

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Skirmett

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr J Jackson, Cllr S Webb, Mrs S Walker-Allies, Mr N Snell, Mr D Broad, Mr C Hussey, Mrs J Nixey.
 District Cllr Whitehead.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

6 members of the public

Minute 8728 To co-opt Mrs Jane Nixey as a Councillor for the North Ward and sign the Declaration of Acceptance

Mrs Jane Nixey was Co-opted a North Ward Councillor and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

Minute 8729 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs L Mann.

Minute 8730 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

Minute 8731 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting

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

Minute 8732 Progress on items in the previous minutes

Minute 8680 The contractor unfortunately does not have enough public liability insurance as specified by BCC to be offered the contract of cleaning around signs in the Parish.
 Action:Clerk Clerk will continue to pursue other avenues.

Minute 8689 Mr Baird has found a Damson tree to be planted in memory of Cllr Tom Nixey and will speak with the family directly regarding placement.

Minute 8720 Clerk has been tasked to find new signs to direct people where to park, the Church have said they will contribute £500. Clerk to advise the Village Hall to directly purchase the ropes and stakes that they have sourced. Another meeting will be organised by Clerk to discuss details such as health and safety issues. Suggestion to arrange a committee to move this forward, Cllr Webb to represent the Parish Council.
 Action:Clerk/
 Cllr Webb

Minute 8699 The agents from Tough Mudder, following on from their visit to the December Parish Council meeting, have contacted to advise they will be making a donation of £1000 to the Film Fund for disruption caused to residents during the event. They will make a contribution to Hambleden Village Hall too.

They have also advised in terms of timings, the expected busiest periods on the roads during the peak ingress and egress times for each of the event days so that local residents can try to plan to avoid getting caught in event traffic where possible. These are:

Saturday 29th April 09:00-12:00, 16:-19:00
 Saturday 6th May 09:00-12:00, 16:00-19:00
 Sunday 7th May 10:00-13:00, 16:00-19:00

Clerk will advertise these times. There has been a slight change to the format of the event weekends, and rather than separating the Tough Mudder Half and standard Tough Mudder on different weekends, both formats will run concurrently on each day - no change to the event days, still just the Saturday the first weekend and both days the following. This should not make any significant difference to the overall numbers, as participants will be spread across the three days, just completing different distances. The main difference this change does mean is that there will be camping on both weekends, only the Friday night of the first weekend (28th April), and the Friday and Saturday of the second weekend (5th and 6th May).

Minute 8725 1. Clerk has spoken with BT who have advised that if there is not a payphone in the Parish to adopt then one must be purchased. Prices start from £2750 exc. VAT and delivery. No further action to be taken on this idea due to costs.

2. Clerk has not had a response from WDC to an update for the planning application at Flint Cottage, Frieth.

4. Ridgeway Woodlands have carried out works where access for a vehicle was needed to winch down problem trees. There are a few road side issues where more man power is needed which will be carried out this week.

Minute 8554 The planning application for land opposite Beeches Farm will be heard at the Planning Committee, Cllr Hussey will speak on behalf of the Parish Council against the application.

Other Matters Arisen Since Previous Meeting

Following a complaint from a member of the public, the footpath opposite the Skirmett Road junction in Mill End has been cleared.

Clerk attended the Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting. The School is encouraging parents and children to park further away from the school and walk where possible, and some families have been walking from Lane End and Turville. They will be carrying out a week of "perfect parking" soon.

Action:Clerk Cllr Hussey spoke with the Clerk about the increased number of dog poo bags being left around the Parish, often hung from tree branches. Clerk has spoken with Chiltern Waste Collection who have said they need locations to monitor littering before installing any bins and adding to existing collection routes. It was noted that Scotchy Lane in Skirmett is full of litter. Clerk to find out if the PC bought bins and installed bins would CWC then collect them?

Action:Clerk/
Cllr Nixey One of the white posts in Frieth by the car park has been knocked over and will need replacing. Clerk to contact The Handyman to see if he can install a new one. Cllr Nixey will look to see if any are left in the barn where they used to be kept.

There is a Frieth Village Society meeting to discuss speeding in the village on Sunday 26/02 between 2.30pm and 4, Cllr Broad will try to attend. Clerk has been informed by Thames Valley Police that the 20 mph stickers can only be used in conjunction with a 20 mph official speed limit. If they are used in a 30mph area then they are deemed to void the 30mph enforcement and therefore could open the speed limit to a national (60). They could be used if the red roundels is in black and therefore not emulating that of an official road sign. There cannot be any speed enforcement if these are out on wheelie bins at the time in which enforcement is being conducted. This has been passed on to the Village Society,

Clerk will be having a meeting with SSE about works that they need to carry out by Pheasants Hill Common next week.

The Clerk will be on annual leave from Tuesday 21st February until Monday 27th February.

Minute 8733 Correspondence received from 9th January to 13th February 2017

- Action:Clerk
1. WDC update on Modernising Local Government plans – forwarded to Cllrs.
 2. Response from Woodland Trust re: ancient woodland and TPO – forwarded to Cllr Hussey. TPOs are recommended on ancient trees but are not pro-active in doing so. March agenda item.
 3. TfB gritting update – forwarded to Cllrs.
 4. Email detailing changes to external auditors commencing 2017/2018 – forwarded to Cllrs.
 5. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
 6. Email from WDC re: changes to parking systems from February – forwarded to Cllrs.
 7. TfB satisfaction survey – forwarded to Cllrs.
 8. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
 9. Email from Tough Mudder representatives – forwarded to Cllrs.
 10. Web analytical report – for info.
 11. Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting minutes – forwarded to North Ward.
 12. London and Luton Consultation plan – forwarded to Cllrs.
 13. JCC Minutes – forwarded to Cllrs.
 14. Chiltern Society press release – forwarded to Cllrs.
 15. Email from BMKALC re: Lobby Day – forwarded to Cllrs.
 16. Email from WDC re: Modernising Local Government – forwarded to Cllrs. Clerk has asked WDC if they would be available to attend the March Parish Council meeting to present. There will be a public consultation after the decision from the Secretary of State in March.

Minute 8734 To confirm spending £572.34 of CIL money for a new rural style Fingest post in Skirmett

Action:Clerk

Transport for Bucks have advised the cost of replacing the sign in Skirmett by the bridge and sent engineering drawings for approval. The sign will be put in the same place as the current one. It was resolved to proceed with the order, Clerk to advise BCC.

Minute 8735 Report to be received – Superfast Broadband update

Cllr Walker-Allies advised that there has been confirmation from Connected Counties that in the North end of the valley (Skirmett, Fingest and Turville) they are part of contract 2 which is underway now. The Turville Heath switch will be upgraded and superfast broadband boxes put in, but exact locations are not yet known. This will be available late this year/early next year, the commitment is there for the residents in these villages now from BT. Hambleton residents are in direct talks with BT as some are now able to get superfast broadband direct.

Minute 8736 Report to be received – Community Speedwatch results for 2016

Postponed until March meeting, where PC Turnham will attend.

Minute 8737 To approve the accounts for February 2017 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in February 2017

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| Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via Standing Order) | 470.23 |
| BCC Pension Fund (via standing order) | 134.01 |
| Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage | 120.03 |
| MH-P Internet Ltd – domain renewal | 19.18 |
| MH-P Internet Ltd – website | 828.00 |
| BALC – dispensation training Jan meeting | 50.00 |
| SSE Contracting – December quarter | 96.72 |
| C.G. Balkwell – hedge cutting – Rockwell End Hill 2016 | 72.00 |
| Barriers Direct – cones for Hambleton Church | 326.42 |
| Skirmett Village Hall hire 13/02/17 | 35.00 |

Total 2151.59

Balance as at 1st January 2017 40680.96

Less January payments (2242.19)

Total of all funds at 31st January 2017 38436.77

Film Fund

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| Total of all funds at 1 st January 2017 | 4225.24 |
| Donation for “On Chesil Beach” filming | 700.00 |
| Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council) | (1324.52) |

True Film Fund Balance 3600.72

Minute 8738 Members questions

Action:Clerk

1. Cllr Broad – overgrown hedges at the junction of Ellery Rise make it very difficult to leave the road and join Frieth Hill. Clerk to write to homeowner.
2. Cllr Hussey – explained about the Next Door website, a new version of Street Life that some Pheasants Hill residents have been using. It could also be used as a way to monitor any issues in the Parish.
3. Cllr Webb has had an enquiry from a location manager for using Hambleton village as a setting for filming in the summer.

Action:Clerk

4. Could CIL money be used for the new signs directing people for parking in Hambleton? Clerk to investigate.
5. Cllr Webb will get a quotation for some more leaflets advising motorists who visit Hambleton village of considerate parking and to ensure that they are leaving enough room for a fire engine to get through.

Action:Clerk

6. Cllr Walker-Allies asked if Clerk can arrange another drive around the Parish with the LAT to identify crumbling sides on the roads and any potholes. Clerk to arrange.

7. Feedback from the Neighbourhood Action Group:
- There have been lots more burglaries in the Parish, due in part to sheds/garages being left unlocked. Thames Valley Police urge residents to be more vigilant, and lock all doors, gates, sheds and garages to deter criminals.
 - There is a Bucks Mediators Group, issues can be referred to them for help with things such as parking problems or neighbour disputes.
- Action:Clerk
- Thames Valley Police request a list of MYSI locations so that Community Speedwatch does not take place at the same time. Cllr Jackson has requested it conversely – he will make sure that it is not put in a position that will affect TVP. Clerk to ask WPC Marchant to be included on the distribution list of what will be happening where and when.
- Action:Clerk
- Bucks Social Services are able to come and speak to see how the PC can be aware of vulnerable residents who may need help in certain situation – extension of “Buddy Care” system. Clerk to investigate.
8. Cllr Nixey – asked for a map of boundaries for the North Ward. Cllr Hussey will forward the details for Parish Online.
- Action:Clerk
9. Cllr Snell – the many potholes in the square in Hambleden have been mended, but none have been fixed up the other roads coming off the village centre. Advised to report to TfB, and Clerk will speak to LAT.

Minute 8739 Planning:

17/05121/CTREE - Cherry Tree Cottage Frieth Hill Frieth - Fell 3 x Conifers (T1, T2,T3), fell 1 x Field Maple (T4), fell 1 x Apple Tree (T5) and Lightly Prune 1 Apple Tree (T6) – **no objection**

16/08510/MDS106 - Land At Sheron Spurgrove Lane Frieth - Application to discharge section 52 agreement dated 25th April 1978 – **the Parish Council do not feel legally qualified to make a comment on this matter, but would like to bring to the attention of WDC again the strong wish of several of those subject to the covenant to see it retained.**

Planning Decisions Made

16/07799/CLE - Vineyard Cottage Dudley Lane Southend - Certificate of lawfulness for continued use of the bungalow (as shown edged blue on the attached plan) as a self-contained independent dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) with associated residential garden forming the curtilage of Vineyard Cottage - **Grant Certificate of Lawful Use**

16/07873/FUL - 5 Perrin Springs Lane Frieth - Householder application for construction of raised roof, roof alterations and extensions including x 3 dormer windows and juliette balcony to provide first floor accommodation, single storey rear extension, new rear raised terrace and new underground oil tank in front garden - **Application Permitted**

16/08253/FUL - Russells Farm Cottage Rockwell End Lane Rockwell End - Householder application for erection of two storey rear extension - **Application Refused**

16/08254/LBC - Russells Farm Cottage Rockwell End Lane Rockwell End - Listed Building application for erection of two storey rear extension - **Application Refused**

16/08125/FUL - 2 Hayles Field Frieth - Householder application for erection of part single/part two storey rear extension, extension to roof in connection with creation of additional rooms in roof space, single storey side extension following removal of existing garage & removal and re-cladding of existing cladding with Cedar shingles - **Application Permitted**

16/07800/FUL - Vineyard Cottage Dudley Lane Southend - Erection of 1 x 2 bed detached dwellinghouse with associated bin/cycle storage to replace an existing bungalow - **Application Permitted**

Minute 8740 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th March 2017, 8pm at the Village Hall, Hambleden

Signed Date

Minute 8741**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A Rockwell End resident provided pictures that show how overgrown hedges in various places are causing the narrowing of roads around the Parish, as the homeowners are not cutting them back enough. Clerk to write to homeowners advising them of their responsibilities.

The sign at bottom of Frieth Hill which says “unsuitable for heavy vehicles” – can this be altered to “except for access”. This is the best way for heavy vehicles to get to some farms rather than via narrow lanes and some drivers receive abuse from the public for seemingly ignoring the sign. Clerk to speak with the LAT.

Concerns over parking on Frieth Hill, as it can very difficult to drive up due to cars parked on it. Would double yellow lines solve the problem? It is dangerous for parents with children going to the school walking up it. This is a continuous problem that the PC are aware of and is discussed with Frieth CEC School at the travel plan meetings.

Planning Applications 16/07111/FUL and 16/08510/MDS106

4 immediate neighbours attended the meeting, 2 addressed the Parish Council. At a recent oral hearing about the original planning application, a Judicial Review was granted. The Judge said in his view that the Section 52 should have been taken into consideration by Wycombe District Council Planning Department in the planning process. The residents disagree that this development can be called a ribbon development, and that the history of planning on site is the opposite of the way that this planning application went. They believe that the Planning Officer did not take into account the Chiltern Conservation Board design guidelines as should have been done, and that this proposal is against those guidelines. The Section 52 was put in place to avoid this type of application. They feel that the Section 52 should still stand and do what it was originally meant to do, as it is the only thing stopping the area becoming urbanised. Section 52 agreements are usually logged elsewhere and not only with the Principal Authority but this does not seemed to have happened here. They believe that when the Covenant was waived for building in 2001 that WDC acted unlawfully, and the neighbours were not asked about it at that time.