



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), James Godfrey, Nancy Green, Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Bryan Bartlett, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor), Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor), V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 10 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Chris Palmer
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** James Godfrey declared an interest in application 8a as the applicant.

**3) Open Discussion :**

Hedge and overgrowing trees to be cut back on hedge boundary of cemetery. (Left hand side as viewed from gate entrance)

**4) Councillors reports**

Clare gave report from County Council and answered questions regarding the refuse and recycling trial which would mean that 'non-recyclables' would only be collected every 3 weeks. The Parish Council may be consulted on a library questionnaire.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report. It was highlighted that the issue with the rogue hedge cutter had now been resolved. With fly tipping – High Ham reported more instances than other Parishes in the ward. This may in part be due to the large geographical area of the Parish. It was urged that the Parish should keep reporting the issues Applications within the Parish had been supported at area north by the ward member and the view point of the parish was upheld. The ward councillor was thanked for supporting the parish.

The River Authority Scrutiiny Committee was to have its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in July.

Awards for Young People was open to nominations if High Ham wished to put forward a nomination.

Gerard was thanked for his help at the Area North Committee.

Clare left the meeting with her apologies.

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 13th 2017 were approved as a true record.

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

a. **Highways**

Bryan Bartlett updated the meeting on ongoing highways issues. The damage to signs by the rogue verge trimmer was now being corrected. The one elm/Pitney junction sign had been stolen a few days after it was knocked over. This was to be replaced. The bollards on Nyth Road that had been knocked over had been re-instated. The School were to speak with highways regarding the issue of the dropped curve and payment for this work.

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

June 38hrs worked, 341hrs remaining.

St. Andrew's Close pavement/kerb will be weedkilled in next few days.

Low Ham Noticeboard has now been fitted with new cork board backing.

Work had included grass cutting, and lots of work at Millenium Wood.

Tony had been out strimming for the volunteer strimmer project and had done lots of strimming at the cemetery.

- c. **Millennium Wood:**

See Lengthsman Report re signage and lengthsman work. Sign posts to and the the large arien sign were to be installed soon.

- d. **Website** - Continuing with a going live date of 1<sup>st</sup> September.

- e. **Village Hall** – It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £100 to the new boiler trolley as a matched funding contribution with the District Council and the Rotary Club.



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f. **Housing Needs Survey**– Progressing. Amanda Chuter and Nancy Green to start tailoring the questionnaire to High Ham to meet the September slot offered to them.

**7) Correspondence.**

It was requested that the council write to farmers in Henley requesting a voluntary 20 mph limit. This was discussed and it was decided that Dave Vigar would speak to local farmers and the farmers should pass the information on to contactors. Situation was to be monitored to see if this approach would be enough to bring about improvements.

The Parish Council was to offer its support to Langport town council's river project as requested.  
Clerk was to find out more information about hosting the NHS checks.

There had been a complaint made and as a result a complaints procedure was put forward for adoption. This was unanimously adopted.

**8) Planning Applications for Consideration**

a) 17/02458/FUL Stone Farm ,Long Street,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9DW Temporary retention of the existing accommodation and erection of the replacement permanent dwelling for a rural worker.

Jim Godfrey remained in the audience whilst it was ascertained if there were any questions to ask him directly. After his agent spoke briefly about the application. Jim Godfrey left the hall whilst the application was discussed further. It was unanimously voted to support the application but it was to be noted that the mobile home would be removed within 3 months of the permanent building being complete.

Jim Godfrey returned to the meeting and was informed of the result.

b) ) 17/01866/FUL – Hill View Farm Cottage, Hill View, Low Ham – Continued use of Hillview Farm Cottage as a dwelling.

THIS APPLICATION IS A REVISION ONLY TO THAT AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING WITH REGARD TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FROM 1 TO 2. THE COUNCIL WILL BE COMMENTING ONLY ON THE REVISION.

The application was unanimously supported.

**9) Planning Applications Decided –**

16/03673/OUT- Land adjacent to Fouracres, Picts Hill, for alterations to existing accesses and erection of four detached dwellings – GRANTED

17/01828/FUL – Cider Cottage – Change of use of an existing agricultural vehicular access and land to a domestic vehicular access, with parking and turning provision – GRANTED

17/02218/LBC – The Old Vicarage – The erection of a single storey rear infill extension – GRANTED

17/00479/FUL – Wagg Meadow Farm – Erection of a brooder/duck house - GRANTED

17/01629/FUL – Land OS 6155 Part Picts Hill – The erection of 1 detached dwelling house and garage. – GRANTED

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.** - Dave Vigar spoke at the area north meeting with regard to applications in the Parish. The application for 4 detached houses at Picts Hill had been one of these and was supported on the basis of the speedmatrix and highways improvements .

Nancy Green had attended the playing field meetings. All neighbours except one had been consulted regarding the prospect of the application for the playing field. The committee had tried to contact the neighbour but had not been able to receive a response. It was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council that the playing field committee could start putting the plans in for planning permission.

The Somerset River Authorities was to have a new chairman decided at the next meeting later in July.



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

The following items were approved for payment

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £257.56

Parish Lengthsman - £492.16

Somerset Landscapes - £119.28

D Plant - £700.00

Arien Signs - £298.80

SALC - £234.76

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

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of September unless there was a planning application requiring an earlier meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.05 hrs.