



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Dave Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Rob Webb, Andy Davidson,
Clare Paul (County Councillor).

V Young (Clerk).

Pubic approx: 12

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1) Apologies & declarations of interest:- Paul Brunsdon , Gerard Tucker (District Councillor) and Chris Palmer's apologies were accepted. It was noted that Chris Palmer had resigned from the Council. He was thanked for his time and efforts on the Council particularly with regard to his role in regard to dealing with planning applications. John Vigar declared a non pecuniary interest in application 3a due to the location of the land.

2) Public Session: A volunteer would be required for the monthly defibrillator checks. Chris Palmer would sort out the Dennis Davis award for this year. The emergency plan would be sent to the clerk but would need updating and a new volunteer to renew it. Fly tipping along Beer Drove was a problem again. An oil tank had been dumped. Parishioners were encouraged to report fly tipping to the District Council. It was noted that the flood lighting for the arena/menage at Old Manor Farm had been reported. Dave Vigar was to enquire with the landowner about repairing the state of the dangerous fencing at the bottom of Bridgehorn. It was noted that a field shelter had been stolen.

3) Planning applications for consideration

a) 22/00278/FUL - Erection of two self-build dwellings and store for gardening/landscape/fencing business
Land North Of Four Chimneys Breach Furlong Lane High Ham Langport – The application was fully discussed. There had been concerns raised with regard to large vehicles and agricultural land use. It had however been proved that in this particular instance the family was a local family with genuine local connections and that there was a need for the 2 self builds on the site. The Parish Council raised the point that with regards to the lighting and the position of the property light pollution should be taken into consideration and that lighting should be sympathetic to this and the environment. The council were pleased that these were modestly proportioned developments. Some felt that it expanded the built curtilage of the village. After much deliberation the Council voted in favour of the application by a vote 4 in favour, 1 abstention on the provision that foul drainage was to be put in place and that both self builds would be tied to the business and that lighting was to be considerate to the local area.

b) 22/00524/HOU Erection of a single storey extension
Cornerways Windmill Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DL - After discussion this application met with unanimous support. There was a separate issue at the property with regard to overhanging trees. John Vigar would speak with the property owners.

4) Planning applications decided.

A permitted agricultural development application had been refused by the District Council. This meant that to proceed the application would have to become a full planning application on which the Parish Council would be consulted.

5) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of 22nd February 2022 were approved as a true record with minor amendment to item 10 to read '1 year's tree' rather than two.



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6) County/District Councillor reports

County Councillor – Clare’s written report had been forwarded. Candidates who were standing for the new unitary in the area were introduced. .

District Councillor – Gerard had sent his apologies. He was still available and would be staying as District Councillor for a further year during the change over period.

7) Playing Field Constitution.

It was unanimously approved that the Chairman sign the revised playing field constitution. A copy was to be sent to the Playing Fields secretary for safe –keeping with the playing fields records.

8) Ongoing Action Points and Updates.

Phone box booths & additional Defibrillator(s) - Progressing well. Some painting work was still in progress. The volunteers were thanked. Two defibrillators had been installed one in the phone box at Henley the other on the wall of Low Ham Chapel. The electrical work had just been completed and an invoice was to be sent. The ‘defibrillator’ signs for the Henley phone box had arrived but still needed to be installed. Dave Vigar would check the defibrillators on a regular basis for the time-being. A contract was to be written up with the land-owners at the Chapel with regard to the effect that the Parish Council would pay for the electricity for the defibrillator.

Future Work at Cemetery/Green - The lengthsman had cleared the fallen trees by the store. There was some restoration work required on the metalwork of the shed. Roger Powell was thanked for volunteering to assist with this. He had also sanded some patches on the door of the shed and it was felt that it was not worth painting. It would need to be discussed whether to leave this as an open shed or arrange for new doors to be built for it.

The Lengthsman had straightened the bollard on the Green and replaced one of the broken bollards. There had been problems with cars parking on the grass at the green in the interim.

Millennium Wood - the required thinning and crown lifting to keep the wood healthy had started for the season. New planting of healthy whips was in progress. Volunteers would soon be required for the annual ‘pond clearance’ Hedges had been trimmed back as required.

Highways - Matters to chase up with ‘Highways’ included potholes at Henley corner/Windsor Farm and at Churchcroft. The broken chevron that needed replacing at the bottom of High Ham Hill was also to be reported again.

Other – Village Hall/Playing Field –The Playing Field Committee were in the process of grant finding to fund the new play equipment. The committee were waiting for a report back from the grant finder.

Jubilee –Dennis Davis Award – Chris Palmer had the certification in progress for presentation in due course with regard to the Dennis Davis award and had indicated he would willingly complete the needed tasks for the presentation.

Jubilee - The ‘beacon’ was going ahead. The Village Hall committee confirmed availability but did not have a ‘tea’ organised as original thought. Volunteers would be required to run the ‘tea’. Any expenses relating directly to the event could be reclaimed. The Village Hall did have an evening event arranged where ‘Twisted Vinyl’ would play. Events were planned at the ‘History Hut’ and Bell Ringing and a Songs of Praise was likely to be arranged after the tea party. Nearer the time the Parish Council would if needed send out confirmatory posters/flyers etc of the events taking place over the jubilee and try to ensure that there were no event clashes. Margaret Porter was thanked for bringing forward the matter of the afternoon tea.

Finger Posts – ongoing.

Elections – It was noted that the nomination papers had to be hand delivered and in the receipt of the District Council by 4pm on 5th April 2022.



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Footpaths – The fallen tree blocking access across a well used footpath had now been cleared. The volunteer strimmer was thanked for his work on footpaths. The County Council provided the equipment and training but the maintenance was down to the goodwill of Mr Fear who had volunteered his time. This was approximately 22 hours per year.

9) Correspondence and Items of report.

It was suggested that the local walks booklet be updated. There was no correspondence which had not been addressed in the topics already discussed.

10) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £773.51

Clerk's wages - £326.94

Defibrillator signs - £83.28

Lengthsman – cemetery extra day re storm damage/fallen tree - £240

11) Summary of meetings attended and Date of next meetings

The next meeting was set as Tuesday 26th April 2022. The Annual Parish Meeting was scheduled for 17th May at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting. A reserve date of 24th May 2022 was also booked should it be required.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm