

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 26 November 2019 in Ham Village Hall

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr J Marriage, Mr D Bicknell, Mr M Humphreys, Mrs C Garrod (Acting Parish Clerk). Mr R Buchanan Dunlop (Finance Officer) was in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Quarterly Parish Meeting held on 29 August 2019 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:** The Chairman announced that this is the Acting Parish Clerk's last meeting. He thanked her and presented her with a gift of appreciation. No replacement has been found to date.
4. **Police Report.** None received.
5. **Roads, Signs and Speed Limits:**

There was a long discussion about extending the village 30mph speed limit towards the prosperous crossroads and along Ham Spray Rd. The Chairman reported on his research and the helpful advice provided from the Shalbourne Parish Council. When combined with the results of the last time this was attempted the council decided not to pursue this at this time, concentrating instead on speed reduction measures. The primary reasons highlighted were costs, chances of success and the work required over a long period of time.

Mr Bicknell has investigated an automatic speedwatch device that could be placed in the village. The cost is approximately £300 including the data and he will contact Wiltshire council for their advice on its usage and how best to proceed. It is suggested that it be placed on Ham Spray Road on a trial basis, and then moved to different locations as needed.

The parish steward will be asked to clear tree growth obscuring existing 30 mph signs.

Wiltshire Council suggests using the MyWiltshire App on a phone to report problems.
6. **Flooding.** The drain continues to be blocked outside the Hawley's house. The gullies are full on the way up to Ham Hill. It was again suggested the MyWiltshire App is used to report problems to Wiltshire Council

- 7. Bridleways and Footpaths.** The Chairman confirmed that it is hoped that materials will be delivered in the period April to June next year for the repairs to Field Lane. Mr Marriage had nothing further to report.
- 8. Finances and Parish Precept**
Mr Buchanan-Dunlop presented his report showing that parish funds had £4400 in reserves. £1000 is earmarked for Field Lane although £1500 might be needed. £1200 of the annual £1500 Parish Precept has been spent. It was agreed to leave the Precept as it is, at £1500.
- 9. VE Day on 8 May 2020:** It was agreed that the village hog roast would be held on 8 May to coincide with the VE celebrations
- 10. Defibrillator:** This is now in the possession of the Chairman who will arrange to have it erected. It is hoped that it will be in place on the pub wall by Christmas. The electricity supply will be from the pub
- 11. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.
- 12. Any Other Business:** The Christmas lights are still in place on the tree on the Green. They will be turned on on Sunday 1 December. Electricity is being supplied by the pub. £700 has been raised from the village for the new pub sign. This will be formally presented to the Crown and Anchor. The Chairman will contact Mr Slade and Mr Forbes to arrange this.
- 13. Date of Next Meeting:** To be decided.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.