



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017

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

Approx: 5 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Clare Aparicio Paul (County Councillor
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

3) Open Discussion :

Noted how nice the hall looked and the Christmas tree and also the tree and lights by the Church.

4) 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 likely to go to the area north committee in January.

5) Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017 were approved as a true record.

6) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

a. Highways

Various matters were noted and progressing. The finger post damaged by the County Council contractor was now back up but was waiting for the signs. A street works permit had been obtained to put posts up by the Millennium Wood.

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

November 2017 Lengthsman Report - Craig Howe

31 hrs worked

160 hrs remain

Drainage

Craig accompanied SSDC team unblocking 20 blocked drains that had been identified as priority for clearing.

Further work on clearing grids and grips through Hext Hill side of Low Ham and towards Henley. more blocked drains identified for 2nd visit of SSDC 'drain sucker' wb.11.12.17

Road salt bags: collected and delivered to Manor Farm HH.

Millennium Wood

Crowns lifted along outer ride to allow tractor access to flail boundary hedges.

Invasive Parrot Weed cleared from pond with help from Amanda Chuter and Amy Jenkins

Signs installed at Outdoor Classroom, Woodhenge and Den-building sites - made using Timber from MW by Craig's wife Rachael.

Cemetery

Boundary edges strimmed and leaf blowing.

Volunteer Footpath Strimmer Report - Tony Whitford

No activity - strimmer with SCC for winter service

Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project

High Ham Parish Fingerposts - awaiting date for training for the 5 volunteers



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c. **Millennium Wood:**

See Lengthsman Report.

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.

f. **Housing Needs Survey**– There had been over 100 responses. There had been over a 33% return rate. The draft report confirmed that a need for affordable housing was identified. A meeting was to be held with the relevant individuals at the District Council to clarify some of the detail in the report.

g. **Dennis Davis Award** – Chris Palmer was thanked for the purchase of the cabinet which looked very good in place in the Village Hall. A presentation regarding the award was to be made next week.

h. **Other** - The County Council funding for the SIDs was to come to a halt unless a contribution was given by the Parish Council. The matter was to go on a future agenda.

7) Correspondence.

NHS Health Check - ongoing

It was asked if a notice about parking on pavements could go on the website.

Craig was to clear around one of the village speed signs which was overgrown.

It was thought there were a few sites in the Parish where individuals may be living illegally. The district council was to be informed.

8) Planning Applications for Consideration

a) 17/04205/FUL Land At,Old Manor Farm,Low Ham,Langport,Somerset,TA10 9DP, Change of use, erection of equine facilities including a stable block, machinery store, arena and canter track. – Unanimously supported providing it was for private use only.

b) 17/04533/FUL Beer Farm,Beer Road,Aller,Langport,Somerset,TA10 0QX, Proposed conversion of agricultural building into garaging/storage, the demolition of 2no. agricultural buildings to form 1no. dwelling, reparation works to a listed agricultural building and creation of new vehicular driveway at Beer Farm. - Unanimously supported.

c) 17/04534/LBC Beer Farm,Beer Road,Aller,Langport,Somerset,TA10 0QX, Proposed conversion of agricultural building into garaging/storage, the demolition of 2no. agricultural buildings to form 1no. dwelling, reparation works to a listed agricultural building and creation of new vehicular driveway at Beer Farm. – Unanimously supported.

9) Planning Applications Decided

17/03866/FUL The Playing Field ,Windmill Road,High Ham,Langport,TA10 9DL Erection of a pavilion - Approved.

10) Summary of Meetings attended.

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

Finance group to meet on 22 December to set a draft budget.



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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 – £221.56

Parish Lengthsman - £492.16

C Howe (Cemetery) - £125.00

C Howe (postcrete) - £15.00

D Fisher (re playing field maintenance work) - £100.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

The Precept was to be finalised at the January meeting.

13) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.