



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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

Approx: 7 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies**, Paul Brunsdon, Clare Paul (County Councillor).  
The meeting was confirmed as quorate.

2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items:** Dave Vigar declared an interest in 6b.

**3) Open Discussion:**

It was to be considered at a future meeting if the Council wished to join the CPRE. Chris to look into the matter.

The private members bill which would have allowed the Somerset River Authority to become a precepting body had been withdrawn as it required several amendments .

**4) Councillors reports**

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

Gerard reported on matters relating to area north. Consultation on the local plan was still ongoing. He was challenging the issue of planning notification procedures and the long determination time scales at the District Council.

5) **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 were approved as a true record.

**6) Planning Applications for consideration**

A) 19/01663/HOU Lower Broadacre Farm Broadacre Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9AY

Proposed two storey side extensions (2no), replacement bay windows to front elevation, Orangery enclosure to rear elevation, conversion of adjacent store into an annex, and the erection of a detached 3-bay car port with 'domestic' office over. The re-positioning of the vehicular entrance to provide a separate drive to serve the dwelling and car port. By unanimous vote the Parish Council offered no objections to the application.

B) 19/01469/FUL Land Adjacent To Orchard Home Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9BG

Erection of an agricultural building to serve as a workshop and secure store (retrospective).

Amanda Chuter took the chair for this item. Dave Vigar sat at the back of the audience and did not participate in discussion.

There was concern whether the intended use could be achieved by the current design shown in the plans, for example no suitable doors. Additionally there were concerns about any future application for change of use.

By a vote of 4:1 it was decided to raise no objections as such to the application but highlight that the design of arrangements shown the plans are not fulfilling the use given. The council would also comment that there were concerns about any future application that may arise on the building particularly for change of use and would be unlikely to be able to support this (It was noted that this was not a planning issue as such and would likely be ignored, but at some point it may be useful for residents to know that the council had informed the district council of this.)

The Parish Council as always was extremely disappointed that this was a retrospective application.



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**7) Planning Applications Decided**

19/01372/FUL – Land North of Chapel Cottage, Windmill Road, High Ham, TA10 9DL

Change of use of land to equestrian and the erection of a stable and a separate storage building. - GRANTED

19/01082/SL3A 19/01082/S73A

Address The Cottage Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EX

Proposal S73 Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 18/01075/FUL to amend site layout, changes to fenestration and the addition of new balcony to the rear of each property, alterations to front porch and internal layout of proposed dwellings and changes to external finish of the front elevation. – The council unanimously raised no objections to this application. - GRANTED

It was noted that there was an application for the Aller solar farm to change the use to 40 years and add a switch unit.

**8) Matters for Consideration**

**8a) - Enhancements at the Green** - Ongoing. Bollard at Little Green erected. Someone was parking in front of it now instead and blocking a farm access. School parking issues were still a problem particularly on sports day etc. Wigwag flashing lights had been ordered and a site chosen for them. The work would be done by SCC. 4 removable bollards had been purchased from Yandles for the middle part of the green.

**8b) Highways –**

Picts Hill SIDs- there was difficulty getting hold of the county council.

Finger post restoration project – progressing well.

SIDs – progressing with joint ward SID. Aller was now going to take part.

**8c) Parish Lengthsman /Cemetery work /Millennium Wood**

**Lengthsman**

Little Green - additional bollard installed

MW grass mown on drives/paths and weed killing

Cemetery grass mown and weed killing

Playing Field fence repaired

Church wall cornerstone reset

**August job requests so far**

Clear hedge around Playing Field finger post

**Volunteer Footpath Strimmer**

Jake Taylor at SCC still waiting for Nick Fear's health forms to be okayed. Papers submitted by Nick in early June.

Tony Whitford will continue footpath strimming as well the grave edges in cemetery

**Millennium Wood**

Karen cook has offered to fund a bench for MW, to be sited in the pond-side shelter, using funds raised at the recent talk given by the Low Ham Roman Villa site archaeology team. Karen has suggested the bench has a plaque commemorating the parish men who fought in WW1 - the site of MW was once allotments allocated to the men who returned from the war.

**8d) Millennium Wood.** –Karen Cooke's Parish project group to fund bench in Millennium woods.

**8e) Village Hall** –£8000 raised by auction of promises – 8<sup>th</sup> September was the date for the flower and produce show.

**8f) Playing Fields** –matters progressing with the pavilion. The annual play equipment inspection had taken place.



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**8g) Other** - Planning training had taken place and mentioned climate emergencies. The District Council Climate Change Programme invited parish councils to respond. In the local area it was known how difficult the flooding issues could be.

**9) Correspondence.** None other than that already discussed.

**11) Summary of Meetings attended.** – Planning training had been attended by Robert Webb, Andrew Davidson and Paul Brunsdon.

**12) Financial**

Bank mandate – unanimously agreed to add David Vigar and Andrew Davidson

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88 + £125

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing field– £127.80

4 x bollards for the green - £127.50

Cosmic annual web hosting - £180.00

The Play Inspection Company Ltd - £66.00

**13) Matters of Report and items for next meeting - None**

The Date of the next meeting would be 24<sup>th</sup> September unless one needed in August on 27<sup>th</sup> August for planning applications..

Meeting closed at 21:00.