

# HAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

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A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr M Humphreys, Mr. A Taylor, Mr. J Marriage, Mrs. J Lamb and 5 members of public.

### 1. Apologies: None

### 2. Minutes

The Chairman apologised that the minutes were not available for signing but would be prepared for the next meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising:

The Chairman warmly welcomed Mrs. Lamb and thanked her for joining the council as a co-opted member.

### 4. Roads, Signs and Speed Limits

Mr. Taylor reported that he had spoken to the Police again about speed indicators but received very little assistance. Until there is a significant road accident very little help will be forthcoming. He also reported that Acorn builders were by far the worst at the moment and the Chairman agreed to email the Managing Director.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Steward had been in touch, and during the conversation explained that they were responsible for 4 villages on the Ham day which limited the amount that could be achieved. As a result the Chairman suggested a continuation of the work to clean around all the speed signs.

### 5. Flooding

Mr. Humphreys reported that he was not aware of any new issues despite some significant periods of rainfall.

### 6. Bridleways and Footpaths

Mr. Marriage reported that there were no issues he was aware of. A discussion was had regarding nettles, and it was agreed that these were best dealt with by walkers directly rather than employing contractors.

### 7. Finances

The Chairman reported on behalf of Mr. Buchanan-Dunlop who sent his apologies. The parish accounts stand at £3,002 with some cheques yet to be presented. Annual payments not included and still outstanding include hire of the village hall and the second tranche of the grass cutting, totalling approximately £400. The precept level will need to be discussed at the November meeting.

**8. Correspondence:** None.

**9. Any Other Business:**

The Chairman reported that the new Notice Board had been put up and offered his huge thanks to Mr. Bicknell for his help. There was a long discussion about improving the area around the notice board and Mr. Humphreys agreed to look into this.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Buchanan-Dunlop for his help with going through the Ham History Project documents which are now stored with the Parish archives in the Village Hall.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The Chairman agreed to circulate dates by email.

The meeting closed at 7:21pm.