



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST 2022 at 7.30pm

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

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Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1) Apologies & declarations of interest:- Apologies were received from Paul Brunsdon & Mike Stanton (County Councillor), Richard Wilkins (County Councillor), Gerard Tucker (District Councillor). There were no declarations of interest.

2)Public Session: Last year a Liz Daniels training session on first aid, cpr and defibrillators had taken place. It was hoped to arrange a repeat session but aimed at how to apply emergency first aid on a younger person or child. With regard to Christmas bookings it was noted that a carol service was planned for the 18th December in the Church. It was suggested that carols around the Christmas tree be held on Friday 23rd December. Additionally it was noted a that a Christmas eve service was to be held in the Church.

Concern was raised with regards to the health of some of the local water ways with low oxygen levels in the water having killed off fish. The police were also aware of fires on Beer Drove. Should parishioners note anyone lighting an inappropriate bonfire then please do contact the police with the information you have.

3) Planning applications for consideration - None

4) Planning applications decided.

The application for 'The Grange' had been approved. Of ten applications since March, two had been decided, one permission was not necessary and seven were still outstanding for a decision.

5) Approval of Previous minutes.

The minutes of 26th July 2022 were approved as a true record.

6) County/District Councillor reports - None

7) Ongoing Action Points and Updates.

Phone box booths & additional Defibrillator(s) -

The box at Low Ham was still being renovated but work was continuing.

An article had appeared in a paper that all schools were to be provided with a defibrillator. If this was to be the case it was thought that the Parish one should be relocated so that there would be 4 distributed throughout the parish. At present the board of Governors had not heard anything about this. The Chairman of the governors would let the Council know if this should change and the school be provided with one, in order that the defibrillators could be redistributed.

The correspondence was ongoing with regard to reimbursement of electricity for the use of electricity at the Chapel Low Ham for the defibrillator had resulted in a call from Mr Cracknell to inform the Parish Council that the Chapel were not looking to re-imburse expenses. Mr Cracknell was thanked.

Future Work at Cemetery Green –ongoing. Mr Powell was thanked for his time and work in putting up the guttering and repainting the shed.

Lynch gate roof- Mr Powell had swept out and cleared the shed. Nick Fear volunteered to help find some suitable tiles for the replacements required.



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Millennium Wood-see lengthsman report. Rob Webb to draft a poster requesting again that dog owners do not allow dog fouling. Mr Howley to have a look at a problem ditch in Millennium Wood. Tony Lock may also be able to do the work.

Lengthsman – “With the hot weather these last few weeks the grass has barely grown so there wasn’t much need for grass cutting, but it did give Craig the opportunity to carry out other works including hedge trimming in Millennium Wood and clearing around road signs. Fence repairs completed at the Play Area. Weed killer to the paths in the middle of the village, and ragwort pulled in the Cemetery.
Craig is aware of the funeral on 31st August and the request to trim the adjacent unused graves.

Highways/ Footpaths – Nick Fear reported that the strimmer project was going well and footpaths were being cleared and trimmed. It was noted that some cuts were contracted twice a year to/by the county council twice a year. It was noted that the highways drain clearing teams could no longer divert from their given course to attend to drains that the locals knew to be particularly problematic. Blocked drains reported at the previous meeting had been reported onwards to the county council for clearance. Potholes in Furpits Lane had been attended to. Potholes on Beer Drove/Nythe Road and general road defects were to be reported. The narrowing of Picts Hill due to hedging was noted and reported as a problem. The lengthsman was to be asked if he could do the low level hedge where the pavement was. A property with a problematic hedge on the highway were to be asked if the hedge along the highway could be cleared back. The general state of the road through ‘Bridgehorn’ was to be reported to highways.

Playing Fields – The new play equipment was currently being installed. The pedestrian gate near the houses had been repaired.

Refurbishment of Noticeboards – volunteer craftsmen to be sought with the view to completing tailored and affordable repairs.

Any other – inc Village Hall/School – It was noted that the produce show was now advertised.

8) Correspondence and Items of report.

Correspondence had been received regarding Teddy Bear Cottage. Matters were discussed. Photos sent to the Parish Council didn’t seem to be an enforcement issue in themselves. The District Councillor had been in touch with the complainant as the placing of tents on the land was not an enforcement issue unless it becomes permanent in which case the environmental protection team could be contacted.

9) Financial

The following payments were authorised

Lengthsman - £853.13

Clerk’s wages - £402.68

Lengthsman (materials fencing play area) -£45.60

R Powell - £62.77 (repayment of crown decorating products invoice for paint for shed at cemetery)

10) Summary of meetings attended and Date of next meetings

Dave Vigar had attended an abattoir liaison meeting. Concerns had been raised regarding some fencing which blocked off a footpath. The lorry route was mentioned and a new route was being discussed. There was likely to be a survey of traffic volume at some point soon. Updating the method of records/receipts/payments etc for the cemetery to be discussed at a future meeting.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.00pm