

## HAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

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A Quarterly meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7.35 pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr J Marriage, Mr M Humphreys, and Mr. A Taylor, and 9 members of public.

1. **Apologies:** none.

2. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the EGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:** none.

4. **Roads, Signs and Speed Limits**

Mr. Alistair Taylor confirmed that due to the cost, chicanes at the entrances of the village would not be possible and that usually they were only allowed if a serious accident had occurred.

The Chairman also confirmed he was still investigating a 30mph speed limit on Cutting Hill.

5. **Flooding**

Mr. Humphreys reported that everything was looking good and nothing to report.

There was a discussion about the culverts outside Malthouse Cottages and Porch Cottages with no clear decision on how best to proceed.

6. **Bridleways and Footpaths**

Mr. Marriage asked the council to consider paying for half of the cost of the new footpath gates at the Old Rectory which was agreed, a total of £361.92. Everyone present agreed the new gates were a great improvement over the previous stiles and passed their thanks on to Diana and Nicholas Baring for organising.

Mr. Marriage updated the council on the situation with Field Lane now that we have the scalpings available. He explained that he had talked to Bill Bird of BK Grain who has kindly offered some earth moving equipment. The work will be planned when weather allows.

The Chairman added that The Pewsey Vale Circular Way launches tomorrow.

## **7. Finances**

Mr. Buchanan-Dunlop explained that there was very little change since the previous meeting and that we were expecting our precept payment of £1,500 in the near future.

## **8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022**

The Chairman summarised the documents that he had received with regards to the beacon evening and street party day.

A discussion was had with regards to creating our own beacon, but it was decided that there was insufficient support and therefore best to withdraw Ham's entry and suggest that residents join another nearby beacon.

The discussion continued to the party. The Chairman confirmed that we had a hog roast machine booked, and that the pub had agreed to help with supplies of bread, slaws and sauces as needed.

A wide-ranging discussion took place with the following ideas discussed:

- Suggestion of a cake or cup cake competition
- Bunting around the Green.
- Crown or Fancy Dress competition for the children
- Portrait of the queen competition for the children
- Mugs
- Tree Planting in the Nature Reserve
- Band

The council agreed a budget of £1,200 total for the party with an expectation that it was unlikely this amount would be required.

It was then agreed to organise a separate meeting to discuss the details further.

## **9. Correspondence: none.**

## **10. Any Other Business**

The Chairman reported that the best kept village competition paperwork had come through. It was agreed that this year Ham would not apply.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The Chairman agreed to circulate dates by email.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm