



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

Approx: 20 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Jim Godfrey, Clare Aparicio Paul

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Bryan Bartlett declared an interest in 6a being the applicant.

**3) Open Discussion :**

Questions were asked regarding District Council enforcement matters. It was confirmed that the matters raised were being dealt with by the District Council.

**4) Councillors reports**

Clare Aparicio Paul's report had been forwarded to the Councillors and was taken as read.

Gerard gave the District Councillor's report. There was a reminder about the PACT (policing and community together) meeting at Edgar Hall in Somerton.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January were approved as true records.

**6) Planning Applications for Consideration**

a) 17/04870/OUT Land OS 6730, Henley, Langport, Somerset, Outline application for alterations to existing accesses and erection of 2 No. dwellings (Revised Application).

Bryan Bartlett introduced the application to the meeting and answered a question regarding how the houses would stay affordable in perpetuity. Bryan Bartlett left the room. After which discussion took place on the application. There was some concern that this was not the right location for the houses. The result of the vote was 2 not in favour and 3 abstentions.

b) 17/04533/FUL Beer Farm, Beer Road, Aller, Langport 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. – The council voted to unanimously to support the application.

**7) Planning Applications Decided**

It was confirmed that at the additional meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January the Parish Council supported the application for Decoy Farm.

An application for tree felling at Picts Hill had been refused.

The appeal for one contemporary dwelling at Union Drove had been allowed

The appeal for lawful development at Aunt Emily's had been dismissed.

The Parish Council was thanked for their time and effort trying to resolve a contentious planning application.

**8) Matters arising/Items for Discussion**

**a. Highways**

Various matters were noted and progressing. A new temporary contact was in place at County Highways. Redundant signs along Nythe Road were being cleared. It was reported how badly Nythe Road was breaking up. Pothole near to Cradle Bridge to be photographed and sent in to highways. A gully way underneath the road had collapsed and there was an ownership dispute over the culvert and who was responsible for the repair. Currently it seemed as if Highways would be repairing it shortly. Walton was still closed to traffic, causing more traffic through High Ham. Water bi-passing various drains on Turn Hill was reported. 16<sup>th</sup> March was given as the training date for the finger post resotation. Craig would clear some of the extra gullies reported as problematic.



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

Work included work in cemetery and Millennium Wood. Craig to contact John Vigar re cemetery trimming work. Bramble clearing had been taking place in Millennium Wood.

Craig's contract was due to expire after March. It was unanimously agreed (Proposed by Nancy Green, Seconded by Amanda Chuter that the new contract if acceptable to Craig would be for the current number of days plus upto 5 more at £13.00 per hour (currently £12.73). Amanda Chuter to ask Craig if he had availability for an extra five days. The Strimmer had been serviced. Tony W to lead a walk again soon.

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

See Lengthsman Report for Millennium Wood.

Cemetery - above

Churchyard-.none

**d. Website** - none

**e. Village Hall** – update given on village hall items. Currently obtaining quotes for the car park. Quiz on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Sumer Party being organised.

**f. Housing Needs Survey**– David Vigar reported back on the informal meeting about the methods of bringing forward the results of the survey. The Parish Council looking into methods of delivering affordable housing.

**g. Other** - Stembridge Mill – There was significant concern about the level of care that the National Trust used for looking after the mill. A follow up letter was to go from the clerk regarding meeting councillors. Previously a meeting had been promised and then the contacts had not come forwards with dates for the meeting and had been uncontactable since. Parishioners were encouraged to write individually regarding their concern for the Mill and the lack of Public opening/access.

**SIDS** – Ongoing and the speedwatch group was still going out regularly.

**Picts Hill traffic Calming**- As a result of an outline planning application being supported on the basis of providing traffic calming the Parish Council had been offered a sum of money towards traffic calming once the property had been sold. There was no reason that the Parish Council should not accept this. (SALC advice taken) It was proposed by David Vigar and seconded by Amanda Chuter and carried unanimously that the council should accept the offer made.

**9) Correspondence.**

NHS Health Check - ongoing

It was unanimously resolved to accept the new grass cutting quote of £51.45 plus VAT for the playing fields.

Bryan Bartlett had written to the Council and offered the Parish an area of land adjacent to the current application that could be taken up for a token fee for a CLT. The letter had been acknowledged but no decision had been taken as the Parish was not that advanced yet in its considerations of CLTs.

**10) Summary of Meetings attended.**

Upcoming events in the Parish were highlighted.

Reported that the playing fields were inviting tenders for work.

Working party meetings about CLTs were continuing to gather information.

Drainage Board meeting had been attended. There was to be a reduction in members of the the Parrett Drainage Board.

**11) Financial**

**Payments for approval and cheques to authorise**

The following items were approved for payment

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56



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Parish Lengthsman - £492.16

D Plant - £650

Water rates - £15.86

SSDC Drain clearing - £230.40

Lengthsman materials - £126.24

Lengthsman Millenium wood - £125.00

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

Lengthsman's contract was to go on the next agenda when it was to be confirmed if Craig would accept an extra 5 days for the cemetery and wood as part of the contract.

The webteam were congratulated on their work on the Parish website.

**13) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.