

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 12th February 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Frieth

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

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

1 member of the public - Mr Sants, Chair of Turville Broadband Action Group

Minute 8900 Public Question Time

Mr Sants briefed the parish council on the work of Turville Broadband Action Group, under agenda item 7.

Minute 8901 Apologies for Absence

Apologies given from Cllr Mann – accepted.

Minute 8902 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in planning application 17/08394/FUL, OS parcel 3576, Bottom Hill.

Minute 8903 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary January Parish Council Meeting, held 8th January 2018

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

Minute 8904 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8887 For info Following on from the information given by Mr Keene at the January parish council meeting about fencing the Hamble Brook, Cllr Hussey commented that 85% of chalk streams in the world are located in the UK and of these the Chiltern chalk streams are the most threatened. They are an asset that need to be protected.

Minute 8865 O2 signal in Fingest – the Lane End water tower mast should be back on line as of the end of January and O2 have said it will be upgraded. Residents should contact O2 for compensation for lack of signal, they will not offer it. Cllr Jackson confirmed an improvement in his mobile signal.

Minute 8877 Clerk reported all the gullies to TfB but they were lost in their system. Clerk will report all again.

Minute 8880 Clerk is waiting to hear from TfB about permission for the bus shelters.

Minute 8881 Clerk has been provided with a mock up from Croft Cast signs for the signs at Ellery Rise. Alterations to be made, Clerk to ask for these to be implemented and a new mock up provided.

Minute 8891 Clerk attended the Frieth CEC School travel plan meeting. New parent representatives are needed for the committee. The Yew Tree pub have said that parents are welcome to park in their car park for drop off in the morning, after the Easter holidays due to the works currently being carried out.

Minute 8891 For info The Yew Tree agreed to put a sign up at the car park exit warning of cyclists. They are also speaking with the landowner across the road about installing a mirror – Clerk advised of the Department for Transport's view on mirrors on the highway.

Action:Clerk Planning Enforcement at WDC have contacted asking if the PC can confirm that the spoil heap at Fingest House has been removed and the grass seeded – this is confirmed as accurate. Clerk to tell WDC.

Action:Clerk Dates for Tough Mudder 2018 have been confirmed as Saturday 28th April, then Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May. It will follow the same format as last year. Clerk to put notices in the parish magazine and FV newsletter, and website and Facebook page. WPC Marchant has given Clerk some "Country Watch" leaflets to log anything suspicious that residents may see. These have been handed out to Councillors, Cllr Webb will arrange for some to be left in Hambleden shop.

Action:Clerk Clerk has been contacted by a Hambleden resident about the damage to the footpath railing by the road at the junction with Skirmett Road. This was hit by a car in the autumn and remains broken. Cllr Armstrong will visit to look. Agenda item for March.

Action:Clerk Clerk has been contacted by a resident about the poor condition of the Skirmett Road from the junction at Mill End and carries along its length. Clerk has been told by TfB

that some resurfacing works are due, but a date is not known. Clerk to speak with County Cllr Teesdale to see if anything can be done.

Cllr Walker-Allies commented on the amount of potholes in Hambleton village. These are repaired when reported, but some fail quite quickly.

Action:Clerk Following the death of Cllr Snell, Clerk will display the necessary posters to co-opt a new member for the vacancy in the South Ward.

Minute 8905 Correspondence received from 10th January to 12th February 2018

1. Copy of Clerks and Councils Direct – for info, available on request.
2. Research project from WDC about protecting trees – forwarded to Cllrs.
3. Draft letter from WDALC to Secretary of State re: unitary authority – forwarded to Cllr Jackson as representative.
4. Notification of Roadworks: A404 / M40 Junction 4 Handy Cross Roundabout (Buckinghamshire) Resurfacing – forwarded to Cllrs, out on website and Facebook page.
5. Press release from BCC re: potholes – forwarded to Cllrs and put on website.
6. Information from Cllr Whitehead about planning enforcement at WDC – forwarded to Cllrs.
7. Information about “could you be a good neighbour?” campaign from BCC – forwarded to Cllrs. Posters put on noticeboards and details put on the website and Facebook page.
8. WDALC minutes – forwarded to Cllr Jackson as representative.
9. JCC minutes – forwarded to Cllr Broad as representative.
10. Road closure in Fawley – forwarded to Cllrs.
11. Web analytical report – for info.
12. Updated details of closure of Handy Cross roundabout – forwarded to Cllrs, put on website and Facebook page.
13. Application for road closure for Wycombe half marathon and 10k race – forwarded to Cllrs as some roads in Frieth are affected.
14. Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting minutes – forwarded to North Ward Cllrs.
15. Details of Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village award 2018 – details forwarded to Frieth Village Society.
16. Email from a Frieth resident about the pond at the bottom of Frieth Hill.
17. Email from Frieth Village society with various questions – Clerk to respond.

Minute 8906 To receive an update on the rollout of Superfast Broadband in the parish and surrounding areas, including a request for a donation towards leaflets being produced by Turville Broadband Action Group who are campaigning for better coverage in the whole of the Hambleton Valley

Mr Sants, chair of TBAG came to give an update on the roll out schedule. The group was formed to put pressure on the relevant parties to get superfast broadband to those households who are without. The Turville Heath exchange, which supplies Fingest and Skirmett, was turned on at the end of last year and has enabled some residents to order superfast broadband. The group will continue to lobby for those who are not covered by the cabinets that have been switched on, and ensure that the advertised speeds are the speeds that residents are getting. Going forward, the scope of the group could be widened to include other telecom issues such as 4G mobile signal in the Hambleton valley.

The website can be found at <http://www.tb-ag.org/>. Residents are urged to sign up to receive updates, especially if they are still unable to receive superfast broadband. Hambleton Parish Council are happy to support TBAG and the work being carried out. Cllr Walker-Allies will continue to attend the TBAG meetings and feed back to the parish council going forward.

Cllr Walker Allies proposed a donation of £32 towards printing the leaflets, seconded by Cllr Hussey. All in agreement for money to be donated. Cllr Walker-Allies has offered to distribute leaflets in Skirmett.

- Minute 8907** To discuss a proposal from Wycombe District Council to rent the field next to the play area in Ellery Rise, Frieth. An exact sum for this cannot currently be given, but WDC have advised it would be a few hundred pounds per annum.
Action:Clerk

There are access issues to the field for maintenance, which is why WDC are keen for the parish council to take responsibility for it. Otherwise access will be needed through the playing area, which is rented by the parish council from WDC. There will be costs relating to the upkeep of hedges and cutting the grass, the area is roughly 3 times the size of the play area. Clerk to place a piece in Hambleton magazine and Frieth village newsletter asking residents if they have any suggestions for use of the field. Clerk to reply to WDC to say the PC are consulting with parishioners about the field.

- Minute 8908** To discuss cleaning of road side signs around the parish, which under Devolved Services the Parish Council is responsible for. Previously Clerk has struggled to find a company to undertake this work due to the insurance requirements of Bucks County Council.

A large amount of insurance is required by BCC for any company carrying out devolved services work. Many smaller businesses do not have this higher insurance, and larger businesses have not been interested in what is for them a small job. Cllr Armstrong will carry out the work, including cutting back any branches necessary and then clean the signs as he holds the correct insurance due to carrying out the grass cutting contract. This will be at his current rate for the grass cutting contract.

- Minute 8909** To discuss purchasing a new AED for Skirmett at a cost of approximately £1314, following the battery expiring. The current AED is an older style one, it is in the budget to replace the last 2 older style machines in the parish.
Action:Clerk

The total amount for a new HeartSine Samaritan PAD 500P defibrillator (as purchased for Frieth in July 2016) is £1170 inc VAT. All in agreement to proceed to replace the AED in Skirmett.

All in agreement to replace the AED in Hambleton at the same time as this is also an older style one. This will mean that all 4 AEDs in the parish are a newer style defibrillator with a current warranty.

- Minute 8910** To discuss a request for a donation to Hambleton Celebrations for an event being held to celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19th May 2018
Action:Clerk

Cllr Webb proposed a donation of £500, seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All in favour.

- Minute 8911** To discuss Wycombe District Council survey regarding protecting trees in the district

It was agreed that as a Parish Council it was not suitable to complete the survey.

- Minute 8912** To approve the accounts for February 2018 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in February 2018

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	504.63
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	58.69
C G Balkwell & Son – hedge trimming	74.40
Information Commissioner – data protection renewal	35.00
MH-P Internet Ltd – annual website fees	828.00
Frieth Village Hall – hire 12/02/18	24.00
AED Locator – new AED for Skirmett	1170.00
AED Locator – new AED for Hambleton	1170.00

Total

Balance as at 1st January 2018	44432.11
Less January payments	(1827.80)
Balance as at 31st January	42604.31
Of which CIL Funds	4479.45
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	28124.86

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st January 2018	8774.40
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(724.52)
True Film Fund Balance as at 31st January 2018	8049.88

Minute 8913 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

1. Cllr Armstrong commented that the replacement smaller signs the parish council paid for event parking in Hambleden received lots of compliments at Cllr Snell's funeral. Cllr Webb afterwards acknowledged thanks from Mr Baker, caretaker at Hambleden Village Hall for support from the parish council for the signs.
2. Cllr Broad – requested that the MYSI be placed in Frieth next. Cllr Jackson said he will place it there the next time it is moved.

Minute 8914 Planning

17/08394/FUL – OS Parcel 3576 Bottom Hill Hambleden – Demolition of existing barn and erection of replacement barn – comments already submitted to WDC due to time constraints – no objection

18/05246/FUL – Bakery Lodge Skirmett Road Skirmett – Householder application for construction of balcony to rear – no objection

Planning Decisions Made

16/07078/FUL – Flint Cottage Frieth Hill Frieth – Conversion of outbuilding to create an independent 1 bed dwelling with associated parking and construction of detached garden store. Erection of replacement fence to western boundary retrospective – **Application Refused**

17/08301/CTR – Hillside View Frieth Hill Frieth – Crown lift by approximately 4-5 meters, crown thin by 25% and cut back from the property by 2-3 metres to 1 x Beech tree (T1) – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

17/08282/TPO – Bagmoor Shaw Bagmoor Lane Hambleden – Gain from between 3m and 4m clearance below and to the side to trees adjacent the powerlines as lines must be clear above to sky – **Application Permitted**

17/08111/FUL – Middle Way Stables Innings Road Frieth – Change of use of existing stables building and land to a studio dwelling – **Application Refused**

Minute 8915 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th March 2018, 8pm at the Village Hall, Skirmett,
The meeting was closed at 21.22.

Signed Date