

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13 November 2018 in Ham Village Hall

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr R Buchanan-Dunlop, Mr J Marriage, Mrs C Garrod (Acting Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr D Bicknell

Declarations of Interest: none

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 August 2018 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Council member changes.** Mr Martin Humphreys was welcomed as a new member of the Committee of the Parish Council
3. **Matters Arising:** none
4. **Police Report.** It was decided not to ask police officers to attend quarterly meetings but only the AGM. There was a report of an attempted theft at an outbuilding in Shalbourne and also from Doves Farm where CCTV captured the perpetrators.
5. **Roads, Signs and Speed Limits.** No further report has been received from Mr A Taylor.
6. **Flooding.** No flooding was reported.
7. **Bridleways and Footpaths.** It was reported that the village is still waiting for planings for Field Lane. There has been no further report from Mr Taylor. Mr Buchanan-Dunlop said that if the planings were to become available during the coming winter months, he hoped that it would be possible to store them on Dove's Farm land until the Spring and weather and farming conditions allowed them to be used on Field Lane.
8. **Finances.** Mr Buchanan-Dunlop said that with the exception of the financial years 2014/5 and 2015/6 when the precept had been raised to pay for the move of the 30 mph signs, the precept had remained steady at £1,500 for at least five years. Expenditure for the previous financial year had come in under the budget of £1,500 largely because of the reduced cost of the Hog Roast which was usually paid for over two years, and because no Christmas tree had been purchased. This year he projected that expenditure would be over budget because of the £500 grant to the Village Hall. Otherwise expenditure was stable and grass-cutting would be approximately £200 less than normal because of the prolonged hot weather. He projected that at the end of the year accumulated funds would stand at £4,741 of which £1,000 was earmarked for the repair of Field Lane. Previously it had been agreed that it would be sensible to keep a reserve of £3,000, ie two years expenditure. The Chairman then introduced the topic of replacing the existing defibrillator which was now seven years old and reaching the end of its useful life. A replacement would cost in the order of £1,750. It was agreed that a new defibrillator should be purchased, and that it should be paid for by raising the

precept for 2019/20 to £2,500. This would allow £1,000 to come from the precept and the balance to come from reserves.

9. **Defibrillator.** The chairman will progress this and it has been agreed with the owners of the Crown and Anchor that it can be re-instated on the side of the public house.
10. **Christmas Tree.** It was agreed that lights should be put on the tree on the Village Green again this year and that Mr Bird be asked for help in this respect
11. **Date of Next Meeting.** To be decided
12. **Any Other Business .** None

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm