

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00 pm on Thursday 30 August 2018 in Ham Village Hall

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr R Buchanan-Dunlop, Mr N Jones, Mrs C Garrod (Acting Clerk) and 5 members of the public. PCSO Sam Burnside was also in attendance.

Apologies: Mr J Marriage

Declarations of Interest: none

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2018 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Council member changes.** Mr Neil Jones tendered his resignation and Mr David Bicknell was co-opted in his place. Mr Bicknell will take on the responsibilities of Roads from Mr Jones.
3. **Matters Arising:** none
4. **Police Report.** There was no Police Report but PCSO Sam Burnside was able to attend the meeting briefly. He reiterated the concern of the village regarding a burglary on 15 August, the theft of lead from the roof of the public house, the theft of garden tools from a vehicle in Shalbourne and also the problem of the 'Nottingham Knockers'. Mr Buchanan- Dunlop asked for extra coverage in the village in view of the increase of incidents. PCSO Burnside warned that the 'Nottingham Knockers' were not to be tolerated and the police should be informed of their presence in the village. He is assigned to the local area from Sunday 2 September and will raise the concerns with his committee. The Committee thanked PCSO Burnside for his attendance and concerns. PCSO Burnside left the meeting as he was called away to an incident.

It was questioned whether Neighbourhood Watch should be reinstated but it was decided that the village Whats App group seemed to work better.

5. **Roads, Signs and Speed Limits.** It was agreed that the SpeedWatch signs in the village should be removed. Mr David Bicknell will carry this out. It was proposed that a 20mph limit should be set in the village however it was agreed this would not solve the problem with speeding from the Buttermere Road. Mr Alastair Taylor (Farm Manager for Three Counties Farms) reported an incident of speeding on Spray Road where two cyclists were hit by a car and their bicycles destroyed in the impact. He requested that the 30mph limit in the village be extended to include Ham Spray where it is currently 60mph. Mr Taylor will prepare a report for the Committee. Wiltshire County Council has previously refused this request.
6. **Flooding.** No flooding was reported. Mr David Bicknell will undertake flooding duties in future.
7. **Bridleways and Footpaths.** It was reported that the village is still waiting for planings for Field Lane. It will need 5 lorry loads (100 tons) at a cost of £20 a ton and need to be suitable material for a bridleway. There is also a problem with

timing the delivery and carrying out the work. Mr Taylor will see if he can acquire the planings more cheaply.

8. **Boulders on edge of Village Green.** Mr Buchanan-Dunlop reported that the edges of the Village Green are becoming frayed due to the clipping by HGVs around the green. He suggested large flat boulders be positioned to prevent further erosion. It was suggested to wait until the works to the public house had finished.
9. **Finances.** Mr Buchanan-Dunlop reported that the village now has new external auditors. They are concerned that the current expenditure is £1000 over a precept of £1500 for the year. However Field Lane will require expenditure as will the Village Hall which is due for refurbishment. The expenditure so far this year is £540. £250 was spent on the Village Hog Roast and the grass cutting budget of £600 will be reduced due to the hot summer. The budget will be discussed at the next meeting in November as the Committee is loathe to reduce the budget below £1500 as this is believed to be a realistic sum.
10. **End of First World War Commemorations.** The Village is to hold a re-run of the exhibition previously held in 2014. It will be held in the Village Hall on 9-11 November with an event for the village on the evening of Friday 9 November. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and Lady Walker will contact the school to invite the pupils to participate.
11. **Crown and Anchor.** No news reported.
12. **Parish Hog Roast held in June 2018.** This was reported a huge success and thanks given to Lady Walker and her supporters. Next time emphasis will be given to ask people to bring tables and chairs.
13. **To Agree a date for a Parish Walk.** To be decided by Jethro Marriage who was not present at the meeting.
14. **Correspondence.** A letter was produced from Mr Clarke of Three Counties Farm objecting to three aggressive complaints from the village regarding farm vehicles not obeying traffic rules through the village. He vehemently rejected the accusations and suggested that other farm vehicles used the roads through the village. Mr Taylor asked that registration details and times of incidents would be helpful to identify the perpetrators.
15. **Date of Next Meeting.** This will be decided by email.
16. **Any Other Business .** None

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm