



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

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

Approx: 10 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** None. John Vigar and Gerard Tucker would be late attending.

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:**

3) **Open Discussion :** High Ham Primary School were congratulated on its recent OFSTED report. The defibrillator cabinet required some electrical work.- agreed that the school electrician could undertake the work.

4) **Councillors reports**

Derek Yeomans reported on the County Council element of Council tax and other features highlighted in his monthly report forwarded to councillors. County Council elections were to be held in May. Derek was not standing again and was thanked for his contributions to the parish.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were approved as a true record. Derek Yeomans clarified the situation regarding the footpath for which there was a long running enquiry. The hearing starting on 19<sup>th</sup> July at Othery Village Hall was now likely to be cancelled as there was no new evidence. A new notice for submission of evidence was likely to be given and a new enquiry would be by written evidence.

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

a. **Highways** Verge marking stones were a problem in some areas of the parish. There was a need for those putting them out to make sure that they did not encroach onto highways particularly when the edge of the actual highway was covered by verge. Cars parking outside St Andrews Close were reported as blocking the visibility splay. Residents were to be informally told that it was an issue and could be a police matter.

Derek Yeomans left the meeting with his apologies.

The issue regarding the posts around the village green was progressing well.

John Vigar arrived with apologies for late attendance.

b. **Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood/Strimmer Project** . The following reports were made.

**Lengthsman Report** - 38hrs worked, 38hrs left as of 01.03.17

**Drainage:** inspection and clearing during rainfall.

**Millennium Wood:** hedge trimming, chipping brash

clearing and preparation sites for tree planting

site meeting - MW information board

March work so far: tree planting MW and Cemetery, between stone seat and boundary fence

**Footpaths** - No activity. February Parish walk: 10 walkers despite the strong winds of Storm Doris! Date of March walk tba.

c. **Millennium Wood:**

See Lengthsman Report above

Information board: draft stage

Signage: currently seeking source of road signage. Funding available from SSDC Neighbourhood Development Officer, Pauline Burr. Brown tourist signs not possible, so now looking at either SSDC street name with eg. Cooke's Lane leading to Millennium Wood'

d. **Website** - Progressing. Meeting planned for next week. Training to be arranged.



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e. **Village Hall** – The Big Breakfast had been a successful fundraising event. The next event was the murder mystery night.

f. **Housing Needs Survey.** The matter was progressing. Helen Rutter had confirmed that the District Council could undertake the survey free of charge. The working group was to meet with Helen as soon as possible.

**7) Correspondence.**

A letter received by Pitney Parish Council that could be relevant to High Ham as well was to be reviewed at a future meeting. It was with regard to a train station for the area.

**8) Planning Applications for Consideration**

a) 17/00875/FUL The Homestead, Low Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DR, The erection of a two storey and single storey extensions (revised application). - The application was unanimously supported.

b) 17/00741/FUL Moreton Dairy Farm, Henley, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9AZ, The retention of an agricultural workers dwelling (revised design to previously approved scheme 08/03222/FUL). The application was unanimously supported but disappointment was noted that it was another retrospective application.

c) 17/00153/FUL Land At Bridgehorn, Bridgehorne, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9BG Retrospective application for carrying out engineering works / building a retaining wall. The Parish Council supported the application but supported the landscape architects point of view. Disappointment was noted that it was another retrospective planning application.

d) 17/00021/FUL The Cottage, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX Erection of one 4 bedroom dwelling with associated carport and parking area. The amended plans were unanimously supported.

e) 16/05548/FUL The Cottage, Picts Hill, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9EX Extension and alterations to existing two bedroom cottage to create a four bedroom dwelling. The Parish Council were pleased to see amended plans and unanimously supported these plans.

f) Other planning.

An application only just received for Hill View Farm was to go on the next agenda.

**9) Planning Applications Decided –**

16/05547/FUL Land South of, Union Drove, Huish Episcopi - Refused

16/04104/S73A Morton Dairy – Withdrawn

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.** - None

**11) Payments for approval and cheques to authorise**

The following items were approved for payment

C Howe - Lengthsman – £482.33

V Young – clerk wages/expenses February - £221.56

V Young – reimburse internet domain and hosting - £29.99

**12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting –**

Any update regarding the footpath and the housing needs survey were to go on the next agenda.

It was reported that the door on the Henley phone box had been repaired.

**13) Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm was the date for the next meeting.

No further business – meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.