

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

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A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th August 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Mary Walker (Vice Chair), Mr M Humphreys and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Mr J Marriage

2. Minutes

None.

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Roads, Signs and Speed Limits

The Chairman reported that the Parish Steward visited for half a day roughly once a quarter and asked for suggestions of tasks beyond the usual clearing around speed limit signs. Mr. Humphreys suggested that the culverts were key and worth clearing when possible. Lady Walker suggested the lower edges of the road banks. The Chairman agreed to add to the job sheet.

The Chairman reported on the expected resurfacing of the main road through the village, C198, which is planned for some point between October and January. He also pointed out that last time this was announced it never happened so would pass on any further information as it became available.

5. Flooding

Mr. Humphreys reported that there were no issues he was aware of.

6. Bridleways and Footpaths

The Chairman reported on behalf of Mr. Marriage that there were no issues to report on the various foot paths.

The state of the bridleway past Prosperous was raised, particularly with regards to horse riding.

7. Finances

Mr. Daking explained that we carried a surplus of £600 last year, and that currently this year there is fund of £1,500 available whilst maintaining the usual £3,000 buffer.

8. Village First-Aid Equipment

The Chairman reported on the discussion within the village to source a blood trauma kit following a recent accident. All agreed this was an excellent idea, and the Chairman asked that whilst he had no specifics of the first aid equipment being suggested by Alistair Taylor and Richard Schofield, would the council be happy with a budget of £500. All councillors concurred. The Chairman agreed to continue discussions with Alistair.

Mr. Daking reported on the first aid training currently being planned in the Village Hall, all organised via the village Whats App group.

9. Correspondence

The Chairman read out the details of the recent police report covering the period March to June, remarking that there were no incidents reported but 144 drivers in the area were offered speed awareness courses.

The Chairman asked the councillors if there were happy with the forthcoming insurance renewal on the 22nd, of £136.75. All concurred.

10. Any Other Business

The Chairman reminded everyone about the planned parish party lunchtime on Sunday September 7th, and explained that the plan was a BBQ on the Green. It was agreed to avoid using the larger marques if at all possible to keep things simple.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.