



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

Approx: 15 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor )

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

**3) Open Discussion :**

15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 at 7.30pm The recently retired specialist from Somerset Museum was giving a talk about Romans and particularly the Low Ham mosaics at the Village Hall.

The Church book swap for a donation was running. Free to drop off books donation to pick up.

**4) Councillors reports**

Clare Aparicio Paul's link to the parks survey had been forwarded.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report. The Turnhill group meeting had been helpful. Sharing of SIDS was one of the main issues highlighted at the current time.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true record.

**6) Planning Applications for Consideration**

a) 18/00800/S73A Beer Farm, Beer Road, Aller, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0QX, Application to vary condition no. 02 (approved plans), 05 (works to outbuilding) and 06 (use of outbuilding) of 17/04533/FUL to use approved garage/store as annexe and associated minor alterations. After discussion there was a unanimous vote to support the application provided it was tied to the main building.

b) 18/00994/S19 Beer Farm, Beer Road, Aller, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0QX, Application to vary condition no. 02 (approved plans) of 17/04534/LBC to use approved garage/store as annexe and associated minor alterations. After discussion there was a unanimous vote to support the application provided it was tied to the main building.

c) 18/00710/FUL Torwood, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DB, Demolition of cottages and the erection of 2 No. dwellings (Revised Application). After discussion the application was unanimously supported.

d) 18/00642/FUL The Meads, Henley Road, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BG Proposed single storey rear extension, erection of new double garage, enlargement of hard standing to front, and internal alterations. After discussion the application was unanimously supported.

**7) Planning Applications Decided**

18/00321/FUL 2 Hillside, Long Street, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DN, Demolition of existing rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Revised Application). - REFUSED

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

**a. Highways**

Potholes – people were encouraged to report these directly to Highways. Potholes were continually reported to highways. There had been flooding issues and drains in Long Street were causing problems. The lengthsman had



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rodded several drains and it was now up to highways to jet them. The county councillor and highways were to be emailed regarding the significant ongoing flooding by the Agricentre junction.

The finger post training was helpful. Licences had to be applied for each maintenance of a post and it was a slow process.

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

**March 2018 Lengthsman Activity**

38.75 hrs worked

0 hrs remain

Millennium Wood: Brash from February work, chipped

Grass cutting - ground too wet/ soft - delayed to late April if weather allows

Drainage: blocked drains - grips cleared, rodding failed to clear drains severely blocked - jetting required

Vegetation management: started

April work so far:

Cemetery mowed

MW site meeting 10.04.18 attended

**Footpath Strimming**

No activity

**Millennium Wood**

Millennium Wood: Brash from February work, chipped

Grass mowing delayed - ground too wet/soft

06.04.18 site meeting Mary Ostler SSDC Area North Neighbourhood Development Officer - informal discussion re funding re visitor/education resources

10.04.18 site meeting: Craig H (Lengthsman) Dave V, Amanda C, Amy D

The following discussed:

Write a 3 year management plan

Clearing pond of algae - date to be decided

Continue thinning of trees

Hold an Open Day to coincide with Produce Show 5th Sept - to include sale of MW logs, coppiced bean poles, mulch chippings

**c. Millennium Wood/cemetery/churchyard**

See Lengthsman Report for Millennium Wood.

Cemetery - above

Churchyard-.none

**d. Village Hall** – update given on village hall items. Spring cleaning day to be the coming Sunday. The clock was sorted out and a mid summer party was planned.

**e. Affordable Housing**– Working party - a useful meeting had been held with Othery regarding options for taking forward affordable housing. Currently the group were working on methods to provide 6 affordable for rent..

**f. SIDs/Speedwatch**



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SIDS –A meeting had been attended at Edgar Hall, Somerton with the County Highways Officer in charge of Speed Indicator Devices. The County Council were withdrawing funding and requesting £100 per siting. Other Turn Hill Parishes were interested in sharing cameras. It was to be looked into purchasing our own SIDs which could be shared, with some financial contribution from other Turn Hill Parishes.

**g. Playing Fields** – Tenders had gone out for the pavilion project.

**h. Other** – Parish mapping demonstration to take place sometime when convenient to all involved.

Cemetery Gate – no update

**9) Correspondence.**

The National Trust were aware of the Parish's dissatisfaction regarding the upkeep of the mill. The sail that had broken off had not been repaired or replaced.

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.**

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

**11) Financial**

**Payments for approval and cheques to authorise**

Cosmic - £288.00 (4 hours web support)

SALC (3 x training places for course last september - £75.00

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40 + £23.89 postcrete

D Plant – re trees on Churchyard - £275.00

Somerset Landscapes (playing field) grass cutting -£61.74

**12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting** - approval of the year end accounts and annual return.

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm for the Annual Meeting followed by the annual parish council meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:50 hrs.