

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Hambleden

PRESENT: Mr J Jackson (Chair), Mr A Armstrong, Mrs S Walker-Allies, Mrs L Mann, Mr D Broad.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

Mrs H Turner – Chairman of Hambleden Village Hall

1 member of the public

Minute 8931 Public Question Time

None.

Minute 8932 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Hussey, Nixey and Webb – accepted.

Minute 8933 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

Cllr Armstrong declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, request for funding from Hambleden Village Hall.

Minute 8934 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary March Parish Council Meeting, held 12th March 2018

The minutes for the meeting held in March were agreed by the Councillors as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 8935 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8880 A cheque for the deposit for the bus shelters to be signed. The contractors are liaising directly with BCC regarding road closures and permits for the work to be carried out.

Minute 8881 The signs for Frieth Hill opposite Ellery Rise have been delivered, Clerk to organise installation. Exact locations to be finalised – Cllr Mann and Clerk to do a site visit.

Minute 8890 Clerk has spoken with TfB about signs on Ellery Rise warning about cyclists on Frieth Hill. There is not a prescribed sign for this available to place on the highway. There is a “give way” sign at the junction of Ellery Rise, obscured by vegetation, he suggests he PC asking the homeowner to cut this back. He suggests a sign warning of the junction to be placed on Frieth Hill, either side of the Ellery Rise junction. There is some existing street furniture that could be used for this.

Minute 8928 7. Clerk reported the damaged fences to the landowner who have advised that they are on their schedule to be replaced.

9. Deer in the valley – Cllr Hussey has spoken with the Deer Initiative who advised that local landowners should be aware of the organisation. In principle they would be happy to come and speak with landowners at no cost, any further work to set up a deer management group would be chargeable. Agenda item – May meeting. Most of the landowners who have a reasonable amount of land in the parish do cull deer.

Action:Clerk
 Minute 8833, 8845 & 8920 Cllr Hussey has spoken with the Chilterns Woodland Project and Bucks Milton Keynes Environmental Record Centre who would both be willing to carry out a site visit and a wildlife assessment respectively of Pheasants Hill Common. Agenda item – May meeting.

Action:Clerk
 Minute 8908 Cllr Armstrong has washed all the road signs and cut the foliage from the signs in the parish.

Clerk has been speaking with the LAF who have said that there is a sum of money leftover in their budget that could be used to install bollards at Mill End on the approach to where the road narrows to try and alert drivers to avoid further collisions with the wall. This would need to be match funded by the PC. It will be discussed at the next LAF meeting in June, with an update to follow. Exact costings have not yet been given. Clerk is attending a GDPR training session this week.

District Cllr Whitehead has organised a meeting to discuss affordable housing in his ward, to which the PC have been invited. Cllr Nixey will attend

Residents in Frieth are hoping to restart the Neighbourhood Watch scheme following a spate of visits from “Nottingham Knockers”.

Clerk will be organising the paperwork for the Internal and External audits in the next few weeks.

The Local Area Technician has said that Hambleden village is one of the places being considered for resurfacing works. This would be done with the standard black tarmac, and he has asked if anyone is aware of any legal ramifications of doing it in this colouring of tarmac rather than replacing as it is now. All in agreement to proceed with this, Clerk will speak to the National Trust to make sure there are no issues with the Covenant.

CPR and AED training on 24th April at the 3 village halls in the parish, all welcome to attend including children over 9 years old.

Minute 8936 Correspondence received from 12th March to 9th April

Any further actions from the meeting noted in italics

1. DCLG statement regarding the proposed unitary authority – forwarded to Cllrs.
2. Invitation to the Clerks meeting at WDC following the recent statement about the Unitary Authority – forwarded to Cllrs.
3. Email re: closure of Handy Cross roundabout 16/03/18 – 19/03/18 – forwarded to Cllrs.
4. WDALC agenda – forwarded to Cllr Jackson as representative.
5. JCC agenda – forwarded to Cllr Broad as representative.
6. Email from BMKALC re: Reminder Request to Promote Responses from Councils to CoSIPL Standards Call for Evidence By 27/4 – forwarded to Cllrs.
7. Notification from WDC about BT proposed removal of telephone kiosk in Frieth – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. JCC figures – forwarded to Cllr Broad as representative.
9. Information from WDC re: Modernising Local Government – forwarded to Cllrs.
10. Web Analytical report – available on request.
11. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
12. Suggestions from various residents about use of the field next to Ellery Rise play area including allotments, a cycle track, football field, wildlife site – to be discussed at the meeting.
13. CPRE – Buckinghamshire Voice – available on request.
14. Email from Mid Bucks Bee Keepers Association re: honey bee swarm collection – information put on Facebook page and website.
15. LCR magazine – will bring to meeting, for info.
16. Invite to meetings with Martin Tett on future of Bucks local government – forwarded to Cllrs.
17. Wycombe District Rural Forum minutes – forwarded to Cllrs.

Minute 8937 To receive a request for funding from Hambleden Village Hall for a donation towards radiator covers to enable a parent and toddler group to run in the hall, including a presentation from the Chair of the Village Hall
Action:Clerk

The radiators covers have been installed in the hall, and could be seen by all. Money was contributed from District Councillor Whitehead but was not enough for the fitting and painting of the covers. The hall is hired to the parent and toddler group at the local hire rate and will meet weekly during term time, but the village hall say that the covers look aesthetically pleasing and also help towards health and safety for all hall users. Cllr Broad proposed donating £700 from the Film Fund, Cllr Walker-Allies seconded. All in agreement.

Minute 8938 To receive updates from any meetings attended to include: JCC

Cllr Broad: copies of figures produced by the air park for movement statistics were distributed. These figures cannot be independently checked, but show a huge decrease in movements particularly with helicopters. Complaints have risen despite the reduced aircraft movements, with a large number were submitted by one person. Cllr Armstrong said in Hambleden air noise cannot be noticed, it is mainly Frieth, Skirmett and Lane End. Any suggestions given to the air park seem to be disregarded by them.

Clerks Meeting

Clerk: a Local Plan update was given – this has now been submitted to the Planning Inspector, and will not be affected by incoming changes to the National Planning Policy. The plans about Modernising Local Government were discussed – later agenda item.

Any other as appropriate

Cllrs Hussey Nixey attended the Rural Forum, these minutes have been circulated to all Cllrs.

Broadband

Cllr Walker-Allies reported that WDC have said TBAG can check their own data on the Connected Counties website; Navin Sankersingh has left Connected Counties and has been replaced. The rollout for Skirmett and Fingest seems to be in line with the dates previously given.

Minute 8939 To discuss co-opting a new member for the vacancy on the South Ward following the death of Councillor Snell

Signs advertising the vacancy have been placed around the parish, and an election has not been called by residents. This means that the parish council can co-opt someone to fill the vacancy. No interest has been shown at the moment. Clerk to put posters up in the noticeboards.

Action:Clerk

Minute 8940 To discuss the telephone box in Frieth and the proposal from BT to remove the handset from it, with the option to adopt the red box for a cost of £1

Frieth Village Society were originally interested in adopting the box but no longer are. It is currently in quite a state of disrepair and could not be used for a book exchange due to damp, which was the original idea from FVS. There is already a defibrillator located in a more prominent position in the village.

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to not adopt the telephone box, and there was no objection to removing the payphone. Some people were unaware that there even was a phone box on the hill. Clerk to advise FVS as well as WDC.

Action:Clerk

Cllr Walker-Allies said that the phone box in Skirmett is in need of tidying up – Clerk to enquire if BT will do so.

Minute 8941 To discuss if the Parish Council wish to submit any comments to Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding the change to a single unitary authority in Buckinghamshire

Cllr Walker-Allies gave a short verbal report having read the information provided at www.futurebucks.co.uk. All in agreement for no comments to be submitted to central government.

Minute 8942 To discuss the possibility of devising a Parish Plan

Item to be pushed back to the next agenda when more Councillors are in attendance.

Minute 8943 To discuss if there are any more footpaths in the parish to add to the cutting list of 3 that is held and actioned by the volunteers of the Chiltern Society

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to add footpaths HA15 and HA11 and HA48 to the cutting list, which get overgrown and have been cut on request by the PC in previous years. Other footpaths can still be requested for cutting on an ad hoc basis.

Minute 8944 To discuss the possibility of renting the field in Frieth next to Ellery Rise play area from Wycombe District Council, and to discuss ideas for the use of it where it rented. Suggestions received so far include a local nature reserve, a football pitch, an extension to the playground, allotments, and a cycle track.

Action:Clerk

WDC have significantly reduced their offer of annual rent to £100 per annum. All in agreement to proceed to retain the field for the local community.

A Frieth resident attended the meeting to suggest leaving the field as an unimproved meadow for local wildlife. It is a very quiet area and she would object to any plans for a cycle path, or a football field.

To be revisited at the May meeting.

Minute 8945 To agree to enter Frieth in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition as requested by Frieth Village Society at a cost of £25

Action:Clerk

Proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Broad. Clerk to advise FVS. Clerk has spoken with the competition organisers and has been advised that going forward FVS can apply for this directly bypassing the PC.

Minute 8946 To approve the accounts for April 2018, and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in April 2018

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	504.63
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	84.65
Skirmett Village hall – hire 12/03/18	35.00
Sharps Fencing – deposit for bus shelters	4896.00
Staples – shredder and paper	68.98
St Katherines at Parmoor – donation via District Cllr	466.00
Ward Bursary	
SSE Contracting Ltd – lighting maintenance	106.04
BMKALC – annual subs	252.41
Hambleden Village hall hire	30.00
Croft Castings Ltd – Frieth Hill “no parking” signs	589.20
Bucks Best Kept Village entry free for FVS	25.00
Mrs L Coldwell – stamps	56.00
Total	7266.10

Balance as at 1st March 2018	38587.40
Less March payments	(723.23)
Income – WDC Ward Bursary	466.00
Balance as at 31st March 2018	38330.17
Of which CIL Funds	4479.45
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	23850.72

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st March 2018	8274.40
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(724.52)
True Film Fund Balance as at 31st March 2018	7549.88

The accounts were available to be inspected.

Minute 8947 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

1. **Cllr Hussey** – provided before the meeting:
A resident reported that the “unsuitable for HGV” sign was missing from Mill End – Cllr Hussey has checked and confirms that it is still in place.
2. Cllr Hussey suggests signing up for The Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy for 2019 – all in agreement, Clerk to organise.
Action:Clerk
3. A summer house has been erected in a garden at Pheasants Hill – should planning permission have been obtained as it is in the Conservation Area? It is of a modern appearance, highly visible and not inkeeping with the area. Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement.
Action:Clerk
4. The allotment wall in Hambleden, first mentioned in March 2017 has not had any action taken to move repairs to it any further forward. Suggestion to contact Culden Faw Estate asking them to take remedial action to make repairs with no further delay? All in agreement to write to the Estate.
Action:Clerk
5. **Cllr Mann** – has had complaints that the road from Fingest to Frieth full of potholes – this is due to be resurfaced at some point by TfB. Potholes can still be reported in the interim at:
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>
6. A large amount of rubbish has been fly tipped in Pheasants Hill – Clerk spoke with the LAT who visited earlier today to arrange removal.
7. The MYSI is still in Frieth but not flashing – the batteries in it will have run out, Cllr Jackson will move to a new location with recharged batteries.
6. **Cllr Walker-Allies** – forwarded an email to all about learning to do CPR to a well-known pop song. Clerk to send to the trainers to see if it would be of use during the upcoming training, but it would need to be downloaded due to lack of Wi-Fi in 2 village halls.

Minute 8948 Planning

18/05760/CONBT – Frieth Hill Frieth – Notification of proposed removal of public payphone – no objection to removal of payphone.

Planning Decisions Made

17/08394/FUL – OS Parcel 3576 Bottom Hill Hambleden – Demolition of existing barn and erection of replacement barn - **Application Permitted**

18/05246/FUL – Bakery Lodge Skirmett Road Skirmett – Householder application for construction of balcony to rear – **Application Permitted**

Minute 8949 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th May 2018, 8pm at the Village Hall, Frieth. To include the annual parish and annual parish council meetings.

The meeting was closed at 21.21.

Signed Date