



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE (UNDER EMERGENCY COVID 19 REGULATIONS)

ON TUESDAY 15th December 2020

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

Pubic approx: 2

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & declarations of interest:- Paul Brunsdon apologies were accepted. Declaration of interest received from John Vigar re 3a due to a grass keep arrangement in the vicinity.

2) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of 25th November 2020 were taken as a true record and unanimously approved with minor amendment to 3b that the Chair sign these when the council meet again in person.

3) Planning applications for consideration

20/03152/TCA The Old Rectory Stout Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9BY

Proposal Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to various trees within a Conservation Area
NOTIFICATION ONLY

20/03551/TCA St Andrews Church Main Road High Ham Langport TA10 9DF

Proposal Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.08+ trees within a Conservation Area
NOTIFICATION ONLY

20/02897/FUL Collie House West Henley Road High Ham Langport

Proposal Change of use of land for the stationing of 2 shepherd huts to provide holiday accommodation

The council was unanimous in raising no objections but felt that there should be a condition put on the application that in the event of cessation of the business the land returns to agricultural use.

4) Planning applications decided.

There were no new notifications although on the 7th December a section 201 agricultural building had been allowed.

5) County/District Councillor reports

Clare Paul gave a brief update regarding Somerset County Council issues, which had been dominated by Covid 19. Somerset Rivers Authority had held a meeting and there had been a lot of discussion regarding phosphates and the 'adapting the levels' with regard to flood issues.

Gerard Tucker reported from the District Council. It was noted that the District Council were aware of the need for improvements with regards to planning applications. There was also an issue balancing environmental policies such as the phosphate policy with affordable housing needs.

6) Matters for consideration and Items for Discussion.

SIDS – (Speed Indicator Devices). There had been an issue obtaining the SID in accordance with the rota. High Ham PC had additionally purchased a padlock for the stints that it is in High Ham Parish. It was now up and running on Hamdown. 2 new brackets had been purchased to make it easier to move it between the High Ham sites. The HGV route through the parish was discussed. It was felt that there was a more reasonable route which would help prevent lorries in both directions using the same section of road when there was no need to. A letter had been drafted from the Chairman which would be sent to the relevant politicians.

Bollards – The Green and St Andrew's Close – Ongoing.



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7) Correspondence

Correspondence had been forwarded to the Councillors. Enforcement issues had been reported as requested, however, the district council were unable to make enforcement visits at the current time.

Low flying paramotors in Henley had been reported as this had been causing distress to livestock. Large scale agricultural thefts were also taking place of agricultural diesel.

Millennium Wood/Lengthsman – work was ongoing. Trees were being monitored as appropriate for ash die-back. It had been agreed at a meeting at the churchyard that one of the trees in particular required some work for safety reasons. An application for this had been put in. Various drainage matters in the Parish were ongoing with Craig assessing them as appropriate.

Village Hall/Playing Field/Cemetery – Rob Webb reported back on the village hall matters that were ongoing. Unfortunately very little happening due to covid. The playing fields had been pressure hosed on the safety surface for moss. John Vigar was thanked for topping the grass as required in the cemetery.

Concern had been raised regarding a large sign concreted on the green triangle at the bottom of High Ham hill seemingly without authority on what was actually County Highways land/responsibility.

Rob Webb had attended 2 meetings regarding climate change strategy etc. One had been with regard to how to obtain a certain grant for particular projects which ticked the correct 'climate change' boxes. The second one was hosted about 'scoping' for grants and general possibilities for funding for projects of benefit to the Parish.

There was some discussion regarding connecting Devon and Somerset and the discussion on internet speeds.

8) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

9) Matters of report

There was some discussion regarding the arrangements for the carol singing and how the collection would take place.

There was some discussion regarding the website and updating sections of it.

The next meeting was to be held on 26th January 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm