

Highnam Parish Council
Highnam ~ Linton ~ Over ~ Lassington



Highnam Parish Council Meeting
Gambier Parry Hall: Tuesday 21st February 2023

Present: Cllrs C Coats, M Welch, V Tustin Smith, B Harding, P Dyche, J Smith and W Badham.

In Attendance: 3 members of the public.

Public Forum – Members of the public (MOP) may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda by invitation of the chair.

The Chairman welcomed the public and invited members to raise matters of interest.

- MOP sent apologies for two additional MOP's that couldn't attend tonight's meeting to raise concerns of over a planning application, Linton Farm for a Battery Energy Reserve. There are grave concerns over, fire, flooding, noise, wildlife and the de-value of properties within Highnam.
- The missing pathway outside 9 Maidenhall was raised. Residents walking along the pathway have to use the road. Response: Council are currently reviewing projects for 2023/24 they will add this for consideration following costs and funding are reviewed.
- Warm Space not advertised with the consensus of residents are not aware of the event.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs P McLain, P Awford and Cllr J Smith

2. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2023

Proposed Cllr B Badham, Seconded Cllr V Tustin Smith

Minutes approved.

3. Members of the Council are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out below.

Cllr Coats, Little Thatch planning application.

Cllr R Keene, Energy Reserve planning application.

4. Request for dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and/or Hospitality

Dispensation was requested by Cllr Keene to talk in the planning application 22/01374/FUL Development of Energy Reserve Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure. Linton Farm. **Approved.**

5. To receive County Councillor's Report

No report.

6. To receive Tewkesbury Borough Councillor's report

No report.

7. Financial Report

i. To approve January invoices.

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| 20/01/2023 | Clerk wages | SO | 766.48 |
| 23/01/2023 | Barclaycard Payment Fasthosts/Website/Emails £45.41 Biz Stationery £58.97 Amazon Prime £95.00 (Waiting for credit) | SO | 199.38 |
| 30/01/2023 | Currys Laptop Cover | DD | 7.20 |
| 01/02/2023 | Evo Design Highnam Heritage | BACS | 330.00 |
| 01/02/2023 | PATA UK | BACS | 28.85 |

ii. To receive Bank Reconciliation

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| Balance 30/12/22 | £45759.65 |
| Spends Total | £1329.91 |
| Balance 01/02/23 | £44429.74 |

Ringfence Funds

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| Ringfence | £12000.00 |
| Ring fence project spends | £9802.00 |
| Jubilee Funds | £2063.79 |
| Tennis Club Donation | £168.00 |
| Warm Space | £1000.00 |
| Total | £23233.79 |
| Balance | £21195.95 |

February Expenditure

| Expenditure | Notes | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| Clerk Wages | | 766.48 |
| Barclaycard Payment Fasthosts/Website/Email Credit Amazon Prime | Credit | -95.00 |
| Currys Laptop Cover | Insurance | 7.20 |
| SLCC Membership | Divided by 3 Parishes | £63.58 |
| Tree Maintenance | As per risk assessment | £3000 |
| Printer Cartridges | | £97.00 |
| Warm Space Expenses | | £130.0 |
| Warm Space (HCCT) | Grant for Electric/Gas | £500 |
| | Total | 4069.26 |
| EWG Total cost £404.76 | Pollinator/Butterfly Signs Seeds £100 Safety Glasses Gloves Heavy Duty Pickers Bird Boxes | £91.76 £100 £31.80 £5.94 £32.10 £100 |

Invoices and bank reconciliation received and approved. Proposer Cllr C Badham seconded Cllr R Keene.

- iii. To approve by resolution to instruct GAPTC Council as internal auditor. Annual Audit prior to external audit. Proposer Cllr P Dyche, seconded Cllr M Welch.
- iv. To approve quote of £450 to repair bus shelter on the A48. Proposer Cllr P Dyche, seconded Cllr R Keene.

8. To receive and comment on Planning Applications

21/013932/OUT Land North & South of Newent Rd. Planning officer recommendation Refuse application is going to be considered by TBC Committee 21/02/23. Appeal set for 18/04/23 @ Guildhall, Gloucester. Council to approve Rule 6 Status.

22/01077/FUL 10 Beech Close Highnam. Erection of car port and boundary fence (retrospective).

Object

The council objected to the boundary fence and car port. The fence is out of character with other properties in Beech Close and on the Oakridge Estate. Council refers to The General Planning Guide, 'Open Plan Estates' on objecting to this planning application:

- The estate was designed and laid out as 'open plan' principle's and this contravene those rules.
- Suitable fences and walls of up to 1m in height subject to planning permission, we for corner plots.
- The planning guide advises 'it most unlikely that the Authority will accept any form of development in your front garden'

Council also has concerns if this is approved then it sets a precedence for future planning application for boundary fences for which then changes the design and character of the residential development.

22/01181/TPO 4 The Paddocks, Highnam. Lowering crown and pruning. **No Objection.**

22/01273/FUL Rose Cottage, Two Mile Lane. Construction of detached garage/workshop with associated access alterations. Council noted this application was discussed in November. Clerk checked the planning application and this is revised plans for consideration.

22/01374/FUL Development of Energy Reserve Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure. Linton Farm. Council agreed professional and independent advice should be obtained. It was deemed there is not enough information available or experience to make a decision.

22/01269 1 West Field. Erection of proposed single storey rear extension, demolition of existing conservatory. **No objection.**

23/00092/LBC Little Thatch. Recreate an internal fireplace. **No Objection.**

Planning decisions by TBC

Permit: 22/00997/FUL 20 Beech Close. Two storey side extension to dwelling.

Refuse: 22/00608/FUL Smith Cottage Barn, Two Mile Lane. Erection of first floor.

9. Environmental Working Group

9.1 Request for funding for footpath chippings in Lassington Wood.

Cllr Badham requested funds from the skip that was approved last year and not spent could be used for the chippings on the footpaths in the woods. Clerk responded a new request should be submitted alongside costings. If approved the funds will come from the EWG budget.

Action: Clerk add to March agenda and Cllr Badham to provide details.

9.2 Disposal of garden waste on open land.

Concerns were raised in January meeting with certain properties disposing of garden waste on open land. Following the last meeting the waste has now been removed, however it was agreed to include in the Village Link to remind residents to use their brown bins supplied by TBC at a cost £52.00 per year.

10. Public Works Loan – Old School

The application was returned from the 'Levelling Up' department requesting further information and clarification. The Chairman, HCCT and the Clerk will work on the details in the next week.

11. Footpath along Lassington Lane/Reach.

Cllr Dyche has been working with the Management Company and the hedge was trimmed providing a better visibility. Discussion over the extension of the path has been deferred until the land has been adopted.

12. Planning Committee

Terms of Reference was distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Dyche commented the timescale was short and asked for time to read the document. Cllr Tustin Smith mentioned due to Cllr Smith not in attendance could we defer the discussion. Council agreed to defer the decision and discussion to an alternative date.

13. Residual Items

- Resident request for a tree to be planted in memory of her husband. Cllr Badham explained TBC asked for the species and then they can decide where the tree can be planted.
- Cllr Keene mentioned the internet it not working well at the village halls. Clerk replied HCCT are aware and they are in discussion with the Church due to a Holly tree causing the issue.
- Cllr Badham asked if residents could not remove the branches from felled trees in Johns Wood.
- Work has been completed in woods until September due to the nesting season.
- Payback scheme will be working in the Butterfly Crescent. They have been clearing the footpaths in the wood and the overgrown hedges.
- UBICO has delivered a wood chipper. Cllr Badham will store in his garage.
- One of the handrails in the woods are broken. Cllr Badham will arrange for them to be repaired.
- 10 bird boxes have been erected with Blue Tits been seen going inside.
- Lassington Reach do they need bins? Cllr Dyche replied they are waiting for the land to be adopted.
- If anyone is interested in Litter picking then please contact Cllr Badham with by phone or email.
- The extension to Denbury house has been linked with the main residence. Clerk checked and planning approval has been agreed.

Meeting closed @ 21.23hrs

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman Cllr Charlie Coats

Next meeting: 21st March 2023