

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN
HELD ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SKIRMETT**

Present: Cllrs Mr J. Jackson, Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs L. Mann, Miss S. Webb, Mr N Snell,
Mrs S Walker-Allies, Mr C Hussey, Mr D Broad.
Clerk: Mrs L Coldwell

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs J Nixey, WPC Marchant, District Councillor Whitehead.

Chairman's Report

In July I had to report the sad death of Councillor Tom Nixey. Tom joined the parish council in May 1979 and was chairman from May 1987. At the February meeting Jane Nixey was co-opted a North Ward Councillor.

Infrastructure

The speed awareness sign is moved around the Parish indicating drivers speed. It also collects information that helps the police target speed monitoring more effectively. Community Infrastructure Levy money (CIL) has been used to upgrade lighting and purchase Heritage Finger Post signs to replace damaged existing signs.

Commons and Open Spaces

This is the 33rd year that we have been overseeing Pheasants Hill Common. We have paid to have maintenance work carried out and have given permission for SSE to carry out work along the line of electricity cables. We also continue to maintain Hambleton churchyard and Common Land in Frieth.

Broadband

Connected Counties have confirmed that Skirmett and Fingest are part of contract 2, superfast broadband should be available late this year / early next year. Hambleton residents are in talks with BT as some are now able to get superfast broadband direct.

Online Mapping

We have subscribed to the service Parish Online mapping. Councillor Hussey has added information specific to our Parish. This will be a useful reference source to councillors and our Clerk.

Hambleton Village

This Council has been in consultation with other bodies to help resolve issues involving parking and filming in Hambleton Village.

Planning

The Yew Tree in Frieth has gained the planning permission they applied for. Hopefully we will see the pub re-opened soon. Valentines Farm has been another significant application, but no conclusion has yet been reached.

Devolved Services

This Parish Council has taken on some devolved Services from Bucks County Council. We have paid to have footpaths cleared. We have investigated carrying out other work but have been unable to find contractors with suitable accreditation.

I would like to thank District Councillor Chris Whitehead, County Councillor Jean Teesdale and WPC Claire Marchant for their continued support.

Annual Accounts

Hard copies of the end of year accounts, receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation were approved. Copies are attached and available on the Parish Council website www.hambleton.org.uk

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