



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE (UNDER EMERGENCY COVID 19 REGULATIONS)
ON TUESDAY 23rd February 2021

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

Pubic approx: 2

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & declarations of interest:- Paul Brunsdon apologies were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

2) Rural police team; - The new beat manager (Andy Stuart) for the police based at Somerton introduced himself to the meeting. General issues and concerns were raised from poaching and hare coursing, sheep thefts to high value agricultural plant thefts. Additionally the perpetual issue for High Ham of commercial dumping and fly-tipping were raised as concerns. Parking around the school was described to the officer as an accident waiting to happen and it was suggested that PCSO involvement in the Parish at school run times every so often would be helpful. Additionally a problem with an aggressive dog was mentioned. One of the councillors said that they would ask if the owner could do something about the situation in the hopes that it would avoid taking the matter further to the dog warden at the District Council and/or police.

Individuals were encouraged to report non emergencies on 101 so that messages would be able to get to someone on duty. The risk of using other contact information was that they might be on leave.

It was noted that there had been some considerable difficulties reporting enforcement issues to the district council. High Ham had been contacted regarding an issue which was actually just outside its boundary in Huish Episcopi. Andy Stuart was made aware of this particular site. Gerard and Clare had now been able to take the matter forward.

3) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of 26th January 2021 were taken as a true record and unanimously approved.

4) Planning applications for consideration

21/00289/AGN - Land At Decoy Farm Broadacre Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9AY

Proposal Notification of intent to erect an extension to existing barn to create an open fronted agricultural machinery store – NOTIFICATION ONLY PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED. This application was mentioned. No planning application would be necessary.

5) Planning applications decided.

20/03094/HOU Kirk Hill Main Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DA –AMENDED PLANS

The erection of a first floor extension over existing garage, the erection a two storey side and rear extension and a front entrance porch – This application remained outstanding for decision.

21/00066/FUL Land Adj. White Stones Picts Hill Langport LANGPORT Somerset TA10 9EX

The erection of 1 No. detached dwelling and garage – Refused as it was deemed unsustainable development and due to the proximity of agricultural buildings. It was thought that an appeal was likely.



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6) County/District Councillor reports

Large piles of rubbish being dumped near Mildmays had been reported to the District Councillor. The methods of offsetting phosphates in the new 'phosphate' legislation was described and it was concerning that to offset the harm of phosphates on the levels the 'offset' project could be anywhere in the country. The new 'Recycle More' scheme was discussed as this would be rolled out in South Somerset soon. There would be plenty of information in advance of its implementation.

Clare (County Councillor) reported on the issues at the County Council and the progress with covid 19 vaccinations across the County. The County Council budget had been unanimously agreed. The covid engagement board was looking at a 'route map out' for the county once the restrictions eased. The County Council elections had been postponed.

7) Matters for consideration and Items for Discussion.

Phonebox booths - No further update. Awaiting covid 19 restriction lifting for working on the phone booths.

Playing Fields work - Paul Brunson had obtained 2 quotes for some work to start on the ground works for the planning application. It was unanimously agreed to accept the favoured quote put forward by Paul Brunson.

Cemetery - Maintenance and upkeep for the cemetery store, lynchgates and gutters and tiling was discussed. Quotes for work to be sought. Additionally the obtainability of iron guttering to be investigated. It was thought that this might be possible via a reclamation site.

The Green - Work ongoing. There were two trees which still required pollarding. Craig had managed to work on some of the other trees in the area which required attention.

Millennium Wood/Other - Work was ongoing on a regular basis to keep the wood in good condition. There was the possibility of additional trees being put in the wood. – This was to be discussed at a future meeting.

The gully sucker had been around the parish but there were still some problems and drains which were not done. It was reported that a removal van had got stuck near the churchyard as it had followed sat nav. It was felt that an 'unsuitable for hgv' sign should be placed at the start of the road by the church as a reminder as well as the sign from the A372.

8) Correspondence

Correspondence had been forwarded to the Councillors.

The correspondence regarding the request for the re-routing of the HGV route which took lorries along Picts Hill and in both directions past Huish Academy as discussed.

Amanda Chuter was to purchase a 'dogs on lead' sign for the Millennium Wood.

The Village Hall were working on the H&S policy for re-opening.

The request for a new churchyard flag was discussed. The quote was £72.90 + VAT. This was unanimously agreed.

9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

P Green - £25 – re playing field grantfinder



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10) Matters of report

Rob Webb and Dave Vigar reported on the online 'levels and climate forum' would have their next meeting in April. There were efforts being made to encourage and engage children in recycling.

Dave Vigar had attended a Somerset Rivers Authority meeting.

It was discussed that the Annual Parish Council meeting might be brought forward to the 4th Tuesday in April – Final decision to be made at the March meeting depending on the covid legislation and so on.

Amand Chuter reported on the amount of fly tipping which had to be reported. Recently tyres in field road and a car dumped there had been reported.

The next meeting was to be held on 23rd March 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm