



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 12th September 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: 20 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Chris Palmer
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items** Amanda Chuter declared an interest in application 8c due to the applications location.

3) Open Discussion :

The Nat West community banker was present and spoke briefly regarding banking arrangements and a mobile service 12.30 every Thursday where cash pay-ins could be made. Information leaflets were left. It was advised that several Nat West bank services could be used at the Post Office, Langport although this did preclude business pay-ins. Meeting updated regarding the phone boxes – which would now be staying as functional phone boxes. Fault at Henley box had been fixed so that was serviceable.

Finger posts mentioned – ongoing
School Parking issues raised again.

4) Councillors reports

Clare Aparicio Paul gave the **County Councillor's report**. Somerset Skills and Learning funding had been cut. A County OFSTED inspection was imminent. There were ongoing issues regarding the footpath order that deleted the disputed footpath. The ongoing issues were with reference to an agreement with a landowner for an alternative route and it looked very positive news for walkers that a variation of the old route would now be available.

Parish was to keep an eye on the impact of the Aller road closure. The issue regarding the dropping of the school curb may be suitable for a 'small scheme improvement', in which case the work could be done without cost to the Parish. Giga Clear broadband fibre to door was becoming available.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report

In July 2 applications in the Parish had gone to area north and been supported by the Parish and had been approved. The District Council boundary review was taking place. Gerard explained in more detail what was being asked of the Parish Council and it was felt that the Parish Council should consider the written information from the Boundary Commission that was being circulated and then make comments next month.

Funding for some business projects was available through the LEADER programme. Anyone interested should contact Gerard in the first instance.

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017 were approved as a true record.

6) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

Aller road traffic to be monitored. Last closure resulted in unsustainable use of the Nythe Road with HGVs causing much damage. Traffic levels etc to be monitored and reported onwards to Highways as appropriate. The Woodland Trust/National Trust/Somerset Wildlife were able to open land to divert the closed footpath. It was thought that this would be a permissive path.

Links transport closure was discussed and situation to be monitored. There was likely to be some help initially for an alternative new scheme, but details were to be finalised.



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

lengthsman - Craig Howe

Hours worked 36
hours left 267

Vegetation management:

Cemetery - mowing
Splays/junctions and other priority Highway sites
Nythe Road bridges - weed spraying
Hamdown Court - weed spraying
Millennium Wood - mowing rides and paths

September - work will include installing new wood bollards on The Green, High Ham

Volunteer Footpath Strimmer - Tony Whitford

July/August Hours 14

Cemetery grave-edges
Wagg Drove-Eli's (SCC request)
Thornside section west of
Low Ham Rd - Moreton's Ln - Leazemoor Ln
Pound Cott/Sprigfield Cott Low Ham
Reservoir, Furpits Ln, Culver Hill
Firing Range, Fountain Ln entrance
Pipers Ash enclosed section
Nythe Rd gates both sides
Village Hall - Standhill Rd gates/stiles
N of Turnhill Rd gates

c. **Millennium Wood:**

See Lengthsman Report re signage and lengthsman work.

d. **Website** - This had now gone live. Items were still to go on as part of the continual editing etc. It was approved that a sign be put on the village green advertising the website. A note regarding landowner responsibility for stones in the road was to go on the website.

e. **Village Hall** – The annual Flower & Produce show was this Sunday at the Village Hall. 11am – 5pm.

f. **Housing Needs Survey**– Residents of all the settlements within the Parish were to be encouraged to complete the housing survey and return it by 9th October.

7) Correspondence.

NHS screening was to be pursued in conjunction with Pitney. Hopefully for a Saturday morning.

Boundary review – the question for the Parish to answer was should the Turnhill boundary be reviewed – discuss at next meeting.

8) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 17/03230/FUL 2 Hillside, Long Street, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9DN,
Demolish existing rear extension and erect a two storey rear extension to the dwellinghouse
After discussion it was voted 4 in favour, 2 against to support the application.



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- b) 17/03387/FUL Well Cottage ,Hillside Farm Road,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9DB Conversion of stand alone garage in rear garden of property into residential accommodation. – Unanimously agreed insufficient information to support the application.
- c) 17/03122/FUL Land At High Ham ,Hillside Farm Road,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9BD Proposed formation of a hardstanding and creation of a new agricultural access. – Amanda Chuter having declared an interest in the application was allowed to speak from the audience and then left the meeting before further discussion. After discussion it was voted 4 objections to the application and one abstention. The objection being regarding the hardstanding rather than the creation of the access. Amanda Chuter rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this item.
- d)17/03075/COU Land OS 0012,Henley,Langport,Somerset,, Change of use of land and formation of car park. After discussion all councillors were in favour but were in agreement with the conservation officers suggestion to rotate car park by 90 degrees.

9) Planning Applications Decided

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.- Granted

10) Summary of Meetings attended. - None

11) Payments for approval and cheques to authorise

The following items were approved for payment

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56
Parish Lengthsman - £492.16
Somerset Landscapes - £119.28
Cosmic inv training - £168.00
Parish Lengthsman, weedkiller £19.95
District Council Playing Field Planning Application Fee - £305
Grant Thornton – External Audit £240.00

The bank reconciliation was handed out.

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 10th October.
–meeting closed at 21.35 hrs.