



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM  
ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Rob Webb, Andy Davidson, V Young (Clerk).  
Approx: 3 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1) Apologies & Declarations of Interest:** Chris Palmer, Paul Brunsdon, Clare Paul (County Councillor) and Gerard Tucker (District Councillor) had sent their apologies. John Vigar declared an interest in application 21/01704/FUL by virtue of its location.

PUBLIC SESSION – The volunteer for the Duke of Edinburgh Award would be helping out with some tidy up work on the green. There would be a site meeting at the cemetery with regard to siting the bench. Reviewing the situation with the guttering and fencing and the next plots to use. It may be necessary to use part that is currently a small proportion of the wild meadow. It was noted that recycling will be weekly on Thursday with 3 weekly bin collections also on Thursday.

School Traffic – Rob Webb reported back on the school traffic working group. A reminder would go out on facebook regarding the school one way system. Other ideas included the school accomodating an internal footpath. PCSO was to be booked by school now for visits in September. A query was raised regarding the matter which had been discussed before with highways regarding a dropped curb by the pre-school to facilitate prams.

**2) Planning Applications for Consideration**

21/01704/FUL The Ranch Stout Road High Ham Langport TA10 9BD

The erection of an agricultural storage barn (Retrospective application) - John Vigar refrained from the vote having declared an interest by virtue of the location. There was much discussion with regard to the application. It was noted that it was a large structure on the border of the property and that it wasn't aesthetically pleasing to view from a residential point of view. It was additionally noted that this was a problem for the Parish Council where residential areas met agricultural properties and the need to support rural and agricultural businesses was also highly important. It was also noted that it was not in a conservation zone, and it was not a timber processing shed and that the boundary hedge had been taken out by someone other than the applicant which would have screened the building. The use of the building for agricultural fodder storage was noted. It was also noted that the applicant had been let down by conflicting pre-planning advice from the district council which was why this was retrospective. It was strongly recommended that the boundary hedge to the back of where this barn was be replaced.

After much deliberations the Parish Council supported the application but ONLY if the whole of the back was boarded so that the wooden cladding went all along to minimise the visual impact on the neighbours.

21/01586/LBC Southend House Field Road High Ham Langport TA10 9DH

Proposed conversion of existing office/garage into an annexe. - discussed together with next application.

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Proposed conversion of existing office/garage into an annexe. The Parish Council supported the application but felt that it was essential the application was tied to the main building.

**4) Planning Applications Decided**

A letter had been received from the District Councillor who was very concerned with regards to some of the recent issues within the planning department. Mr Tucker had contacted the District Council executive to obtain an explanation as to why an application had been decided before the end of the consultation period. This had meant that when the



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Parish Council had met to discuss an application last week the District Council had decided the application earlier that day whilst there remained a few days before the consultation period ended. This related to application 21/01379/HOU for Barrymore Farm.

**5) Henley Phonebox/defibrillator**

It was unanimously agreed that placing a defibrillator in the Henley phonebox would be good utilisation of the box. Some options for defibrillators were to be investigated. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to consider having defibrillators elsewhere in the Parish for example Low Ham, Hamdown/Picts Hill. This was to go on a future agenda as it would need further consideration to possible sites and purchase numbers for the defibrillators. It was thought that there may be a discount for a multiple purchase.

**6) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to at 7.30pm