

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.20pm on Wednesday 31st August in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr J Marriage, Mr M Humphreys, and Mr. A Taylor, and 3 members of public.

1. Apologies: none.

2. Minutes

The Chairman asked if the minutes from the quarterly meeting on the 2nd March could be signed off. All councillors concurred.

3. Matters Arising: none.

4. Roads, Signs and Speed Limits

Mr. Taylor reported that he had spoken to the contractors recently who had highlighted the lack of resources for pothole repair, and as a result many of the potholes in the local area were unlikely to be repaired. He continued to explain that he had also met with the parish warden to discuss clearing foliage around the signs. Some work has been done but very limited due to the time available and lack of resources. Mr. Taylor confirmed that the damaged salt bin on Cutting Hill would be replaced and they would all be topped up.

Mr. Taylor explained that speeding had decreased since building works in Buttermere had finished. All councillors agreed that the issue had improved.

The Chairman raised the issue of tidying foliage around the signs and suggested that we took matters into our own hands. There was a discussion over verge ownership and responsibility with no resolution. It was agreed that a message should be sent round the village asking for help in clearing around nearby road signs.

The Chairman confirmed that the proposal to look into 30mph on Cutting Hill was ongoing.

The Chairman raised the issue of speed indicator signs. A general discussion was had, and it was agreed that there were arguments both for and against. Notably concerns on effectiveness and visual appearance. It was agreed to delay any further discussions until progress had been made with the existing signage.

5. Flooding

Mr. Humphreys confirmed that there were no issues he was aware of and that the drains had been recently cleared.

6. Bridleways and Footpaths

It was noted that Field Lane continued to be a joy to walk along.

7. Finances

Mr. Buchanan Dunlop summarised the financial position. We started the year with a balance of £8,500 which has dropped to £5,700 with a further £400 expenditure expected. This would leave a balance of approximately £5,300 of which £2,000 is reserved for infrastructure projects. The main expenditure of the year was £2,000 on the Jubilee lunch and a contribution of £500 to Shalbourne Cricket Club.

The Chairman confirmed that £2,000 was ear marked for a replacement notice board. Lady Walker confirmed that she was speaking to a local supplier to see what options were available.

8. Correspondence: none.

9. Any Other Business: none

10. Date of next meeting

The Chairman agreed to circulate dates by email.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm