



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM
ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Approx: 3 parishioners

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & Declarations of Interest: Chris Palmer, Paul Brunson and Clare Paul had sent apologies. There were no declarations of interest.

2) PUBLIC SESSION

Various upcoming events were highlighted

Vicky, here are the dates for events I announced yesterday.

10th October St Andrew's Harvest Lunch - HH village halls

20th November Low Ham Christmas Fair - LH Church

27th November St Andrew's Fayre - St Andrew's Church and HH village hall

11th December Christmas Wreath-making Workshop - HH village hall

18th December Carols Round the Christmas Tree, The Green, High Ham

31st December New Year's Party, HH village Hall

The County Council Highways department had come to mend the rumble strip down High Ham hill but not done a full job to cover the sections causing problems and the traffic to use the middle of the road. Andrew Davidson was chasing the matter up with Highways and they had agreed to come out for a site visit. The 'rut' at the junction of Stout Road near the school was to be brought to the attention of highways. The bench on the green was being repainted by a D of E student.

3) Planning Applications for Consideration - None

4) Planning Applications Decided

Several applications were outstanding for decision including

Windsor Farm 21/02561/HOU – Proposal: Formation of swimming pool and erection of equipment enclosure

Freedom Farm, 21/01213/ADV - Proposal: The display of 1 No. freestanding non-illuminated directional sign (retrospective).

Land North of Long Street 21/01442/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. Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 19/02843/FUL. d North of Long Street (amendment) - approved

King Moor 21/02580/DOC1 – Proposal: Discharge of conditions No. 03 (materials) and No. 05 (lighting) of planning application 21/01219/HOU

Agricentre - 21/01331/FUL –Proposal: 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.

Paradise Barn - 20/02759/FUL Proposal: The carrying out of alterations and the proposed conversion of a barn to a dwelling.



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The following applications had been decided

Kingsmoor House - 21/01219/HOU Proposal: Proposed erection of single storey double bay garage, with storage room and covered log area. Approved

4 Hamdown Court 21/01525/TPO Application to carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 2 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (HIHA 1) 1993 Tree Preservation Order. Approved

Four Chimneys: 21/01349/S73 Proposal: 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. Approved

Kirkhill 21/01297/HOU Proposal: 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. Approved

Hamdown Farm 21/01392/DOC Proposal: Discharge of Condition No 03 (Foul and Surface Water Drainage Arrangements) of Planning Application 20/00649/FUL. Withdrawn

Wishel Meadow – 20/02225/FUL – Proposal: Demolition of existing redundant stable block, replace with a 2 bedroom single story holiday home designed to serve people with learning difficulties. Approved

Broadham 21/02588/NMA - Proposal: - Non Material Amendment to approved application 18/02287/FUL to alter roof shape to omit front canopy and replace with smaller porch and partial infill of canopy at side. Approved

Classey's House 21/02477/HOU – Proposal: Erection of free-standing, single-storey garage and greenhouse. Approved. The associated LBC (listed building consent) application was listed on the council website as withdrawn. This application was not yet showing as approved on the website.

Nenmead Farm 20/01448/FUL – Proposal: Proposed erection of a holiday let - Approved

5) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 27th July 2021 was signed as a true record.

6) District/County Councillor Report

Clare's written County Councillor report had been forwarded to the councillors.

Gerard reported on District Council matters. There were still some issues with the waste and recycling but the matters were being resolved and steps being taken and there had been a big improvement. More plastic was being put out for recycling than had been anticipated. The District Council now had clearer guidance regarding the phosphate issues and were now starting to get through the backlog of applications. It was noted that SALC had sent through a survey regarding view points on whether Parish Councils should be brought forward to align with the new unitary elections. Some issues of difficulty such as adult social care were being discussed with regard to the change over to a unitary authority and how these services might function. The District Council investments had returned approximately 7%. The lack of investment in sewerage plants (part of the phosphate issue) was discussed as this should have been directed at the water authorities.

Real concern was raised with regard to the development in Somerton and the unchanged sewage system whereby water overflows go straight into the Carey.

There were concerns that some areas of the Parish had been missed by the recycling team. A question was also asked as to whether the tonnage of recycling and a breakdown of the resulting collection into recycling and incineration was available.



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7) Action Points

Village Hall Wi-fi – The issue was currently with the Village Hall Committee. A formal letter of offer had been sent to the committee.

Phone Boxes/Defibrillators – Wel Medical had forwarded offer details. It was to be enquired as to whether a similar offer could be made for the purchase of 2 defibrillators – one for Low Ham and one for Henley. Dave Vigar to liaise with Chris Palmer. It was thought that Wel Medical may hold the price of the offer.

Future Work at the Cemetery/Green - Some renovation and maintenance work had been undertaken to the old store at the back of the cemetery. Roger Powell was thanked for assisted with the painting. It was agreed Mr Powell could go ahead and purchase more paint and then reclaim it from the Parish Council. Some fencing work on Standhill side needed sorting out and the matter of the donated bench for the cemetery was ongoing as the supplier had not yet delivered the bench.

Millennium Wood. – A site meeting to schedule a maintenance and works program was to be held on the 11th or 12th October.

Craig (Lengthsman) had undertaken lots of mowing and clearing work as directed at the Millennium Wood and cemetery

Highways- a site visit by a highways inspector had been arranged with regard to High Ham hill. Andrew Davidson would request highways to take a look at the Turnhill parking area at the same time. The 3 gritbin levels would be checked and Andrew Davidson would report that back to highways. On a separate issue he would also ask highways whether it would be possible to have a no through road sign at the junction to Kingsmoor House. A lorry had tipped over going down Turnhill. Highways were to be informed and it was to be seen if it would be possible to have pictorial no HGV signs at Beer Corner. An issue of water pouring along the road and not off at Stout Hill was to be monitored. Some clearance work had been done.

School Parking/Wig-Wag

PCSO attendance at school was to be re-requested. It was thought that an additional Wig Wag would not help that much. However it was noted that the council still needed to repair the Wig Wag by Manor Farm.

Playing Fields - There was an update on the stage of fund raising for the pavilion. The committee at the current time were putting effort and energy into applying for grants and fund –raising for new play equipment. The state of the climbing frame was to be monitored very closely. It was also unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would pay for a sign for the playing fields gate as driving past it was not always clear this was the gate into the playing field. The issue of the play equipment was to go on the next agenda.

Other – Nick Fear had cleared several footpaths. The Parish Council was made aware of the ramblers campaign to highlight any footpaths that were footpaths and not labelled as such – these should be pursued with the rights of way team at the district council.

8) Cemetery Fees.

The cemetery fees were revised as per the appendix to these minutes - to take effect from the new year. It was agreed that the local funeral directors should be asked about the issue of ‘no plastic flowers/glass jars’ at the cemetery.

9) Correspondence

Relevant people/groups would be asked by the councillors if they would be willing to form a committee for the celebrations. Information regarding the lighting of beacons, for a bonfire had been circulated. It was felt a proper committee to oversee various events was required. Rob Webb would send out a request on facebook.

The date for the carol service was Saturday 18th December at 5pm. - requests for the date had already been made.



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Parish Council elections – this had already been covered by the district councillor. It was likely that elections would fall in line with unitary elections.

An event was to be held on 7th October with regard to the move over to a unitary authority.

10) Financial

The following payments were authorised.

Lengthsman august and september- £1547.02

Clerk's wages august and September - £661.08

Somerset Landscapes – mowing playing fields july/august

11) Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 26th October 2021 to at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

APPENDIX – REVISED CEMETERY FEES

BURIAL FEES – HIGH HAM CEMETERY

From the 1 January 2022 the fees for High Ham Cemetery are as follows:

To purchase a plot for Burial

High Ham Parishioners	£200
Non Parishioners	£300

To open a grave for Burial

High Ham Parishioners	£200
Non Parishioners	£300

To erect a headstone

	£125
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For placing cremated ashes in an existing grave

	£100
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Burial of ashes in the Garden of Rest Parishioner	£100
Non Parishioners	£150

Burial of ashes in an existing plot in the Garden of Rest

	£50
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Placing a stone tablet with carved name over buried ashes (Tablets must be 15” and laid flat on the gravel area)

	£100
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Place a separate stone or marble Vase

	£50
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