



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 10th July 2018

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

Approx: 15 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Received from Jim Godfrey and Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None.

3) Open Discussion:

There was a presentation from Andrew Tregane from BoonBrowne partners. It was stated that there was a potential development on Turnhill Road between the Village Hall and the Church. It was expected that there would be 14 dwellings, 9 markets and 5 affordable, should permission be granted. Currently conceptual sketches only existed. Public consultation would be undertaken regarding the potential development. They would try to engage with the Parish for the best outcome for the Parish from the development should it be granted.

Confirmed that the parish council was not condoning or supporting the application.

Several parishioners mentioned the problems with additional traffic in the area proposed for the access.

Further instances of fly tipping had been reported. There had been commercial waste dumping which had blocked entrances to fields and additionally Defra were coming out to remove a crate of duck carcasses which had been dumped in the rhyne off Steart Drove.

4) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded.

Gerard highlighted the recent changes at the District Council in which there had been a reduction of 3 planning officers from the District Council. The use of area offices was also under review.

The swimming pool at Huish was now open and had been funded for the most part by S106 funds.

The cycle route along the old railway line looked to have its future secured.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 were approved with minor amendment as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 18/01741/COU Hamdown Farm, Picts Hill, Langport, TA10 9EX Change of use of barn to a mixed use comprising agricultural use and caravan storage (retrospective) – No concerns raised. The council unanimously supported the application.

b) 18/01541/FUL 2 Hillside, Long Street, High Ham, Langport, TA10 9DN Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a double and single storey rear extension to dwelling. (Revised application.) – The council unanimously agreed to raise no objection to the application.

7) **Planning Applications Decided** - None

8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. **Highways**

Bryan Bartlett continued to work with the reporting of defects of highways to the Highways officer. Drains had been booked for jetting and some of the potholes had been marked up for repair.

The drain in the main road by the agricente junction was still causing problems. Highways could not do anything now until the landowners had cleared the ditches.



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Craig to look at some of the trees on the green. It was thought one of the trees was dead and could be dangerous. Craig was a qualified tree surgeon so would be asked for his professional opinion in this capacity. Tree would be replaced if necessary.

John Vigar to ask the landowner once more about trimming the hedge by the Agricentre.

Fingerpost restoration - 15.06.18 The Windsor Farm/Henley fingerpost is finished and is now a great landmark and asset for Henley and the parish. The preparation and final painting was done both on and off-site. The early work was done by Roger Powell, Dave Vigar, Phil Cale and Amanda Chuter. The final session was down to the 3 men. Next posts for restoration: outside the pub, and The Green (post currently off-site)

Picts Hill fingerpost - craig will be reporting back by 13th re viability of him (with help?) clearing vegetation

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

June 2018 Lengthsman Activity - Craig Howe

37.5 hrs

338 hrs remain

Vegetation management: splays, verges, grass cutting Cemetery and Millennium Wood weed spraying.

Millennium Wood.

Lengthsman - weed spraying, grass cutting

tbc July 20th pond clearing

Site Meeting (Craig H, Dave V, Roger H, Amanda C, Amy J) - 8th August

Open Day - 9th September to coincide with Produce Show (Amy J liaison)

MW activity sheets and plaques (designed and made by Rachael Howe) to be available Open Day

c. Footpath Strimming

June 2018 Footpath Strimming Activity - Volunteer Tony Whitford

07.06.18 - 07.07.18 total 10hrs 55mins

Cemetery grave edges

Footpaths/stiles/gate entrances - 7hrs 35 mins

Low Ham Rd to Leazemoor to Moretons Ln

Low Ham between Springfields and Pound Cottages

Low Ham Rd to Stembridge Rd

Reservoir/Furpits/Culver

Firing Range stile

Nythe Rd stile and gate entrance

Beer Drove stile and gate entrance

Fountain gate entrance

Pipers Ash enclosed section

d. Village Hall – update given on village hall items. Mid summer mingle had been a great success. Table top hoopla and play your cards right was to take place on a stand at Low Ham Steam Rally. Donations for this welcome.

e. Affordable Housing–The public meeting regarding whether to set up a CLT was scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7pm in the Village Hall.

f. SIDs/Speedwatch –discussion re purchase of speed cameras etc to be deferred for future meeting. There was some concern regarding the cost effectiveness of the devices. The PCSOs were to be contacted about parking at the school and monitoring in September.

g. Playing Fields –The playing fields were happy to organise a commemorative event with another organisation. Paul Brunsdon was speaking with Billy Young (RBL) and Chris Palmer would check November clash dates with Aller. Leave under matters for consideration for next meeting.



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h. Other

Lengthman co-ordination – Amanda Chuter indicated that she was willing to undertake this role.

reminder re change of meeting dates

The revised schedule changed with effect from October as follows

October –Parish Council meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday. November 4th Tuesday, December 3rd Tuesday and from January 2019 the 4th Tuesday of the month.

A representative from connecting Devon & Somerset was booked for the September meeting.

Dave Vigar had attended the District Council meeting at Edgar Hall which highlighted some of the steps the district council were taking to save money.

9) Correspondence. - None

10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

Dave Vigar and Amanda Chuter had visited Liz Maunder regarding CLTs – on an information finding exercise about the first steps to take after a CLT is set-up – should this be what the Parish decides it wants to do.

The NFU were holding a meeting with the rural crime team of the police force and possibly meet Sue Mountstevens the Police and Crime Commissioner for the area.

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £502.40

Somerset Landscapes (playing field) grass cutting -£117.00

David Plant – churchyard mowing/mtce - £700.00

Parish Lengthsman – additional expenses - £20.00 – weed killer

Playing Field Loan repayment - £312.94

Bryan Bartlett- re Banner for Parish meeting - £50.47

Somerset Landscapes were to be asked if at the first cut of the year they could pick up and pile up the grass cuttings from the football pitch area only rather than mulch this in. – Not the whole field just the pitch.

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -

Speed Indicator Devices to go on a future agenda.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as 11th September 2018 with August 14th as a provisional meeting should it be necessary for planning applications.

Meeting closed at 21.05hrs.