

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

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A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025 in the Village Hall following a planning meeting.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Mary Walker, Mr J Marriage, Mrs. J Lamb, Mr A Taylor and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Mr M Humphreys

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman: Quarterly Parish Meeting 20 November 2024.

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Roads, Signs and Speed Limits

Mr. Taylor reported that he had met recently with the Parish Steward and discussed the potholes on Spray Road. He also repeated that everyone should continue to use the My Wilts app to report potholes and other issues.

The Chairman reported on the expected resurfacing of the main road through the village which was due to be completed by the middle of May.

5. Flooding

The Chairman reported on behalf of Mr. Humphreys that we were due the Gully truck, on Week 42 of the schedule for the Discretionary Gully service which was 24th February 2026.

6. Bridleways and Footpaths

Mr. Marriage reported that he was not aware of any issues on the various foot paths.

7. Finances

The Chairman reported that there were no financial points to raise but that there would be a full accounts report at the next meeting.

The Chairman proposed that the council replace the bench on the Village Green which was purchased in March 2014 and was now in a terrible state of repair. A replacement would be £440 including delivery. There was also a discussion about the existing brass plaque, and it was agreed this should be replaced if necessary but without the year. The council agreed to the expenditure. The Chairman explained that he would wait until March before ordering in the hope of benefitting from the Spring sales.

8. Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he had received an invitation to the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that Ham would not be entering this year.

9. Parish Summer Party

The Chairman proposed a summer party early in September to prevent a clash with the planned Open Gardens event on the 14th June. It was agreed to discuss this at the May meeting.

10. Parish Council Elections

The Chairman repeated the information send out on HAMnet and explained that he had copies of the nomination forms and would provide any assistance required. He also explained the various dates, and deadlines for nomination forms to be handed in, in person in Salisbury.

Mrs J Lamb raised the idea of advertising for a Parish Clerk.

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked John Watson for kindly replacing the broken glass with a sheet of Perspex in the notice board. It was agreed that it looked excellent and there was no need to replace with glass.

12. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.