



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 9th January 2018

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

Approx: 5 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Chris Palmer, Clare Aparicio Paul

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

3) Open Discussion :

Highways had surveyed Nythe Road.

4) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2017 were approved as a true record.

5) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. **Highways**

Various matters were noted and progressing. Drains had been pumped. Highways were to be asked now to do their agreed part on the drains still flooding since the Parish Council had been pro-active as agreed in trying to ascertain and clear the drains using their own resources. Training dates for the Finger Post project were yet to be notified. It was unanimously agreed that the council would support locating a blind exit ahead' sign where fountain road joins the hill. There was also interest in whether or not it might be possible to have a 20mph on the main road just near to the school. There was general concern regarding parking particularly at school times.

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

The bags of grit/salt had been collected and put around the parish. Drainage work had been done and an additional 10 drains had been cleared. Tony Whitford suggested that instead of fuel for his strimming expense that a donation of £50 be given to a specific history group project.(carried unanimously)

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

See Lengthsman Report for Millennium Wood.

Cemetery - December funeral – a grave had been left open for a week with the spoil on another grave. The complaint had been passed on to the funeral directors. It was unfortunate as to the length of time the spoil was left on the grave. Should it happen again particularly over a holiday period, individuals are encouraged to go direct to the funeral directors.

Churchyard- David Plant had quoted £200-£350 for work to tidy shrubs in the North East corner of the green. It was unanimously agreed that the quote be accepted.

d. **Website** - This had now gone live. Items were still to go on as part of the continual editing etc.

e. **Village Hall** – a quick update on events was given. The Committee was thanked and it was reported that the New Year's Eve party had been very successful.

f. **Housing Needs Survey**– Ongoing- There was to be a meeting next week to consider options on how to take the results forward in a practical way.

g. **Dennis Davis Award** – The award had been presented to the Luncheon Club). The award was in its presentation cabinet in the village hall. The Club met every 3rd Wednesday of the month.



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h. Other - The County Council funding for the SIDs was to come to a halt unless a contribution was given by the Parish Council. Discussed that the parish council did support but not to the full amount of £3000.

7) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded to the Councillors.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report. The report updated the council on planning matters that had gone to area north. An application for Torwood was going to go to the area north committee later in the month. The district council had available some grants for financial support for community buildings. Boundary review was continuing on the next stage of consultation until 15th March..

The Police meeting with the community was on Thursday 15th February at Edgar Hall.

8) Correspondence.

NHS Health Check - ongoing

Boundary review – covered in district councillor's report.

Defibrillator – problem with heated cabinet resolved.

8) Planning Applications for Consideration

None – since agenda date 2 applications had come in – one deferred to February meeting and one to be discussed in a formal meeting at the conclusion of the informal meeting next week.

9) Planning Applications Decided

17/03986/FUL - Henley Farm Barn – conversion of an existing wooden clad barn from storage/utility area into a self contained one bedroom holiday let – GRANTED

17/04024/FUL – Lower Broadacre Farm – change of use of land from agricultural to commercial/tourism use for siting of a single shepherd's hut – GRANTED

17/04205/FUL – Old Manor Farm – Change of use, erection of equine facilities including a stable block, machinery store, arena and canter track - GRANTED

10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

11) Financial

Set the precept 2018-19

The working group had met and put forward a budget requirement of £23,510. This was the same as last year. It was noted that the cemetery gates would be requiring work in the near future.

The budget requirement was proposed by David Vigar, seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.

The requirement is drafted on the appendix to these minutes.

Payments for approval and cheques to authorise

The following items were approved for payment

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

V Young - additional expenses re cemetery/and office stationery - £23.95

Parish Lengthsman - £492.16

ICO - £35.00

Cosmic - £30.00

O Howley - £170.40



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Ashcott Parish Council (SLCC contribution) - £35.00
Devon & Somerset Air Ambulance - £carol singing proceeds - £131.20
J Vigar – Christmas tree for the Green - £80
D Vigar – expenses re Christmas carols – 34.00
Craig Howe – Millennium Wood and expenses £162.50
C Palmer – D Davis Award expenses - £18.25
South Somerset District Council - £94.20 –re annual inspection

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

Reported concern regarding the previous response from the national trust regarding the windmill and its state of repair. – Complaints ongoing regarding this and concern that the site was not open to the public.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 13th February 2018.

Meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.