



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 22nd October 2024 7.30pm

Present: Amanda Chuter(Chairman), Nick Fear, Nancy Green, Rob Rice, V Young (Clerk).

Unitary Councillors: None

Public approx: 5

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies and declarations of interest Apologies were received and accepted from Dave Vigar, Rob Webb and Catherine Roberts. County Councillors Richard Wilkins and Mike Stanton had sent apologies. Nick Fear declared an interest in application 3B, being the applicant.

2) Public Session: The price of rubbish bin emptying and frequency for the bins in the parish was to be confirmed.

Geoff Webb had undertaken the refurbishment on the last millennium village plaque.

Carols around the Christmas tree was set as 21 December. Additional carol sheets were to be purchased. It was agreed that the proceeds go to the blood bikers charity again.

Concern was noted that two minor roads adjacent to the parish did not seem to receive upkeep from the County Council and there was concern that they would be allowed to crumble and be taken off the road system. These were Henners Hill and Butleigh Drove.

Remembrance Sunday; Following the church service, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. There will also be a parish archive display of photos and documents relating to the 2 world wars, the Turn Hill war memorial, and the Memorial Hall.

3) Planning applications for consideration

A) 24/01959/DOC1 Discharge of Conditions No. 8 (External lighting), No. 10 (Nest Box), and No. 11 (Package treatment plant) of Planning Application 22/01477/S73. Land OS 4374 Part Field Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9BZ
It was felt that the number of lights was a lot. However the application met with unanimous support on grounds that this was a DOC1 application – where by there is an application to conclude that the applicant has met the conditions put in the original application.

B) 24/02068/S73A S73A Application to address the requirements of Conditions 10 (Landscaping) and 12 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan) for rewording as compliance conditions and to reflect the prior Discharge of Conditions 04 (Written Scheme of Investigation), 06 (Drainage Scheme) and 11 (Lighting Scheme) pursuant to applications 23/00528/DOC1 and 23/01959/DOC1 to vary Planning Permission 22/01990/FUL; Erection of 2 no. polytunnels, a livestock building and an agricultural storage building (Part retrospective) The Ranch Stout Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9BD
Nick Fear left the room whilst this application was discussed after answering a few questions and technical points. It was confirmed that the council was still quorate. The application was fully considered and it was unanimously supported. Nick Fear returned to the room.

4) Planning applications decided

24/01802/FUL Demolition of three storage sheds for the erection of a new veterinary practice 10m x 4m modular pod on site at Rushton Dog Rescue Rushton Dog Rescue Freedom Farm West Henley Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9BE - Approved

24/01673/S73 S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) to allow changes to fenestration and orientation and material of the roof. In relation to planning approval 23/00531/HOU for Erection of a link extension between
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bungalow & garage, part conversion of existing garage to provide additional bedroom in the roof space, relocation of existing site access with parking and turning area. - Approved

21/01331/FUL Proposed change of use of land from former Agricentre site to Residential. Proposed demolition of existing Agricentre and erection of 8 No. dwellings, associated carports, landscaping works and new vehicular access with pedestrian footpath. Agricentre Burrow Lane High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DH - Approved

20/02149/REM Land Between Teddy Bear Cottage And Lyncot Hamdown Court Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EX Proposal Reserved Matters application following Outline approval 19/00119/OUT for the erection of a dwelling – The decision on the portal was noted as ‘disposed of’.

5) Councillor Reports – There being no councillor present there was no report other than the monthly information passed on by the councillors.

6) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2024 were approved as a true record with minor amendment only.

7) Ongoing Action Points and Updates.

Lengthsman:

Since September meeting, Rachel and Craig have been continuing with the vegetation management at the Cemetery and Millennium Wood. They have also been working on a tree survey in the Cemetery looking at potential works that need doing there. As the season is drawing to an end they will start to focus on the winter management: drainage, tree and hedge management.

Yesterday's Site meeting was attended by Craig and Rachael Howe, Dave Vigar, Roger Powell, and Amanda Chuter. A comprehensive draft programme of winter work was drawn up, and will be shared with councillors once it has been okayed by the others. It will then be circulated.

Highways/ Footpaths

High Ham Facebook Page – This would include how to report an issue + landowner riparian responsibilities
- Highways Derek - update on planned works outside Willow Cottage on Long St: We did mark this area up back in April and an order for the repair was issued to our contactors and it is still with them, as far as I am concerned this is still works to be completed this financial year.

It was noted that there had been a call from a concerned resident in Henley with regards to flooding. They had been advised of the Highways contact number and that there were sandbags in the Parish that may be available for emergency flooding and who they should contact if required.

Nick Fear reported that there was a new footpath warden for the area. Some strimming had been undertaken on the path by the Village Hall.

Millennium Wood – Per lengthsman report. The horse chestnut tree planted was looking very good.

Parish Green – No new matters arising

Playing Fields - Free trees and hedging plants were expected to arrive in November. The pipe and tap had been insulated. The committee would start the work of organising next year's fete soon.

Refurbishment of Noticeboards – The Cemetery board had been installed and was discretely placed.



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Cemetery – The topping of the long grass was to be organised by Dave Vigar.

Any other – inc School/Village Hall/ Website/Defibrillator – The new defibrillator pads had arrived. The Village Hall quiz had been successful and made £600. The next event was the Christmas Wreath workshop. It was noted that unfortunately armistice teas may not be going ahead this year. It was noted that the Head Teacher was still sending out reminders about parking. Website work was continuously ongoing. The phone boxes were being well used and the ‘exchanges’ were working very well.

8) Correspondence/Meetings attended /LCN – most matters already covered earlier in the meeting
It was noted that an active travel route (cycleway) was being considered as part of the Active Travel project of the LCN.

9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £758.34

Clerk’s wages - £469.63

Clerk wage adjust to 23 rates – 552.50

Cemetery management payment – 226.67

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing field - £72.22

10) Date of next meeting - confirmed as 26th November 2024 at 7.30pm

11) Items for next meeting. Carols around the Christmas tree.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15pm