove 'late' from the opening time.

6) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways. BB reported back on ongoing highways matters that were progressing. Lengthsman to be asked about spraying weeds on pavement at Hamdown Court. A speedwatch group report was given to update the meeting on the effectiveness of the Speed Indicator Devices and the speed watch group.

b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood/Strimmer Project . AC updated the meeting. The contract had been finalised. –Lots of vegetation management had been undertaken at various locations and grips at Turn Hill and Stout Hill had been worked on. Strimmer project – more footpaths had been opened up and the volunteer was working on strimming beyond Breach Furlong. Craig would be meeting the footpath officer for SCC about some additional problems on some footpaths. The second Parish walk had been well supported.

c. Defibrillator - Training had been undertaken free of charge by the Red Cross. And they had offered a further session. 9 people had been trained up how to use the defibrillator. Another session was offered free of charge. It was unanimously agreed that £50 be donated to the Red Cross as a thank you gesture to the charity for the high quality of the training given.

d. Millennium Wood - Tesco Green Community Fund (Carrier Bag Grant) – The bid for this grant had been successful and High Ham had been awarded £12,000 for the Millennium Wood. Craig had suggested that for this year we employ him for an extra 1 day per month. It was considered whether this would be needed for the whole year or just the summer. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that he be employed for an extra day per month at £125 per day. Pond clearing work was an upcoming exercise for the group.

e. Website - Working group was progressing well with the project and some basic designs were being reviewed by the group.

f. Other – BB to find out about 3 telegraph poles that blocked pavement for wheelchairs meaning wheelchairs had to use the road. The Playing Field Committee reported a successful event which raised £525. AGM of Playing Field was next Tuesday.



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7) **Correspondence.** – Planning training – 2 booked for the second date listed.

8) **Planning Applications for Consideration**

a. 16/01183/FUL Hill View, Low Ham Road, Low Ham TA10 9DY – Conversion of former milking parlour to a dwelling. –after some discussion it was decided to review this application after a site meeting had been held.

b. 16/01342/FUL Land Rear of Owl Cottage, Low Ham – Demolition, renovation and extension of buildings to provide a dwelling. – after some discussion it was decided to review this application after a site meeting had been held. A further meeting would be arranged in which the public could attend.

c. 16/01163/FUL Wishel Farm, Henley Road, High Ham – Erection of a new agricultural building to house young stock for the farm. - - after discussion recommend withdrawal of plans (those currently shown were believed to be inadequate and inaccurate) before resubmitting e plans.

d. 16/01113/R3C High Ham Church of England Primary School, Burrow Lane, High Ham – Installation of perimeter fencing around the existing playground. – County Council reserved matters- no objections.

e. 16/00922/FUL Fountain Farm, The Fountain, High Ham – Change of use from agricultural to residential, erection of two dwellings and 3 double garages, demolition of existing agricultural buildings, alterations to existing access. after some discussion it was decided to review this application after a site meeting had been held.

f. 16/00698/FUL Sharbrook, Turnhill Road, High Ham – Replacing an existing store and workshop with a steel structure of similar construction and appearance to the larger, attached store. The proposed replacement structure would have a gabled steel roof but the same footprint as the building replaced – unanimous vote – no objections

9) **Planning Applications Decided** – None

10) **Summary of Meetings attended.** – Village Hall AGM would be on 11th May at 7.30pm.

11) **Financial**

a. **Bank Reconciliation Report-** Draft year end accounts were presented with reconciliations to the year end.

b. **Payments for approval and cheques to authorise** - The following cheques and payments were unanimously authorised.

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

High Ham Memorial Hall £180

Millenium Wood

Kelways (sundries) £57.29

O Howley (hedge cutting) -£108

Somerset Plants - £216.00

AgriCentre £18.60

Red Cross - £50.00

12) **Matters of Report and items for next meeting** – None

13) **Date of Next Meeting** – May 10th for the Annual Parish and Parish Council meetings

No further business –meeting closed at 2100hrs