



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 28th October 2025 at 7.30pm

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

V Young (Clerk).

Unitary Councillors: Mike Stanton

Public approx: 9

Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies and declarations of interest: Rob Rice and unitary councillor Richard Wilkins had sent apologies and these were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

2) Public Session – It was noted that there had been more occurrences of opportunistic rural thieves helping themselves to shed items etc. Photos to be taken of the junction puddling on Field Road near Wearne junction to prove that it is a safety issue. Catherine would report again that the previous response with regard to the state of Nythe Road was not satisfactory.

3) Planning applications for consideration

A) 25/02398/PAMB Prior Approval Notification

Address : Barn At Land Off Henley Road Henley Langport Somerset TA10 9BG

Proposal: Prior Approval Notification for the conversion and change of use of the barn to form two dwellings, including partial demolition and the formation of doors and windows. The Parish Council offered no comments as this was notification only.

B) 25/02522/DOC1 Discharge of Conditions No. 3 (Package Treatment Plant), No. 8 (EVCP's) and No. 11 (Water Usage) of Planning Application 22/00278/FUL. No comments.

4) Planning applications decided: None

5) Unitary Councillor report The recycling centres were now on winter time-tables. The written report had been forwarded. The 'green bin' dates for collection were changing in November. SRA – (Somerset River Authority) small grant scheme was mentioned. It was thought that it might be possible to investigate if this could be used to help with alleviating flooding in Borough Lane across the road at the junction by the windmill. Catherine would see if she could photograph this at the same time as the flooding issue mentioned in the public session.

6) Minutes of the last meetings The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025 minutes were approved as a true record with minor amendment and duly signed.

7) Action Points

Lengthsmans Report

This month we have continued grass cutting as the grass is still growing well.

Cemetery grass mown and strimmed on Monday 27th.

We plan to make a start on the tree work in the cemetery within the next month.



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We have dealt with storm and squirrel damaged branches over the rides and paths in Millennium Wood. Site Meeting at Cemetery with Lengthsman Team 10th November 10.30 then on to Millennium Wood.

Highways – Picts Hill – Narrow pavements and speeds had been reported as a concern. The Parish Council had met with a representative from Highways. The soil was going to be scraped back to the original width of the pavement by Kelways. Highways had said that looking at how the soil should fall away the sign should then be OK. If pavement was revealed to be broken after the growth cut back, then highways will look at what repairs to it are necessary then. It was clarified by highways that no repeater signs could be installed on the road. However the parish council would investigate a new SID (speed indicator device) site that would meet the approval of highways.

Footpaths - Ongoing strimming was still taking place. Nick Fear thanked for his work.

Millennium Wood – reported in Lengthsmans report.

Parish Green – No new matters arising

Playing Fields – Plans were progressing for next year's fete. The adult swing repair had been completed. The community orchard area behind the zip-wire project was being discussed and moved forwards. It was hoped to be able to have 'tug of war' at the fete for teams from the locality.

Cemetery – A meeting was to be held with Craig at the cemetery with regard to the trees in the cemetery and what to cut back etc. He would also do this for the Millennium Wood.

Defibrillators – New defibrillator pads were to be ordered as required. It was unanimously agreed to purchase two sets of pads. It was noted that there was a bleed kit available outside the Village Hall.

Dennis Davis Award – It was hoped to present this at an upcoming Parish Lunch. The award needed engraving. It was unanimously agreed that recipients should be given a small permanent token to keep.

Village Hall – A successful quiz had been held. Wreath making was taking place on 6th December. It was noted that this needed early booking.

School – No matters arising

Website Training – Booked for the coming Friday.

Phone booths – Project continuing well.

Low Ham Church/High Ham Church - High Ham Church had held a harvest festival/auction and had raised good funds.

It was noted that there were Christmas sales on 22nd November at the Church in the field and Low Ham. 29th November would be St Andrew's Christmas Fayre.

8) Correspondence and Meetings

The clerk had been handed a letter on arrival at this evening's meeting from Picts Hill residents with regards to the overgrown footpath etc. The email copy would be circulated. It was asked if any of the residents knew the landowners of a particular section of hedge well enough to ask for it to be cut back. It was agreed that a councillor would go to look at the hedge by Hillside Cottage, opposite the junction.



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Carols around the tree – correspondence had been received noting disappointment that this was so close to the date of the church carol service. It was noted that historically the council always tried to arrange it for the last Saturday before Christmas. It was agreed that for this year the Council carry on with the arrangements as before, but would advertise the church carol service as well. The date was left as 20th December.

9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £758.34

Clerk's wages - £469.63

Cemetery management payment – £226.67

Somerset Landscapes - £150.94 (? pending invoice)

Playing Field Swing repair/Redlynch - £2460.00

10) Date of next meeting - confirmed as 25th November 2025 at 7.30pm

11) Items for next meeting. Finger post restoration project

The Budget and Financial regulations were to be reviewed by the Finance working group in November/December.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.55pm