



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

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

Approx: 30 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1) **Apologies**, Clare Aparicio Paul (County councillor), Bryan Bartlett, John Vigar

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Chris Palmer declared an interest in item 6a due to its proximity to his property.

**3) Open Discussion:**

None.

**4) Councillors reports**

Written reports had been sent in and circulated to council members of the County Councillor's report.

Gerard gave a report which is filed with the minutes which highlighted the issues within the planning department which he had been working hard on improving the situation and asking the relevant officials why High Ham had been let down so badly over delays etc regarding a recent application.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved as a true record.

**6) Planning Applications for Consideration**

NOTE - 18/02285/FUL The Heights, Main Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DA The carrying out of alterations and engineering works to level rear gardens, formation of a swimming pool and pool outbuilding and roof terraces. (Part Retrospective) - To go to area north at Edgar Hall Somerton on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

a) 18/03691/FUL Land Adjoining Morganside, Turnhill Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset,, Erection of 3 dwellings with associated works including the creation of a new access The lack of an application for change of use of the land was queried. It was felt that the planning authority needed to stand-up and allow local community expectations to be met rather than purely listening to developers. This application was quite different from the one on which a public consultation had been undertaken. Highway and access issues were considered an issue as the lane was not capable of taking more regular activity and was known to be a local accident blackspot even if those accidents so far, had gone unreported to authorities. It was felt it was only a matter of time before a serious accident would happen at the end of the highway if there were more vehicle movements. The house design on the application was not fitting in keeping with the Parish. The local need was challenged as this was open countryside and of no benefit for the local community and the recent survey had not shown a need for these large houses. It was also felt to be too close to adjacent listed buildings and too close to the conservation area. The desktop traffic study was deemed unacceptable and not reflecting on the day to day usage of that road. By a vote of 3 against the application and 1 abstention the application was not supported. Chris Palmer did not vote having declared an interest.

b) 18/03615/OUT Land Adjoining Greymanes, Lower Street, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9DS Outline application for the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. The Parish Council had received some objections to this application. The Parish Council were unable to support the outline application which gave insufficient details on how certain matters would be dealt with. There were sewage concerns as the pumping station in Morton's Lane already worked to capacity and sometimes sewage would flow back into a garden area when conditions were wet. Noted that a soak away would not work in this location. It was felt that the location for these properties was unsustainable. By a vote of 1 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention the application was not supported.

c) 18/02843/COU Rose Cottage, Windmill Road, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DL Change of use of premises from residential to a mixed use of residential/dog grooming salon. - As agreed at the last meeting the clerk had put in



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comments in to the district council consultation with as many members of the council as possible. There had been no objections from councillors.

d) 18/03926/DPO Caves Farm, Pitney, Application to discharge section 52 agreement - not considered. The applications was noted only due it is bordering location.

**7) Planning Applications Decided**

An advice of an appeal note had been received regarding Mr Bartletts application. – There were no further parish council comments.

The council had been notified that it had been decided that full permission was not required for the agricultural building at Ark Farm.

The application for a farm agricultural building at Henley Corner had been permitted with conditions.

**8a) - Enhancements at the Green** – Work was progressing. There had been a meeting with the traffic manager of the county council between 8.30 and 9.30 am on a weekday morning. School signs were requested one by Manor Farm and one by Southend House. Enquiries had been made about a 20 mph zone – noted that it would take a long time to use this process and the council might not be successful in getting them. Flashing 20 at busy school times was discussed cost about £200 per set and £3000 altogether. These come with a 10 year warranty. The traffic people at the county council maintain them and the school would be willing to fund raise towards them.

Parking issues discussed. Despite requests no involvement from PCSO. Noted that the council would allow a visual sign re the school. Dave Vigar proposed that signs be ordered, seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously.

Cross roads across the green- highways say that bollards could be put across the middle. The school were happy with this suggestion as were the church. These would be wooden bollards the same as others on the green as they would need to match due to the conservation zone. It was agreed to find out more regarding the issue of bollarding off this bit. It was noted however, that this was the safest part of the green to exit.

**8b) Highways** – progressing. There were still issues with the road across the moor. The fingerpost project was currently on hold. The next post would be the one on the green. Dave Vigar would follow up the issue of shared SIDs (speed indicator devices). It was felt that it was appropriate to follow up the possibility of sharing 2 cameras.

**8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood**

Drainage work had been undertaken and wood had been piled up. Craig was helping to look after the Millenium Wood to a high standard. He had also undertaken some playing field repairs and worked on replacing the tree on the green with Paul Brunsdon. Both of whom were thanked for their efforts.

Noted that the Millenium Wood platform was slippery and work would be undertaken to rectify this.

**8d) Village Hall** – No new items

**8e) CLT** – Progress reported. Noted tha the legal form of a CLT had been applied for and that the group should know soon.

**8f) Clerk Hours** Nancy green proposed and Amanda Chuter seconded that the clerk's hours be increased from 5 to 7.5 hours per week. This was unanimously supported.

**8h) Playing Fields**- Moving forward with grant sourcing and obtaining quotes for timber framed buildings.

**8i) Other** - The tree warden raised concern about an Ash Tree at Hamdown. John and David Vigar to find out who landowner is and take the matter from there.

Flood lighting quotes for the Church had been received. One for £190 for crisp white and £229 for 50w orange glow chip which would match the others. Unanimously agreed that the council would support the second option.



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**9) Correspondence.** – A police communication had been received regarding attendance at meetings. Noted that the availability to attend meetings wasn't felt acceptable and they were to be asked if the council could see them twice per year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month as cannot hold meetings in other months.

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

RURAL CRIME meeting and chance to mark articles such as bike and horse tack to be held in the Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> January between 11am and 1pm

**11) Financial**

The following payments were authorised

Somerset Landscapes 1 x cut playing field – November 61.74

Clerk wages and expenses - £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Hedge Trimming – Millenium Wood - £157.20

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

Reconvene Finance committee with regard to 2019-20 budget

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Carol singing around the tree was set for saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> december at 6pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm