



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE (UNDER EMERGENCY COVID 19 REGULATIONS)
ON TUESDAY 26th January 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

2) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of 15th December 2020 were taken as a true record and unanimously approved.

3) Planning applications for consideration

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 – Concern was raised with regard to the proximity of the development to neighbours and it was felt that it was still too large and overbearing. The Parish Council view point remained unchanged as it was felt that these amendments did not alleviate concerns. The Parish Council unanimously objected to the application.

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

The erection of 1 No. detached dwelling and garage. It was thought that this was a brown field development and there were no grounds for objection. The Parish Council unanimously raised no objections.

20/02669/S73A :- AMENDED Variation of approved drawings for Plot 2, discharge of condition 05 and confirmation of previously discharged conditions with reference to application 18/00710/FUL.

Site Address: Torwood High Ham Langport Somerset. Whilst the Parish Council welcomed the removal of the balcony from the plans, other aspects did not allay the concerns of the original application. There was a certain lack of information and a back log of adjustments over various amended applications and insufficient details on this one. The Parish Council unanimously objected to the application.

4) Planning applications decided.

The application for tree surgery in the churchyard had been approved. An application for holiday lets in Henley was still outstanding due to phosphate report issues. A back log of such cases at the District Council was being worked through at the current time. Enforcement issues had also been logged for investigation by the District Council.

5) County/District Councillor reports

Clare Paul gave a brief update regarding Somerset County Council issues, which had been dominated by Covid 19. Gerard Tucker reported from the District Council. Several staff were redeployed to help run vaccination and covid test centres.

6) Matters for consideration and Items for Discussion.

Phonebox booths – Nothing more to happen for the time being with work to the booths until 2 or more people can work together. It was thought that independent groups could over see how each of the three boxes was to be used but it was ultimately funded and controlled by the Parish Council. Groups would have to ensure with the Parish Council that the Parish Council approved of their use. Amanda Chuter would be the Parish Council contact for the High Ham box, Andy Davidson – Low Ham, Rob Webb – Henley. A group of volunteers could be put together for each box and



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discussions on what was required and what they would like to use them for could then take place. Paints would be paid for by the Parish Council.

7) Correspondence

Correspondence had been forwarded to the Councillors

Millennium Wood/Lengthsman

Lengthsman/MW

Cemetery: further clearance of trees/ shrubs immediately adjacent to railing on Mildmays

MW: Thinning of previously selected trees continued in Stout-side plantation.

Some brash moved to Den Building Area

Coppicing of hazel trees by pedestrian gate - cut material arranged at location for wildlife habitat

Bramble 'bashing' - selected areas

Drainage - clearance of grips, drains

Future work to include:

1. Clear grips on Hext Hill - (Craig notes that drainage pipe on Hext Hill blocked causing excess water to flow out of grip halfway down hill - drainage problem will continue till pipe unblocked)
2. Clear debris from pavement and gutter between Manor Farm and Hilborne
3. Management of selected trees in churchyard. SSDC approved with amendment from Tree Officer. Awaiting faculty approval. Liaison with PCC.
3. Pollard final 2 trees - adjacent Old Rectory.

Other

Cemetery

Proposal: Cemetery Store gutter and external roof timber to be repaired
vegetation encroaching on back of store to be removed by Lengthsman
Lychgate gutter to be cleaned out, ivy encroaching into roof tiles removed.

Nick Fear had indicated that he was willing to continue strimming footpaths.

Drains – A list of drains needing attention or potting was to be put together. Moss and growth in centre of roads also causing problems. It was to be reported to highways that heavy traffic at Mildmays was eroding the road.

Volunteer litter pickers who had been active over lockdown were thanked.

Several instances of fly-tipping and nuisance bonfires had been reported and dealt with.

Correspondence regarding a resident wishing the parish council to put a bollard outside their house on the highway was discussed. It was confirmed this was not the Parish Council's remit – The correspondence had been passed onto Highways who could let the parishioner know if it was Highways responsibility or if in this instance the land where the bollard was requested was on the parishioners own property where they could install it themselves.



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Village Hall/Playing Field/Cemetery – Rob Webb reported back on the village hall matters that were ongoing. Unfortunately very little happening due to covid.

There had been some correspondence regarding the army cadets using Millennium Wood when restrictions were lifted. This had previously been agreed in principle. It was confirmed that this was likely to happen as occasional use and signs would be placed there when it was taking place and that it would not prevent others from using it. It was to be confirmed that the cadets insurance would cover their usage of the woods. The usage would be for a maximum of three times a year for a maximum of 15 cadets.

8) Financial

Set the Budget for year ending 31/3/2022

The Financial working party recommended to the council that the budget be kept as last year. There were sufficient reserves to cover any increased expenses and reserves already allocated for the playing field project. Dave Vigar proposed, Amanda Chuter seconded that the precept of £21750 be set.

The following payments were authorised

Clerk wages (gross) and expenses – £330.54

Parish Lengthsman - £511.88

O Howley –hedgetrimming- playing fields £252 (inc VAT)

D Plant - £650.00

Information Commisioners office - £40.00

John Vigar – 2 year’s Christmas trees for the green - £240.00

Receipt - £150.00 Carol Singing - Dave Vigar to find the name of the charity to send the cheque too.

9) Matters of report

Quotes for the store at the cemetery and railings to be sought.

Dog bins were being emptied by the District Council. No new ones were allowed.

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

Meeting closed at 9.25pm