



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2019

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, Nancy Green, John Vigar, Chris Palmer, Bryan Bartlett, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor)

V Young (Clerk).

Approx: 9 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies**, Jim Godfrey, Clare Aparicio Paul (County councillor).

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** John Vigar stated that he had an interest in application 6c by virtue of being a neighbour.

3) Open Discussion:

Noted that this was the last meeting for 3 of the councillors.

The retiring councillors, who had chosen not to put themselves forward for nomination, Bryan Bartlett, Nancy Green and Jim Godfrey were thanked for all the work they had put in on behalf of the Parish Council. Noted that the elections were 2nd of May. The nomination period had now closed and that there were 8 nominations for the 7 parish council spaces. Noted that the election for the District Council would be on the same day. Gerard was thanked for the work that he had put in over his term as District Councillor.

Problems with South Somerset District Council website and its lack of 'ease of use' were noted.

4) Councillors reports

Clare's report had been forwarded to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Gerard's report would be given later in the meeting as he was not able to be here for the start of the meeting.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2019 were approved as a true record.

6) Planning Applications for Consideration

6a Alterations and the erection of a two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions.
Headlong House Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9BG
Ref. No: 19/00897/HOU - unanimous vote of no objections

6b Removal of existing timber shed and erection of new garden room outbuilding for ancillary residential use.
Old Manor Farm Church View Low Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DP
Ref. No: 19/00916/HOU | -unanimous vote of no objections

6c Change of use of land from agricultural to residential to form extension to existing residential curtilage
Tower Mill Barn Long Street High Ham Langport TA10 9DN
Ref. No: 19/00488/FUL | John Vigar having declared an interest did not take any part in the discussion or vote on the application. The voting councillors unanimously voted to raise no objections.

6d Alterations and extension to utility room.
Old Manor Farm Church View Low Ham Langport TA10 9DP
Ref. No: 19/00467/HOU AND

6e Alterations and extension to utility room.
Old Manor Farm Church View Low Ham Langport TA10 9DP
Ref. No: 19/00468/LBC |

There was no objection to the application but it was at odds with a previous related application for equestrian use which was for the sole use of the applicant and this application mentioned that it was supporting an equestrian business. Clarification was sought regarding the adjacent business use.



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6f The erection of a detached garage.

Southend House Field Road High Ham Langport TA10 9DH

Ref. No: 19/00337/HOU | Validated: Thu 14 Mar 2019

It was felt that this was in keeping with the house. The council unanimously voted to raise no objections.

7) Planning Applications Decided

17/04870/OUT

AddressLand OS 6730 Henley Langport Somerset

Proposal Outline application for alterations to existing accesses and erection of 2 No. dwellings (Revised Application). – Appeal Dismissed

8/03081/FUL

AddressLand South Of The Firs Stout Road High Ham Langport TA10 9BD

Proposal Erection of a new dwelling and garage and the construction of associated access, parking and turning. Granted – with conditions. The requested condition regarding the footpath had been dropped and was not on the decision notice.

8) Matters for Consideration

8a) - Enhancements at the Green - Ongoing. Noted new tree was in bud. Bollards were being organised and there were in due course to be some fold-down ones for the path across the middle of The Green.

8b) Highways –Furpitts Lane matters were ongoing. Turnhill towards Beer there was issues with a concrete manhole cover that had been smashed. Cradle bridge area – temporary repairs ongoing. Finger Post project - was to be started again soon. Fly-tipping that had been dredged out of the rhyne – was to be asked again if Street Scene could remove the rubbish.

8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood

April '19 Lengthsman Report

10hrs worked

Vegetation Management:

Visibility splays on the main roads

Millennium Wood Rides and paths mown

weeds sprayed on Picts Hill, HH village centre and The Pound

Clearing weed from the pond in Millennium wood - with volunteer help

Cleared ivy and bramble from the wall in The Pound

Work for May to include:

Reinstall stone buttress on corner of church wall on Turnhill Road

Remove branches overhanging cemetery lynchgate and storehouse - chip branches.

There had been a meeting of the councillors at the cemetery to review the gates etc. There was concern that a tree would be killed by the current placement of stone in the cemetery. The diggers were to be asked to revert to putting the stone in the north west corner. 2 spaces left only in the back row of the current block. Next block to use was the block behind the wall of remembrance. There had been a meeting with a joiner on the site in the afternoon. Three quotes were to be sought for the required gate work as the work required would be fairly substantial.

Strimmer Project – Tony Whitford would like to retire from the post. It was thought that a new volunteer had been found but this was to be confirmed.

8d) Millennium Wood.

The Millennium Wood den area was being used well The hazel had now been copiced and bluebells coming through.

8e) Village Hall –The film night had been successful, another one was planned for May. A cycle race was starting at High Ham on the Saturday. 280 people entered last year and it was expected to be similar this year. Traffic and parking due to this can be difficult. However, money was raised for charity from this event. Approximately £2000 raised the previous year for the air ambulance. Next Hall fund raiser to be the Auction of Promises in conjunction with the Church. Village Hall AGM was to be next week.



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8f) CLT – the CLT was up and running. Approximately 50 members. New board to be voted in on June 12th. A question was raised re rent or purchase of the properties. It was noted that the CLT board currently feel that it should be rent only to retain the properties in perpetuity so that control of the affordable homes was not lost.

8g) Playing Fields –Following up on pavilion designs and in the process of applying for grants. The small area of rotten fence to be fixed or replaced as appropriate as soon as possible. Clerk to confirm that Somerset Landscapes had received acknowledgement of acceptance of quote for grass cutting.

District Councillor Tucker arrived at the meeting with his apologies for not being able to attend the start.

8h) Sids/Other

Noted that the speed watch team had to stand down due to increased red-tape making it impractical for volunteers to put themselves forward. A letter had been received from the co-ordinator of the Speed Watch team to the effect that it would not be able to operate at the current time.

The Parish Council were still liaising with Aller/Long Sutton regarding sharing of speed devices and training quotes etc. Craig had indicated that he might be able to help but additionally noted that he may not always have the availability with regards to the SIDs when the parish council required it.

District Councillor's report - Gerard said that he would ask if Aller had similar problems with the speedwatch. Gerard gave his report and highlighted the fact that area north meeting had again been cancelled for the 3rd time in a year. It was noted that the CIL instalments should be received shortly if they had not already been received. Spending would have to match certain criteria and be accounted for separately.

Gerard was informed of the problems with the new district council website. Gerard also monitoring and informing the parish council to monitor the amount of time that the District Council were taking to determine applications. There had been some recent local examples where the applications were taking an unacceptably long amount of time.

9) Correspondence.

The Speedwatch team correspondence had already been dealt with.

SIDS correspondence –the contacts at Picts Hill were to be contacted and Bryan would contact Highways.

A letter supporting a grant being made by the Church had been sent.

Additionally the clerk had some disappointed visitors to the Church in the Field contact over the bank holiday that they had travelled along way to see it and couldn't get in and there were no contact details for accessing the church in the field available on the site.

Parish welcome pack – ongoing

Signs for defib – Chris would see if he could get some posters up so that it was clear where the location of the defibrillator was.

11) Summary of Meetings attended. – Millennium Wood working party had met. The meeting regarding the gates at the cemetery had taken place and there had been a Beat Team meeting.

12) Financial

Draft Annual Accounts/internal audit arrangements/Financial Controls – The draft annual accounts had been supplied to the councillors. It was confirmed that the internal audit arrangements were in hand and the financial regulations which included a risk assessment and statement of internal control were to continue as they had in 2018 for the 2019 year.

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsmans march 19 generator hire - £50.00

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses– £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

Parish Lengthsman - £20.00 + £125 millennium wood day



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13) Matters of Report and items for next meeting

The plaques for the millennium wood were in poor condition and the surrounds needed restoring.

History Hut would be open over the coming weekend.

A plant fayre to be held on 11th May at the Church.

14) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting would be 14th May 2019 at 7pm. And then the normal parish council meeting would take place on 28th May.

Meeting closed at 930pm