

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 11th December 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Skirmett

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr J Jackson (Chair), Mrs S Walker-Allies, Cllr S Webb, Mrs L Mann, Mr C Hussey, Mr D Broad, Mrs J Nixey.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

3 members of the public (part)

Minute 8868 Public Question Time

- 2 residents from Frieth discussed their planning application which will be submitted to Wycombe District Council imminently following pre-planning advice. The PC will comment on the application when asked by WDC.
- A brief summary from the most recent JCC meeting was given. A motion was passed to rescind the previous decision to limit noise complaint discussions to once a year. A working group has been formed to draw up framework and ideas around the core issues that were not addressed in the contract, with recommendations given at the next JCC meeting.

Minute 8869 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Snell, District Councillor Chris Whitehead and County Councillor Jean Teesdale. Apologies accepted.

Minute 8870 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

Cllr Mann declared an interest in agenda item 18, planning application 17/08111/FUL.

Minute 8871 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary November Parish Council Meeting, held 13th November 2017

The minutes for the meeting held in November were agreed by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 8872 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8855 Cllr Walker-Allies and the Clerk attended a meeting with the WDC representative for superfast broadband rollout and District Cllr Whitehead. It is hoped that things will be much more transparent moving forward.

- Minute 8865
1. Clerk reported issues at Colstrove Lane again to TfB and works were carried out following a temporary road closure.
 2. Clerk reported the Mill End signs, which are on the list of works to be cleaned and foliage cut back.
 4. Clerk reported to planning enforcement, who responded that they have spoken to the homeowner and are happy that only one property is currently being lived in and therefore planning conditions are being adhered to. The homeowner has said a representative from the PC is welcome to visit the properties. PC to revisit issue in the spring when it is a more suitable time for demolition to occur.

Action:Clerk 5. Clerk reported the lack of signal to O2 who said that there was no problem with any mast in the vicinity. Clerk has written to them disputing this and is awaiting a response. Lacey's Farm have escalated this to the Ombudsman.

Minute 8864 Clerk has written to both Frieth Brownies and Rainbows advising them of the Film Fund. They have responded that they will keep it in mind should there be any extra funding required. Clerk also placed notices in the noticeboards, and on the website and Facebook page asking for any suggestions to spend the funds.
Cllrs Hussey, Nixey and Clerk attended the BRAG conference.

Action: District Councillor Whitehead has informed Clerk that an enclosure made from chain link with barbed wire has been erected on Pheasants Hill Common at the Colstrove Lane end of Bottom Hill. Cllr Hussey will visit the site.

Cllr Hussey Clerk attended the Wycombe District Association of Local Councils meeting, where the new Chairman is hoping to revive WDALC and make it much more dynamic than it currently is.

Clerk reported a dead deer that had been knocked over on the Skirmett Road near Watery Lane which was then removed by the Chiltern District Waste team.

Minute 8873 Correspondence received from 13th November to 11th December

1. Cancellation of JCC meeting – forwarded to Cllrs Broad and Snell.
2. Rescheduled date for JCC meeting – forwarded to Cllrs Broad and Snell.
3. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
4. Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-18 financial year – forwarded to Cllrs.
5. BCC News: 'Have your say' on Proposed Changes to the Cost of Adult Social Care Services – forwarded to Cllrs.
6. Countryside Voice magazine – will bring to meeting.
7. Web analytical results – available on request.
8. Thank you letter from Chiltern Conservation Board for donation – for information
9. Chiltern Society magazine – will bring to the meeting.

Action:Clerk 10. Rural crime update from Thames Valley Police – forwarded to Cllrs. Clerk to put on the website, Facebook page, and in the Hambleden Valley magazine.

Minute 8874 To discuss problems with large lorries on Frieth Hill following concern from residents and if any action can be taken

Action:Clerk

Following on from the residents' concerns at the November parish council meeting, it was resolved to put a note on the website, Facebook page and in the Hambleden Valley magazine asking residents to be aware that when having a delivery by a logistics company that many of the narrow lanes are not suitable for huge vehicles and if possible to avoid Frieth CEC School drop off and pick up times. It was acknowledged that it is not always possible to dictate delivery times or the type of vehicles used to companies.

Minute 8875 To approve the Clerk attend a training course about the General Data Protection and Freedom of Information due to upcoming changes at a cost of £63.83

Action:Clerk

All in agreement, expenditure approved. Cheque to be signed for the cost of the training course.

Minute 8876 To discuss Buckinghamshire County Council proposed changes to the cost of adult social care which include increases to over 10 services provided

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to respond to the survey to disagree with the large charge increases which are a massive jump for some services.

Minute 8877 To discuss soakaways in the parish that are full and the necessary gulley emptying which is carried out by Bucks County Council

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to speak with TfB to find out how much they would charge to empty all the gullies in the parish. Cllr Hussey will map on Parish Online all the gullies in the parish.

Minute 8878 To discuss a residents request regarding the hedge that borders their property located at the rear of Ellery Rise playing field, and their wish to re-lay the hedge to form a better barrier

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to allow this work to proceed with a hedge of a similar kind, all in agreement.

Minute 8879 To discuss any possible projects that would require funding from the Local Area Forum for 2018/2019. Please note that this is for no-transport funding, meaning that no schemes where work is required by Transport for Bucks will be considered

There are currently no ideas for projects that would require funding from the LAF.

Minute 8880 To discuss installing a bus shelter on the A4155 by Henley Management with CIL money. Henley Management College have agreed to fund and install a shelter on the opposite side of the road

Action:Clerk

Clerk has arranged a meeting with Sharps Fencing who provided and installed the bus shelter at Mill End in 2014/2015. They have said that 2 shelters could be installed for the same price, £4080 +VAT. The locations suggested are the bus stops on the road. All in agreement for arrangements to proceed.

Minute 8881 To discuss “no parking” signs at the bottom of Frieth Hill to try and alleviate problems with the junction at Ellery Rise

Action:Clerk

Clerk provided 3 quotations for an iron sign on legs to be placed on the verge (with landowner approval) opposite Ellery Rise. It was resolved to proceed with quotation 1, for £279.60 each, for 2 signs. Clerk to arrange a mock up design to show to Councillors. Cllr Mann will then speak with the residents in the close vicinity to explain what is being done. Cllr Hussey suggested having the first line “no parking” in larger font with the rest in smaller to make it more prominent, all in agreement.

Minute 8882 To discuss renewing membership subscription to the War Memorials Trust at a cost of £30

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to renew the membership, all in agreement.

Minute 8883 To approve the accounts for December 2017 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in December 2017

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)

BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	79.63
SLCC – membership renewal	115.00
War Memorial Trust – membership renewal	30.00
Skirmett Village Hall – hire 11/12/17	35.00
Mrs L Coldwell – GDPR training course fee	63.83
Total	980.28

Balance as at 1st November 2017 **50876.80**

Less November payments **(5464.41)**

Balance as at 30th November 2017 **45412.39**

Of which CIL Funds 4479.45

Church Wall reserve 10000.00

Unrestricted Reserves **30932.94**

Film Fund

Archer Safety Signs – Hambleden parking signs	713.10
Total	713.10

Total of all funds at 1st November 2017 **7987.50**

Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council) **(724.52)**

True Film Fund Balance as at 30th November 2017 **7262.98**

A draft budget was distributed prior to the meeting to be looked at and discussed at the January meeting along with setting the precept.

Minute 8884 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

1. **Cllr Broad** – what stage is the planning application for Flint Cottage at? It was deferred from the planning committee some months ago. It is still with WDC who have not contacted with any further information. Clerk to chase.

2. **Cllr Webb** – the bin on the island in Hambleden village has not been emptied for the past two weeks. Clerk to chase with Chiltern District Waste. All collections were suspended Monday 11/12/17 due to the snow.

3. **Cllr Walker-Allies** – gave feedback from the meeting with WDC about superfast broadband rollout for the north end of the valley. WDC have fund matched money from central government to get superfast broadband to properties on the Wycombe district.

4. Could more parish council information be put into the Hambleden Valley magazine? Articles are put in there as and when needed to inform residents of specific things, but to have a regular column was felt unnecessary.

5. Community Speedwatch update from the police – Clerk has written to Thames Valley Police asking for an update on what is happening with the scheme as nothing has happened since last June.

6. Can the grass verge in Skirmett by the bridge be added to the grass cutting schedule as the resident who did cut it is too infirm to continue to do so. All in agreement, Clerk to organise.

Minute 8885 Planning

17/08111/FUL – Middle Way Stables Innings Road Frieth – Change of use of existing stables building and land to a studio dwelling – comments to be submitted later

17/08113/CTREE – School Cottage Skirmett Road Hambleden – Reduce T1 (Cotoneaster) all round height by 2m & sides by 1-1.5m with reshape and tidy and lift lower branches up to 2m. G1A & G1B (Yew) and hedging (from old school up to first high tree growth at end of property) Fell Sycamore & dead Elms. Reduce Field Maple, Hawthorn & Yew to form part of hedge. Reduce to old cuts & trim roadside of hedge with reduction of 1.5-2m, reduce down to 2m. Trim back inside and out of hedge to tidy and shape. Reduce Sycamore and Ash suckers to below new hedge height to allow re-sprout to form part of hedge. Reduce Yew and Ash and Elm down to 1.8, leaving archway over small gate. Trim all round to tidy and shape – **no objection**

17/08087/CTREE – Kiln House Frieth Hill Frieth – Dismantle to ground level 1 x Field Maple (T1), Dismantle to ground level 1 x Hazel tree (T2), Dismantle to ground level 1 x Hawthorn Tree (T3), Dismantle to ground level 1 x Hazel Tree (T4), Dismantle to ground level 1 x Field Maple (T5), Dismantle to ground level 1 x Ivy covered Hazel (T6) and to raise the crown to give 1.5m clearance from house to 1 x Lime Tree (T7) – **no objection**

Planning Decisions Made

17/07628/FUL – 6 Innings Gate Frieth – Householder application for construction of new pitched roofs to existing flat roof - **Application Permitted**

17/07894/CTR – Marlstone Frieth Hill Frieth – Dismantle to ground level 1 x Horse Chestnut (T1), re pollarded to historic pollard points to prevent limb failure, this will result in an approximately 3 meters laterally being removed and the same in height to 1 x Lime tree (T4) and latterly tip reduce the overhanging limbs by up to 2 meters to 1 x Sycamore (T5) – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Minute 8886 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th January 2018, 8pm at the Village Hall, Hambleden
The meeting was closed at 22.07

Signed Date