

# HAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

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The Parish Assembly of Ham Parish Council took place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Ham Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

**Present:** Mr. C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr. J Marriage, Mr. M Humphreys and Mr. A Taylor, and 12 members of public.

### 1. Apologies:

Councillor Stuart Wheeler

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising: None.

### 4. Committee Reports

Lady Walker read out a prepared statement on the Village Hall.

The Chairman explained that there was no parish report but highlighted the forthcoming Ham Shalbourne Cricket match on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> with a 2pm start.

### 5. Open Forum

The Chairman thanked the council for all their help and assistance over the last 12 months and then opened to the floor.

There was a long discussion about poo bins, picking up on points from previous meetings. The Chairman summarised these points and explained that the core problems were choosing a location and a procedure for emptying the bin regularly. It was agreed that the Village Green was not a suitable location which was the only Parish owned land available. The Chairman asked for a show of hands for anyone who would be happy to have a dog poo bin on edge of their land. There were none and it was agreed there was no alternative solution.

It was agreed that the defibrillator was a very useful village resource and the Council thanked Mr. Simmonds for agreeing to continue to look after the maintenance for a further year.

There was a discussion about the state of the Chestnut tree on the Village Green and it was agreed to look into tidying up the lower branches.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.