

# HAM PARISH ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Ham Parish Assembly took place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at **7:40pm** in **Ham Village Hall**

**Present:** Mr Buchanan-Dunlop (Chairman), Mr C Dean, Mr N Jones, Mr J Marriage, Lady Walker and Mrs D Byatt (Parish Clerk)

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr S Byatt, PC J Mills, Mr S Wheeler (District Councillor)

1. **Minutes;** Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed by Chairman

2. **Matters Arising**  
None

3. **Parish Council Report**

The Chairman said that five events had dominated the past year. Mrs S Eldridge, the Vice Chair, had died in September and was much missed. The Hog Roast had taken place on 12 June to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday, and he thanked everyone who had helped to make it a success. The Crown and Anchor had been bought by two parishioners. The connection to Superfast Broadband had stalled but was now due to start again. Local elections had taken place, and because only five nominations had been put forward for the Parish Council that election was uncontested. He went on to thank all those who had contributed to the life of the village by organising other events and activities during the course of the year.

4. **Police Report**

In the absence of PC Mills the Chairman read extracts from the latest Police Report. Wiltshire Police have been engaged in helping people understand the risk of using mobiles whilst driving. There is has been a spate of vehicles being broken into at beauty spots in rural areas, and there had been a number of break-ins to local farm premises.

5. **Wiltshire Council Report**  
In the absence of Mr Wheeler the Chairman read out various extracts from the report from Wiltshire Council, including the statement that a further £25 million needed to be saved in 2017-18 and that this might lead to controversy.
  
6. **Village Hall Committee Report**  
Lady Walker, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, reported that a number of events had taken place in the Village Hall including the Harvest Supper and a Cookery Demonstration and Wine Tasting evening, and she thanked those who had helped to make them a success.  
The Playgroup continued to meet weekly, although Mrs C Dean had recently given up running it. However, Welpets had not used the Hall during the year. The Hall remained in relatively good condition: the lighting had been fixed and the electrics were due an inspection before the autumn. Further possible renovation would be discussed by the Committee. A garden maintenance company now took care of the grass. A spring clean had taken place in April, and although the turnout had been disappointing she thanked those who had taken part.
  
7. **Neighbourhood Watch Report**  
Mr S Byatt was not able to attend the meeting. There were no outstanding issues to report.
  
8. **Ham Relief Fund**  
The Chairman reported that there had been no grants from the fund during the year. The fund now stood at £1,864. While it had previously been suggested that the fund might be wound up, the trustees now felt it should be retained for the time being.
  
9. **Open Forum**  
The question was raised as to whether Ham would enter the best kept village competition, and it was agreed by all that once the Crown and Anchor has re-opened and the vandalised phone box had been removed this could be considered.

Meeting closed at 20:20  
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