



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 25th March 2025 at 7.30pm

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

Unitary Councillors: Richard Wilkins

Public approx: 4

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies and declarations of interest: County Councillors Mike Stanton and Richard Wilkins had sent apologies. Rob Rice declared an interest in agenda item 3a being the applicant.

2) Public Session: Concern was raised with regards to the number of 20mph limits that seemed to be proliferating in the area.

3) Planning applications for consideration

A) Notification Only 25/00391/DOC1 Agricentre Burrow Lane High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DH
Discharge of Condition No. 3 (CEMP) of Planning Application 24/02842/S73. - There was no discussion on this item other than to inform the meeting that this had been put in with an amended traffic scheme to avoid going by the school.

B) Notification Only 25/00638/AGN Ark Farm New Manor House Road Low Ham Langport Somerset TA10
Notification of intent to erect No. 1 Agricultural storage building. This application also was notification only. There were no concerns.

C) 25/00603/HOU Proposed annexe extension. Location: Laburnum Farm Low Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DS. The application was discussed and unanimously supported.

D) Notification Only 25/00528/NMA Orchid House Field Road High Ham Langport Somerset TA10 9DH
Non Material Amendment to approved application 22/01477/S73 (amendment to 21/00241/FUL) for the addition of garage doors to the existing covered parking bays - It was noted that since the agenda date this application had been approved. This was another notification only application in any case.

4) Planning applications decided

Discharge of conditions No.06 (Surface Water Drainage Plan), No.07 (Landscaping) and No.09 (Materials) of planning application 22/00278/FUL (as varied by 24/00834/S73)

Land North Of Four Chimneys Breach Furlong Lane High Ham Langport Somerset – approved.

5) Councillor Reports – Richard Wilkins was to be asked if a short written report could be provided on the occasions he was unable to attend the meetings.

6) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2025 were approved as a true record with minor amendment.



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7) Ongoing Action Points and Updates.

Lengthsman:

Cemetery - First grass cut of the and strim of the season completed last week.

Millennium Wood - First grass cut and strim of the season completed last week.

Highways/ Footpaths 8 road closures were upcoming for surface dressing between 13th and 17th April. Some gulleys had been cleared through. With regard to footpaths there was no news to report and the strimmer had not been taken for servicing this year by the unitary council.

Millennium Wood – Per lengthsman report.

Parish Green – No new matters arising.

Playing Fields - The fencing had been completed and paid for. The safety surface needed weedspraying by Craig.

Cemetery – rates to be reviewed at the next meeting. There had been a further interment of ashes within the month.

Bins – The unitary council were to be chased up with regards to the possibility of seasonal adjustments to the frequency of the bin emptying.

Any other – inc School/Village Hall/ Website/Defibrillator – No issues reported.

8) Correspondence/Meetings attended /LCN –

A local ecologist was keen to do a report on the Millennium Wood. They were not looking to be paid and would provide the survey data that they were collected for part of a bigger project.

The next LCN meeting was on 31st March.

The quote for the next year for cutting the playing field was unanimously agreed.

9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £758.34

Clerk's wages - £469.63

Cemetery management payment – 226.67

Hamar Fencing - £1520.00

10. Contracts for lengthsman and cemetery - The meeting closed to the public

Lengthsman Contract to finalise details and approve – approved

Cemetery Contract to finalise details and approve – approved

There was no increase in rate this year on either contract

The meeting will re-open to the public

11) Date of next meeting - confirmed as 29th April 2025 at 7.30pm



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11) Items for next meeting.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.30pm