



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM  
ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Present: David Vigar (Chairman), Amanda Chuter, John Vigar, Rob Webb, Andy Davidson, Clare Paul (County Councillor), Julia Marshall (Clerk)

Approx: 5 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1) Apologies & Declarations of Interest:** Chris Palmer, Paul Brunson, Gerard Tucker and Vicky Young had sent apologies which were approved. There were no declarations of interest.

**2) PUBLIC SESSION** - None

**3) Planning Applications for Consideration**

A) 21/02636/S73 - Proposal: 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. S73 application to vary conditions 2, 13 and 19 of approval 19/02843/FUL as varied by 21/01442/S73.

Location: Land North Of Long Street House Long Street High Ham Langport - Amended plans to reflect change to garage materials and supporting information in regard to structural survey for condition no. 13 - The application was unanimously supported

B) 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.

**4) Planning Applications Decided**

The application for the Agricentre site was outstanding. It was noted that Highways would not adopt the entrance road because of the permeable surface.

21/02561/HOU Windsor Farm, Henley Road, High Ham, Langport - Formation of swimming pool and erection of equipment enclosure – approved.

21/02477/HOU Classeys House, Classeys House Road, High Ham, Langport - Erection of free-standing, single-storey garage and greenhouse. – approved.

21/01585/HOU Southend House Field Road High Ham Langport Proposed conversion of existing office/garage into an annexe. – approved. The Listed building consent application had been withdrawn as it was not required.

A retrospective application for the sign for the animal shelter at the bottom of the hill into High Ham had been applied for. Highways had objected. The application had then been withdrawn.

**5) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was signed as a true record with a minor amendment so that the date of the new cemetery fee list read from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**6) District/County Councillor Report**

Clare's written County Councillor report had been forwarded to the councillors. The report highlighted matters relating to recycle more and the situation with regard to the unitary change over. It was at this stage thought most likely that elections would be brought forward this year 3 years this time and then a 5 year term so that parish council elections would come back to the original cycle. The situation with regard to covid was discussed.

Clare left the meeting at the end of this agenda item.



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Gerard's report and feedback had been circulated.

### **7) Action Points**

Climbing Frame - This was now 21 years old and in need of replacing. A member of the committee outlined costs involved plus sources of revenue and potential revenue. It would be ideal to replace it before spring. Following discussion it was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would provide £4,000 towards the cost of a like for like replacement. It was agreed that this was more important than the pavilion. A working party would remove and make safe the area following half term.

Phone Boxes/Defibrillators – Providing that the offer for two defibrillators and cabinets for £2500 remained open with Welmedical it was unanimously agreed that two defibrillators should be ordered. Signage needed for the defibrillator at the school.

Future Work at the Cemetery/Green/Millennium Wood/Lengthsman/Footpaths

Lengthsman - Craig and Rachael Howe been continued grass cutting at Millennium Wood and the Cemetery in October, with what they hope is the final cut this week. The mild weather gave us the opportunity to do some weed killing. Craig attended a meeting at millennium wood with Dave V, Amanda, and Roger Powell, where winter work was discussed including thinning, coppicing, felling ash trees affected by ash die-back, bramble clearance and pond clearance.

Winter works planned in the rest of the parish aside from the routine maintenance of drainage, hedge trimming in the Play Area of the Playing Field, and finishing pollarding the trees in the green (shutdown arranged during the week of 20th December. Licence to allow tree work in Conservation Area still valid)

Footpaths - 26th October, Nick cleared 2 well-used footpaths: The footpath that emerges into the Village Hall car park L12/6, and Breach Furlong to Sedgemoor Hill L12/36.

Highways- Andy Davidson reported with regard to issues with blocked drains, potholes etc. The hill was currently half repaired by Highways.

### **8) Correspondence**

**Jubilee** – volunteers were needed to form a committee.

**Carol service around tree** - 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. John Vigar to source the Christmas tree.

### **9) Financial**

The following payments were authorised.

Lengthsman - £773.51

Clerk's wages and expenses – £326.94

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing fields sept –£132.26

Lengthsman – weedkiller - £24.00

### **10) Date of Next Meeting**

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 to at 7.30pm.

Concern was raised about the cars parked at Turn Hill.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.



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