



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 28th JANUARY 2020

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, Chris Palmer, Rob Webb, Andrew Davidson, John Vigar, Paul Brunsdon, Clare Paul (County Councillor), Gerard Tucker (District Councillor)
V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 15 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:-** None

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** None

3) Open Discussion: The continuing problem of fly tipping in High Ham was considered. Please continue to report it, in order that the authorities at least know about and can allocate resources for clearing fly-tipping.

Some Parish trees were being applied for through a grant.

4) Councillors reports

The County Councillor's written report had been forwarded. The Climate Change Strategy was mentioned. There would be a chance for a public consultation on the county policy for the levels on 29th February in Langport. The Environment Agency plan for flood management was discussed. It was hoped that a representative could attend a meeting with the Parish Council soon.

The District Councillor presented. It highlighted the flood management policies. The Aller solar array site had passed planning to be extended to 40 years. A police report for Avon and Somerset was discussed together with some of the ambiguities of the report. It was noted that a tree planting program was available.

5) Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2019 were approved as a true record and duly signed.

6) Planning Applications for consideration

A) 19/03379/REM Land Adjacent Fouracres Picts Hill Langport TA10 9EZ

Proposal Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/03673/OUT (erection of four detached dwellings) to include details of appearance, landscaping and layout. The application met unanimously with no objections providing the agreements in place regarding traffic calming were honoured.

B) 19/03358/FUL Ark Farm New Manor House Road High Ham Langport TA10 9DP

Proposal Stationing of a twin unit mobile home for use as a permanent agricultural workers dwelling. The application met with unanimous support.

C) 19/03399/S19 Beer Farm Beer Road Aller Langport Somerset TA10 0QX

Proposal Application to vary condition no. 02 (approved plans) of 17/04534/LBC & subsequent application ref:18/00994/S19 to change roof material specification of the new dwelling from natural slate to reclaimed double roman tiles. The Parish Council unanimously offered no objections to this application.

D) 19/03398/S73A Beer Farm Beer Road Aller Langport Somerset TA10 0QX

Proposal Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission 17/04533/FUL following subsequent application 18/00800/S73A to change roof material specification of the new dwelling from natural slate to reclaimed double roman tiles. The Parish Council unanimously offered no objections to this application.

E) 20/00054/FUL Four Chimneys Breach Furlong Lane High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9BB

Proposal The demolition of garaging/garden buildings and the erection of a new dwelling. (to be discussed only if time extension for comments is not granted)- A time extension was granted so this application was not discussed.



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7) Planning Applications Decided

The application for tree works at The Pound had been granted. The application for land adjoining Morganside remained undecided. A letter was to go to the District Council as this application had called for a special meeting of the council when a time extension had not been granted yet it remained undecided.

The recent planning application for work at Henley corner had been permitted.

8) Matters for consideration/Items for Discussion

a. Enhancements at The Green – continuing – has been marked up by highways for their part of the work. The bollards at The Green had been installed. Trees were to be pollarded soon. Craig was doing some costings for quoting for work in autumn half-term.

b. Highways. & Fingerpost restoration project/ & SIDs (speed indicator devices). Progressing. Various new matters noted to be reported to highways. Craig to do some drain work soon. Fingerpost restoration – work will begin again in the spring/summer weather.

c. Parish Lengthsman –inc Mil. Wd Wk and Cemetery and Strimmer Project
The contract had been agreed and should be in place shortly and it had been reworded to cover any of Craig's employees who may be helping him or sent in his place if he was unable to attend. Craig was thanked for the work he had undertaken and was continuing to do. The report on the use of his hours this month was given, much had been tree trimming in The Pound, pavement clearance and working on drains with Streetscene.

Strimmer Project – The new officer at SCC had confirmed that Nick Fear could start at the beginning of the season and that it was adequate as an interim measure to have Nick covered on the Parish Council insurance.
Rights of Way disks had gone missing but had been replaced. These disappearances could be reported on the interactive website as could any other footpath fault.

d. Millennium Wood – -redundant tree guards to be re-used. The purchased bench was to be put together to go to the Millennium Wood.

e. Village Hall items – upcoming events were highlighted. Big breakfast noted as 8th March.

f. Playing Fields - Various matters ongoing –relating to grant requests and applications. Defib signs to be printed for Playing Fields. New hinges for swings were required, but were a reasonable expense approved unanimously by the Parish Council.

g. Speed Indicator Devices – An invoice would be sent for the share of the Turnhill SID. The Picts Hill matter ongoing with the development and highways who would have to confirm the site. Note the Picts Hill lights were covered with vegetation. This was to be mentioned to the landowner.

h. Other/lecturn/The Pound –progressing.

i. Picts Hill – various ongoing traffic matters etc. already mentioned. Report back from abattoir group meeting regarding the lorry route.

9. Correspondence. Enquiries were ongoing regarding various website matters including the WCAG 2.1 AA regulation.

A letter had been received regarding parking at the School from some parents who for safety reasons did not want the middle section of The Green blocked off. It was re-iterated that there had been a serious incident involving a near miss of a child by a vehicle that had been reported by a school parent regarding the lack of visibility and parking on this bit but leaving vehicles jutting out on to the road which had led to it being blocked off in the first place. It was felt that the parents did not use the parking at the Village Hall which was available and would negate there being an issue with the parking. It was noted again that the middle section of The Green was not a road.

Reflectors were to be put on some of the bollards. Dave Vigar to look at purchasing these.

A Somerset Hospice Care letter had been circulated regarding its services etc.



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10. Summary of Meetings attended

Dave Vigar had attended the Abbatoir Liaison Group meeting regarding the lorry route.
Site meetings at the Millennium Wood had taken place.

11) Financial

A) Set the precept - The precept that the Finance working party proposed was unanimously adopted. It was mentioned that some reserves should be kept set aside for the Church wall. This was set at £21750 as the previous year. – allocated as per appendix 1.

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

D Plant - £350.00

D Plant - £650 (feb contract payment)

M Tottle - £25.00 – audit

D Vigar- expenses bollards/carol service - £130.50

ICO - £40.00

V Youg - Ink cartridges - £35.00

12) Matters of Report and items for next meeting -

Various upcoming local events were highlighted

The Date of the next meeting would be 25th February 2020.

Meeting closed at 2130hrs