



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 9th AUGUST 2016

Present: John Vigar (Chair), Amanda Chuter, James Godfrey, Chris Palmer, Bryan Bartlett, Nancy Green, Derek Yeomans (County Councillor), Shane Pledger (District Councillor), V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 14 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** David Vigar

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** - James Godfrey on application 8c- Ark Farm.

3) **Open Discussion:** Chris to sort out with Gwenn and Dulcie re the Dennis Davis presentation meeting and CP to create flyer/nomination form.

Highways jetting – jetting work was booked. Some had been completed. – ongoing

Agricultural gates had been stolen and cattle had escaped. Natural England to be asked if the gates for Beer Drove could be installed and locked each night. Agricultural thefts reported included a recent theft of 220 sheep.

Parishioners reminded to be vigilant and keep garden sheds etc locked.

4) **Councillors reports -**

Derek Yeomans gave the County Councillors report and discussed the issues of 'devolution'. Currently it appeared that Devon and Somerset would not have a mayor but become a combined authority.

Shane Pledger gave the District Councillors report and would let the council know the s106 spending/contributions to/from the Turn Hill area.

5) **Approval of Minutes -**

12th July 2016 minutes approved as a true record.

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

a. Highways. BB reported back on ongoing highways matters that were progressing. A telegraph pole was due to be moved. Grass on the village green where there was a particular issue with traffic – it had been found that it would be possible to get a contractor to put curbs in as long as they were the type advised by Highways. BB investigated quotations and then it was thought that Highways might pay a percentage of the repair costs. The issue regarding the posts on the green was ongoing. The lengthsman was not allowed to dig them as he wasn't allowed to dig deep enough. South Somerset DC were to be asked to clear the rhine at Wagg Drove.

b. Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood/Strimmer Project .

Craig had worked 37 hours last month (331 hours remaining) had worked on vegetation management and weed killing pavements and clearing back 30mph signs. He had also undertaken trimming and pond clearance at the Millennium Wood.

Footpaths

Tony had been strimming footpaths and also helped Craig with the cemetery.

c. Millennium Wood Benches had been ordered. Work was progressing well. Management meeting planned later in the month.

d. Website - Nearing completion. The content was being compiled.

7) **Correspondence.** – items already covered.



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8) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 16/02453/FUL Blue Yonder, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DB, Extension to garden area, erection of a storage cabin (retrospective) and erection of a 2 bay car port. - The Parish Council were unable to comment if the revised plans being sent had not been received. There was a unanimous vote to wait until the District Council informed the Parish Council of the revisions. Parishioners were reminded that retrospective planning permission could be avoided by speaking with District Council in advance to see if planning permission was necessary.

b) 16/03062/S73A Nenmead Farm, Field Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DQ, S73A application to vary conditions 3 (Holiday Let) and 5 (Private needs of the occupier) of planning approval 13/02211/FUL dated 17/07/2013 – After discussion this met with unanimous support on the condition that the District Council put a condition on any consent to prevent fragmentation of the property.

c) 16/03242/FUL Ark Farm, New Manor House Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9DP Proposed siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling, alteration to the farm access and erection of an additional farm building After discussion and concerns regarding water run-off which it was found was to be collected and tanked and used on the farm the application met with unanimous support.

d) 16/03313/FUL Land at High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9BD Temporary siting of LPG storage tank, garden shed, garden fencing, storm porch with walls and handrails and surfacing of field access track with hard core and gravel (part retrospective). - The Parish Council unanimously voted to raise no objections to this application.

9) Planning Applications Decided

16/01342/FUL-Owl Cottage – refused

16/01675/FUL-Wishel Farm – granted

16/02404/FUL-Barn 'Old Carey' – approved

16/02172/DPO & 16/01824/OUT-Hamdown - granted

It was to go on a future agenda to ask Shane Pledger regarding clarification regarding procedure for taking matters to Area North in the future.

10) Summary of Meetings attended. - None

11) Financial

a. **Bank Reconciliation Report-** The level of funds was reported a full bank reconciliation was handed to councillors.

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

Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthman expenses July – 49.50

Parish Lengthman millennium wood-July - £97.17

Parish Lengthman – July - £482.33 (this is now a standing order)

Other millennium wood payments

Somerset Landscapes - £115.20

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting –

15th August- next parish walk.

11th September- Village Hall spruce up with bacon butties for volunteers.

16th September – Village Hall Fish and Chip Supper.

13) Date of Next Meeting 13th September 2016 at 7.30pm was the date for the next meeting.

No further business – meeting closed at 20.55hrs