



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM
ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021

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

Approx: 10 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & Declarations of Interest: Paul Brunson and Clare Paul (County Councillor) had sent apologies. There were no declarations of interest. John Vigar declared an interest in the two applications for Land North of Long Street House, by virtue of its locality.

PUBLIC SESSION – A volunteer from the Duke of Edinburgh schemes may be assisting with some tasks of Parish maintenance. These to be determined.

2) Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 25th May 2021 were approved as true records.

3) Planning Applications for Consideration

21/01276/S73 - Hamdown Farm Picts Hill Langport TA10 9EX

Application to vary conditions 02, 03, 04, 05, 09 and 10 of approval 20/00649/FUL, for the erection of a dwelling and change of use of south part of agricultural barn to domestic purposes (garden storage), to allow changes to the window fenestration, materials and first floor layout. - After discussion regarding the change in building materials this met unanimously with no objections.

21/01349/S73 Land Adj. Four Chimneys Breach Furlong Lane High Ham Langport TA10 9BB

Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval 20/00054/FUL (The demolition of garaging/garden buildings and the erection of a new dwelling) to allow change to internal layout, removal of a chimney, changes to fenestration and dormer windows, installation of rooflights to east elevation roof and changes to the parking area. - After discussion it was felt that the changes were minor and not likely to adversely impact on the original application and unanimously met with no objections.

21/01297/HOU Kirk Hill Main Road High Ham Langport TA10 9DA

Erection of single storey extension at North end with extension to raised platform, erection of porch and erection of two storey extension at South end. - The application was fully discussed. It was felt that the concerns raised in the application which had been withdrawn had been fully met. The Parish Council unanimously raised no objection.

21/01379/HOU Barrymore Farm Picts Hill Langport Somerset TA10 9EZ

Demolition of existing outbuilding and the erection of a replacement ancillary outbuilding

The consultation period for this application ended on the 25th June but it had been passed by the District Council on 22nd June. It was decided to comment on the application as normal and ask Gerard (District Councillor) to take the issue with the early determination to the District Council executive. - The Parish Council raised no objections to the application but felt it imperative that there should be a tie between this building and the main house.

21/01331/FUL Agricentre Burrow Lane High Ham Langport TA10 9DH

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.

This application raised many concerns from interested parishioners and the councillors at the meeting. Whilst it was felt that it was a sympathetic design for the location there were concerns with regard to flooding and water run-off, and



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access to the school. The soak away system and holding tank system was explained to those present but there were concerns regarding the speed and controllability over the release flow of the system. It was noted that the applicant would be asking the county council for the access road to be adopted and the public footpath and common areas on the development would be maintained by a maintenance company on behalf of the residents. The applicant had stated clearly that replacement planting of trees and hedgerow would take place, but there was concern residents might take this back out. Questions had been raised about the highways access, however, the access shown on the plans was the preferred option from County Highways. There were queries regarding blocking of the gate at the back of the development – It was agreed that this would be undertaken. Whilst clearing the site for development the applicant also agreed that adequate vermin control would be undertaken. It was hoped that there would be a chance for some sort of Parish involvement with regard to the naming of the access road. There was concern that although the development had a pavement it stopped short of the school (as it went off the applicant's site) – as a side point it was suggested that at some point the school may like to become involved if it was affordable to use the CIL money to put a pavement in the non pavement gap. It was noted that although Highways felt that the best access was the one shown on the plan, many of the residents felt that the existing entrance would be more suitable.

The application was supported with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions.

21/01442/S73 Land North Of Long Street House Long Street High Ham Langport Somerset

Proposed change, of use of land from agricultural to residential, the erection of a new dwelling, triple garage with bat loft and conversion of an existing outbuilding into an annex. (Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 19/02843/FUL. John Vigar did not take part in discussions having declared an interest in the application. The remaining councillors unanimously raised no objections as the application was deemed to give no cause for concern.

21/01269/S73 (amended) Land North Of Long Street House Long Street High Ham Langport

Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to residential, the erection of a new dwelling, triple garage with bat loft and conversion of an existing outbuilding into an annex (Application to vary conditions 3 (Bat Mitigation & Compensation Strategy) & 6 (European protected species licence on site) of approval 19/02843/FUL to only relate this to the Barn (annexe)). - John Vigar did not take part in discussions having declared an interest in the application. The remaining councillors unanimously raised no objection.

21/01219/HOU King Moor House Beer Road Aller Langport Somerset TA10 0QX – (to be discussed only if a time extension for comments is not granted).

Proposed erection of single storey double bay garage, with storage room and covered log area. - It was noted that the application should be retrospective as work had already started. The Parish Council unanimously raised no objection but did feel it was important that the exterior lighting for the garage be 'dark sky friendly'.

4) Planning Applications Decided

It was noted that the Barrymore Farm application discussed earlier in the evening had already been granted. The previous application for 4 Chimneys had also been approved.

5) Councillor Reports

County Councillor report - The County Councillor's written report had been forwarded to councillors. The District Councillor reported on the impending waste collection changes



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6) Matters arising/Items for Discussion

Purchase of Fire safety equipment (alarms/emergency lighting) for the community resilience/emergency centre.

- The plan for the updating work for the Hall with regard to fire safety should it need to be used as an emergency centre for many of the Parishioners particularly if it meant that people would be overnight sleeping in the hall required that the fire safety equipment be in-situ. It was unanimously agreed to use the community resilience grant to purchase this equipment. The most suitable quote was £2900 + VAT for the alarms and an approximate quote of £200 for the emergency lighting (this figure would be known when they came to fit the alarms).

Wi-Fi Village Hall – Quotes for this were in the region of £18.33-£22.95 per month. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the most appropriate for the hall – at the discretion of Village Hall committee. It was felt that they should arrange the installation and acceptance should there be any queries over the process of the actual installation at the Hall. They would then set up payments with the provider, and invoice the Parish Council, for the annual amount.

Parish Council Village Hall representative – Rob Webb resigned. It was requested that the Village Hall committee contact the Parish Council should they need Parish Council assistance or input at their meetings and a councillor who was free would make themselves available.

Phone boxes - Continuing. Booth at High Ham working well. Discussions regarding a defibrillator at the Henley box to be adjourned to next weeks meeting.

Future work at the cemetery/green – adjourned until the following week. In summary a site meeting was required to inspect particular aspects such as the shed guttering and the siting of the bench to be donated.

7) Correspondence

Lengthsman/Millennium Wood – parrot weed had been cleared from the pond and clearing of gripes was being undertaken. A letter regarding the possibility of horse riding around the Millennium Wood was discussed. The Council agreed that they felt that it was in the best interests of the wood management that the request be refused. It was noted that there had been a further instance of a long HGV getting stuck in the parish. Highways were to be contacted to request additional signage at the critical turn points. As it was the signs were 'too late' for lorries to avoid the unsuitable roads. A further sign to be requested at Turnhill/Standhill junction to prevent lorries using the road going along the side of the church.

8 Financial

The following payments were authorised.

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £773.51

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing field - May- £132.26

Bristol Fire Ltd - £1882.50 (inc VAT)– Deposit re fire alarms for community resilience/emergency centre

9) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 29th June 2021 to at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.