



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM
ON TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2021

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Paul Brunsdon, Chris Palmer, Gerard Tucker (District Councillor) V Young (Clerk).

Approx:5 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & Declarations of Interest: Andy Davidson, Rob Webb and Clare Paul had sent apologies. There were no declarations of interest.

2) PUBLIC SESSION

Amanda Chuter mentioned that she would be standing down as a Councillor with effect from the May 2022 elections. Advice was sought from some members of the public with regard to some land adjacent to Teddy Bear cottage. There were queries relating to the legality of the site use, in particular a new steel structure right against the boundary fence which had been concreted into the ground. The residents were advised to report this to the district council via the website for reporting breaches in planning. The matter would be referred to Gerard Tucker (District Councillor).

The fire brigade were undertaking a consultation with regard to 'fire rescue community risk management' for the next 5 years. Chris Palmer would review and respond on behalf of the council.

3) Planning Applications for Consideration - None

4) Planning Applications Decided

Freedom Farm, 21/01213/ADV - Proposal: The display of 1 No. freestanding non-illuminated directional sign (retrospective). – This application had been withdrawn. The district council planning team were to be contacted as it was confusing as to why a retrospective application was allowed to be withdrawn.

21/02877/HOU – Proposal: 1.5 storey outbuilding with incorporated garage & single storey link to rear of Fountain Farm. Location: Fountain Farm Hillside Farm Road High Ham Langport – The application was unanimously supported. The council were pleased with the revision regarding the window. – Approved

21/01704/FUL The Ranch Stout Road High Ham Langport TA10 9BD
The erection of an agricultural storage barn (Retrospective application) - Refused

5) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 26th October 2021 was signed as a true record.

6) District/County Councillor Report

Clare's written County Councillor report had been forwarded to the councillors.

Gerard would give the District Councillor's report later in the meeting.

7) Action Points

Phone Boxes/Defibrillators – Progressing – the Henley box was being refurbished and near to completion. Materials etc could then go to Low Ham. There had been a request that when the defibrillators were put in the phoneboxes that there should be signs in the upper windows. It was noted that Low Ham Chapel could also be a good place for the Low Ham defibrillator and that the owners were happy for this to take place should this be required.

Future Work at the Cemetery/Green - Discussed. There would have to be some work in the holidays where western power would have to switch off power. The lengthsman also had a plan for the tree work as directed with regard to the woods, the cemetery and the green. Roger Powell had volunteered to do some 'tidying' paint work in the cemetery but this would really need to be done in the summer.



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Millennium Wood. – Pond clearance had taken place, a fallen tree had been removed. Oli Howley had cut some hedges and Paul Brunsdon would contact Mr Howley re the perimeter hedge of the playing field.

Craig (Lengthsman) had undertaken lots of mowing and clearing work as directed at the Millennium Wood and cemetery

Highways – Some pothole issues had been reported. Andy Davidson had been informed and the work requests passed onto Highways.

Village Hall wifi – This matter was progressing but had been slightly delayed.

Playing Fields - Paul Brunsdon updated the meeting on the progress at the playing field. The fence around the bmx was being replaced. The climbing frame was condemned and it was to be taped off and removed. A sign would be put there saying not to use it had been taped off before but the tape removed. Mike Tottle had been looking at grants towards the playing field pavilion. He had suggested that Mr Rainsford undertake a feasibility study towards the likelihood of grants for the pavilion. This initial study could be done for a fee of £175 and if he thought that there was a good case and a strong likelihood of obtaining the grant money required he would raise the grants for a fee of £875. The fall back position would be to take out a new public works board loan which had very reasonable rates. Chris Palmer proposed and Dave Vigar seconded that Mr Rainsford be authorised to undertake the initial feasibility study. This was carried unanimously. He would not be authorised to continue the work further at this stage as the council felt they needed to know more before they committed the council to the extra fee.

An issue with dog bins was raised. The matter of dog bins and dog waste in normal bins etc was to be monitored. In the meantime signs would be made up to ask people to take dog bags home rather than put in normal bins.

8) District Councillor's Report

Gerard arrived and gave the district councillor's report. This included an update on how things may work during the transitioning period of time between now and the unitary authority taking full effect. With regard to High Ham there was currently an enforcement issue with The Ranch. Flooding concerns were raised with regards to the further development of the local towns whereby the water eventually flowed down through the system and into rural villages. The District Council was informed of the matters relating to the land near Teddy Bear Cottage at Hamdown.

9) Action Points continued

Jubilee – It was thought that the most appropriate thing would probably be a hog roast and bonfire to co-incide with the Beacon chain. Volunteers to be sought to lead the organisation of the event.

Dennis Davis Award – Councillors to make nominations for the next meeting.

10) Correspondence There had been correspondence regarding the fingerpost by hedgecoes. Huish Episcopi Council wanted to know if High Ham would like refurbishment of this one to be included in a quote they were going to obtain from a specialist. This would have to come from High Ham funds, but it was thought by Huish Episcopi that it might be helpful for High Ham due to the busy nature of the road to have professionals working on the post rather than volunteers on the edge of the highway. Dave Vigar would speak with Huish Episcopi about the matter. It would be quite possible for the volunteers to do the sig if they could have access from the landowner to work on the sign from the back.

The Bench from Charltons had been delivered but was damaged and had been returned. A replacement one was on backorder with Charltons.

11) Financial

The following payments were authorised.



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Lengthsman - £773.51
Clerk's wages - £326.94
PKF Littlejohn - £240.00(chq)
Wreath - £25.00 (chq)
Phone Kiosk paints – 8.95
Defibrillators - £2500.00 (ex vat)

12) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 21st December 2021 to at 7.30pm.

St Andrews Fayre to be held next Saturday.

Christmas crew were delivering Christmas cards around the parish in aid of air ambulance and high ham playing fields.
Christmas carols around the tree was set for 18th December 2021 - 5pm start.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.