

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Hambleden

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

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

1 member of the public (part)

The Chair reported the sad death of Councillor Nigel Snell earlier this week after a short period in hospital.

The Chair congratulated Councillor Hussey on his appointment to the Chilterns Conservation Board

Minute 8887 Public Question Time

Local landowner Ben Keene explained the current situation regarding fencing of the Hamble Brook on his land. The National Trust have suggested starting with a small section, approximately 150m on both sides of the brook to act as a trial run. This will then be left for a year or so to maintain and see what it looks like. It will be fenced as minimally as possible to reduce the visual impact on the valley, and as close to the stream as possible to limit vegetation growth and enable easy control of anything that does grow. Mr Keene has offered to take people to look at the fencing once are erected, rather than people visit themselves as the area is full of nesting birds. The Environment Agency require all land with cattle by the brook to be fenced to avoid cattle poaching, and there is a time limit set as for when this work needs to be carried out.

Minute 8888 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Chris Whitehead. Apologies accepted.

Minute 8889 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

None declared.

Minute 8890 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary December Parish Council Meeting, held 11th December 2017

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

Minute 8891 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8834 District Cllr Whitehead has advised that the planning application for Flint Cottage, Frieth has been rejected by Wycombe District Council, although this is not yet apparent on the planning portal and an amended parking space plan was submitted on 02/01/18.

Minute 8865 5. Clerk is still conversing with O2 about mobile coverage in Fingest.

Minute 8872 The chain link fence was removed from Pheasants Hill Common by Colstrop Lane. It apparently was erected by the crew filming to protect their equipment.

Minute 8877 Clerk spoke with the Local Area Technician from Transport for Bucks who advised that a guide price to privately pay to empty gullies in the parish would be:

Assessment per site - £75

Stats survey per site - £80

Drainage cost - £275 per half day

Disposal - £70 per tonne.

Traffic management costs would also need to be paid for which is between £20 and £1500 depending on the road and whether it needs just signs putting out or temporary traffic lights.

Cllr Hussey has mapped the majority of the gullies in the parish on to the Parish Online mapping system. The plans on the Bucks County Council website that show gullies in the parish are not accurate.

Action:Clerk Clerk reported blocked drains in Fingest last week following heavy rain. Cllr Hussey has marked on the maps the drains that are blocked, Clerk to report to TfB for clearing.

Minute 8880 Clerk is meeting with Sharps Fencing this week about bus shelters on the A4155, the meeting before Christmas had to be rescheduled.

Minute 8881 Clerk is waiting for a draft design from Croft Cast Iron signs for the “no parking” signs.

Action:Clerk Cllr Mann has spoken to residents who would like a sign on Ellery Rise when

- approaching the junction to warn motorists of cyclists on Frieth Hill. Clerk to speak to TfB about such a sign.
- Minute 8884 2. Clerk reported the unemptied bin to Chiltern District Waste who apologised and advised it would be emptied as soon as possible. Cllr Webb reports that it is being emptied again.
5. Cllr Walker-Allies has said that PC Turnham will be resuming Community Speedwatch at the end of February.
- Clerk will be attending a meeting of Frieth CEC School Travel Plan next week. Clerk has spoken with Bucks County Council about the traffic calming measures being implemented at Lane End Primary School and will pass this information on.
- District Councillor Whitehead has informed the PC that he is working with local residents to try and resolve the problems with aeroplane noise from Booker airfield.
- Action:Clerk Clerk has been approached by WDC about the field next to the play area who have asked if the PC would like to take it on once the current lease expires in October. Alternatively, an access route will need to be agreed which will reduce the size of the football field. The cost would be negligible. All in agreement to consider leasing the field as access across the play area is not feasible. February agenda item.
- Action:Clerk Cllr Mann has suggested approaching the Yew Tree pub to also erect a sign to warn about cyclists at the exit of the car park, as visibility when leaving the car park is limited looking up the hill. Clerk to contact.
- Cllr Hussey added the footpath markers to footpath HA24 where it splits when they were received from BCC.

Minute 8892 Correspondence received from 11th December 2017 to 10th January 2018

1. Cancellation of JCC meeting – forwarded to Cllrs Broad and Snell.
2. Waste service update from WDC – forwarded to Cllrs.
3. Notice of a new TPO in Frieth – forwarded to North ward Cllrs.
4. Update from NALC re: council tax referendum – forwarded to Cllrs.
5. Note from Buckinghamshire Healthcare re: how community hubs are progressing – forwarded to Cllrs.
6. Notice that part of the land at the Yew Tree pub is to be sold for the building of houses – forwarded to Cllrs. Cllr Mann performed a site visit and does not believe it to be a problem.
7. BMKALC note about Royal Garden party – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. LCR magazine – will bring to the meeting.
9. Thank you letter from War Memorials Trust for donation and continuation of membership – for info.
10. Web analytical report – for info, available on request.
11. Announcement of new Chiltern Conservation Boards councillors – forwarded to Cllrs.
12. Copy of “The Clerk” magazine – for info.

Minute 8893 To receive an update on the rollout of superfast broadband in the parish

Cllr Walker-Allies reported that cabinet 10, the Turville Heath switch, was turned on just before Christmas enabling some residents in Turville, Skirmett and Fingest to order superfast broadband from their internet provider. Residents can check via <https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/> to see if they can now get superfast broadband. This has been ahead of the schedule provided by WDC, Connected Counties and BT. District Councillor Whitehead has said that the parish and surrounding areas are completely in the hands of BT who will implement wherever and whenever they see fit. A resident led action group to campaign for superfast broadband has been set up in Turville for the surrounding areas and can be found at: <http://www.tb-ag.org/>.

Minute 8894 To discuss local infrastructure priorities to feedback any to Buckinghamshire County Council as part of their ongoing intelligence gathering

For info

BCC have asked if there are any infrastructure priorities from local parishes across Buckinghamshire in order to compile a local infrastructure database, to look at small scale local schemes. This is mainly to understand local infrastructure needs ahead of talks with developers to try and ensure that infrastructure sought to mitigate development is informed by local residents.

Minute 8895 To approve the accounts for January 2018, to consider the budget for 2018/2019 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in January 2018

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	504.63
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	220.04
MH-P Internet Ltd – parish council website hosting	108.00
Mrs L Coldwell – work from home annual allowance	500.00
Mrs L Coldwell – overtime payment of 14 hours (approved)	186.90
Hambleden Parish Hall – hire 08/01/18	30.00
SSE Ltd – lighting maintenance December quarter	106.04
Hambleden Valley Group magazine	20.00
Total	1827.80

Balance as at 1st December 2017	45412.39
Less December payments	(980.28)
Balance as at 31st December 2017	44432.11
Of which CIL Funds	4479.45
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	29952.66

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st December 2017	7987.50
Income – Good Omens filming donation	1000.00
Income – Good Omens filming donation	500.00
Archer Safety Signs – Hambleden parking signs	(713.10)
Total	8774.40
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(724.52)
True Film Fund Balance as at 31st December 2017	8049.88

Action:Clerk The draft budget was accepted and approved. Clerk will publish on the website.
The December statement has not been received from Lloyds Bank, Clerk has asked for a duplicate to be sent.

Minute 8896 To set the precept for 2018/2019

Action:Clerk It was resolved to keep the precept at £32,000, meaning a slight reduction per month for a Band D property.

Minute 8897 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

- Cllr Nixey** – the snow in December has caused damage to trees, who is responsible for checking if any branches may cause problems for people walking or cars? Bucks County Council are responsible for trees on the highway and verges, and any others are the responsibility of the landowner. Any perceived to be dangerous can be reported to BCC via their website.
- Cllr Mann** – there are 3 steps at the bottom of footpath HA9 that comes out on to Spurgrove Lane, which are very slippery when wet. Clerk to speak to the Chiltern Society to see if they have any help to offer.
- Cllr Armstrong** – whilst driving through Mill End, he had to stop to pick up chunks of flint in the road from a wall by the roadside. Cllr Webb has seen wing mirrors in the road at the same place, which is where the road narrows and cars sometimes collide. This has been an ongoing issue which Transport for Bucks are aware of. Clerk to speak with the National Trust to see if the wall is listed and if they are able to offer any suggestions.
- Cllr Hussey** – whilst doing the mapping for gullies he has looked at the Asset Register also and has noted items not on there that need to be added.
- At the wide verge on Fingest Lane, there is some evidence that it has possibly been used by 4x4 vehicles, with lots of muddy tracks. Cllr Jackson says it is horses that has made it muddy and it is not often used by vehicles.
- On Parish Online would it be helpful to log ownership of land for different estate boundaries? It was decided that this was not necessary at this point.
- Cllr Walker-Allies** – to add to the February agenda, cleaning of the road signs around the parish. Clerk has looked at this previously and was unable to find a company with the correct insurance who were willing to take on the project.
- At the corner at Mill End there is a fallen wooden post, can this be fixed? Cllr Armstrong will look at fixing.

Action:Clerk
February
agenda

Action: Cllr
Armstrong

9. When will the 2018 AED training session take place? Following a conversation with parishioners who said that they would not know how to use the defibrillator in an emergency, training should take place this year. The Clerk has diarised to organise this for late February/early March to contact the trainers as they have requested, to arrange training sessions for May time.

Minute 8898 Planning

17/08301/CTREE – 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) – **no objection**

17/08282/TPO – Bagmoor Shaw Bagmoor Lane Hambleton – 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 – **no objection**

Planning Decisions Made

17/07519/FUL and 17/07520/LBC – Cobs Cottage Skirmett Road Skirmett – Householder application for replacement of existing glazing within existing front window frames – **Application Permitted**

17/08030/MIN – Pheasants Ferry Lane Hambleton – Proposed non-material amendment to permission for a Variation of condition 7 to allow timber store to be retained until 2 months following completion of main dwelling granted under planning ref: 09/07360/VCDN – **Application Permitted (PC not consulted)**

17/07514/FUL – Woolleys Skirmett Road Hambleton – Householder application for part demolition of existing store room and attached greenhouse, construction of new orangery, pool house, outdoor swimming pool and replacement greenhouse - **Application Permitted**

17/07717/FUL – The Barn House Lower Goddards Farm Shogmoor Lane Skirmett – Householder application for construction of garden outbuilding – **Application Permitted**

17/08087/CTR – 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) - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

17/08113/CTR – School Cottage Skirmett Road Hambleton – 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 – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Minute 8899 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th February 2018, 8pm at the Village Hall, Frieth
The meeting was closed at 21.50

Signed Date