

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019 in Ham Village Hall

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr R Buchanan-Dunlop, Mr J Marriage, Mr D Bicknell, Mr M Humphreys, Mrs C Garrod (Acting Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Quarterly Parish Meeting held on 13 November 2018 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:** none
4. **Police Report.** none
5. **Roads, Signs and Speed Limits.** Nothing to report.
6. **Flooding.**
Two areas of concern were raised. One outside the Hawleys house where the owners have complained to the Council. They are advised they have to wait for the next 'blow out'. The second is the field entrance by the Davenports' house where there are currently two cones indicating the depth of the water.
Mr M Humphreys was asked to be the Councillor in charge of flooding.
7. **Bridleways and Footpaths.** It was reported that several stiles around the village were in poor repair. Mr Marriage volunteered to speak to the appropriate people. It was also reported that the footpath below the nature reserve is overgrown and needs to be cleared. A member of the public referred to Field Lane and Mr Buchanan Dunlop will chase up the matter of planings.
9. **Finances and Parish Precept**
Mr Buchanan-Dunlop reported that parish funds currently stood at £7,535.99. This sum included the Community Infrastructure Levy grant from Wiltshire Council of £2,793.50. The Parish Council confirmed its decision that £1,793.50 of this grant should be given to Ham Village Hall for its refurbishment programme, and that £1,000 should be retained for the purchase of a new Defibrillator; the total sum now earmarked in the funds for the Defibrillator was £1,700. A further £1,000 remained earmarked for the repair of Field Lane. In view of the Community Infrastructure Levy the Parish Council had revised its Precept request for 2019/20 to £1,500, which mirrored the previous financial year's Precept.
10. **Public House**
The owners are hoping to open in the Spring. They are currently recruiting staff. They are chasing the signmaker to establish the final cost. The money for the sign will be raised by members of the general public and not the Parish Council.
11. **Correspondence**
An invitation has been received to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that Ham would not participate this year and building work to Tudor Cottage in the centre of the village was cited. However Mr Humphreys offered to arrange a litter-picking day in the Spring.

12. CCTV

The provision of a CCTV camera in the village was discussed. It was reported that no information can be stored on such a device and so it would not be an option. A member of the public asked whether the Neighbourhood Watch for the village was still running. It was said not.

13. Any Other Business

Thanks were offered to Mr Bill Bird and his assistant in helping put up the Christmas lights on the village green. The Vice-Chairman thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Village Hall Committee for their donation of £1793.50.

14. Defibrillator

Mr Richard Schofield gave a demonstration of various defibrillators. There is some trade-in value on both the old defibrillator and cabinet. He recommended a 'Sentry' for the village's requirements. A replacement will cost £900-£1100 plus approximately £700 for the cabinet. The chairman requested to see an example of a Sentry cabinet as the pub owners would like a relatively discreet model.

15. Date of Next Meeting. To be decided