

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish Assembly of Ham Parish Council took place on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in Ham Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Mr. C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr. J Marriage, Mrs. J Lamb, Mr. M Humphreys and Mr. A Taylor, and 8 members of public.

1. Apologies:

Councillor Stuart Wheeler

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Assembly held on the 17th May 2023 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 26th.

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.

The Chairman also explained that this was the start of the final year in the current four-year term, with Parish Council elections in May 2025. In addition due to changes in funding from Central Government it was expected that individual Parish Councils would be responsible for any election costs.

A member of the public asked about progress with tidying up the lower branches of the tree on the Green. Lady Walker explained that there were issues with applying for the planning permission due to a lack of postcode, but progress had been made.

There was a discussion about the state of the small Noticeboard near the Severalls, which was in very poor condition. It was agreed that a second notice board was not needed and all councillors agreed it was best to remove it.

The Chairman presented a large, framed portrait of the King that had been sent to all Parish Councils. It was agreed that it would be hung in the Village Hall.

The Chairman raised the question of this year's summer party. The Pub's 5th birthday party was set for the weekend of 21st June and it was agreed that any Parish party would clash with this, and as a result we would leave it for this year.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.