



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 25th February 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Dave Vigar (Chair), Amanda Chuter, Catherine Roberts, Rob Webb, Nick Fear, Nancy Green, V Young (Clerk).

Unitary Councillors: Richard Wilkins

Public approx: 5

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & declarations of interest:- Rob Rice had sent apologies and these were approved. County Councillor Mike Stanton had sent apologies. Apologies had been received from 1 parishioner. There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

2) Public Session - Issues of fly tipping along Bere Drove, just North of Nythe Road was reported. Much of it had been cleared.

3) Planning applications for consideration

25/00314/AGN Tibbs Barn Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9BG

Notification of Intent to erect a steel portal framed building with box profile cladding - This was a notification only application. It was noted that a 'not permitted' decision had been reached earlier in the day. The applicant was advised that this meant that it did not qualify for an 'agricultural notification' application and that a full application should be put in.

4) Planning applications decided

25/00005/HOU Old Farm House, West Henley – Granted

24/02848/DOC1 – Long Street Farm – Discharge of Conditions No 5 (Landscape), 07 (Licence), 09 (Lighting Bats), 11 (Allocation Certificate), 14 (Surface water), 15 (Electric Vehicle Charging Points) and 16 (Cycle Storage) of planning application 20/01027/FUL – Conditions discharged

20/02278/OUT - Land South of Poole Farm, Long Street – Outline application with all matters reserved apart from access, layout and scale for six dwellings and formation of new access - Refused

It was noted that application 25/00391/DOC1 had come through too late for the agenda. It was noted that the traffic plan going passed the school needs to be amended. (note has now been amended)

5) Unitary Councillor report – Richard Wilkins reported on highways, buses, parking and the proposal to bring all the old district areas on the same policy with regards to charging etc. The transport hub that was being set up in Langport was discussed. This project was aimed at keeping local bus routes going and acting as a hub for changes in transportation mode.

6) Approval of Previous minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2025 were approved as a true record with minor amendment.



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7) Ongoing Action Points and Updates.

Lengthsman Craig and Rachel Howe reported the following;

Millennium Wood - Further winter maintenance work continued - bramble clearing, diseased/squirrel-damaged trees felled, thinning to growing create space for healthy trees.

All the new Lost Words plaques have been placed in the wood and their location has been mapped. There has been increased Geocache activity with the Geocache in MW.

Vegetation - The vegetation around the Parish Grit Bins has been cleared, and the salt levels have been checked. OK.

Drainage - Since the last meeting they have been continuing to reactively work on the drainage throughout the parish.

The Green - 2 bollards on the green have been straightened.

Other - Reported - Fly-tipped vinyl flooring on Beer Drove. Collected

Fly-tipped tyres, baby car seat, other household - reported 25th Feb

1 drain grid and 2 adjacent drain mouths needing repair - Bottom of Henners Hill, corner of Long St junction.

Highways/Footpaths

The road flooding on the road by the cemetery that was reported at the last meeting was reported again. The road repairs that a resident on Bere had noted were breaking down again. - This was reported again.

The condition of the top of Turnhill was noted. It was noted that highways had said that the eroded parts will be filled in. The pothole on Cradlebridge was reported again.

There was a new footpath warden for the area at the unitary council. 6 wardens would remain but their areas were subject to change.

Millennium Wood – Per lengthsman report.

Parish Green – No new matters arising.

Playing Fields – It was confirmed that the cheque had been sent off as required. On 3rd March there was to be a full committee meeting. An application had been sent off to Tesco for the benches in the playing fields and the committee were waiting to hear back.

Quotes had been received back for the pavilion. One from a quantity surveyor, one from a builder and one for a modular design. Quotes were now in the region of £200,000. The matter would need further discussion.

A successful working party had taken place cutting dead elm and clearing brambles etc. Luke Timewell and Derek Webb were thanked for their help.

Refurbishment of noticeboards - All the boards were working well. This was to be taken off the agenda.

Cemetery – Rates were to be reviewed shortly

Bins – It was currently agreed to continue with the current bin arrangement. The unitary council were to be contacted regarding the one bin that the Parish Council would be paying for, to see if the frequency of emptying could be adjusted.

Any Other – inc School/Village Hall/Website/Defibrillator – A very successful 'Big Breakfast' had raised approximately £600 for the Village Hall.

8) Correspondence and meetings attended –

LCN and Active Travel Group were still ongoing.

Concern was raised that in some places a proposed Section 171 permission will prevent volunteers litter picking etc in some parishes.



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9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £758.34

Clerk's wages - £469.63

Cemetery management payment – 226.67

Amanda Chuter – litter signs - £9.10

Nordic Playground Institute UK - £170.00

10) Date of next meeting - 25th March 2025 was confirmed as the date of the next meeting.

11) Items for future meetings The contracts for the lengthsman and cemetery maintenance were to go on a future agenda. Litter bins would also require further discussion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm