

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Frieth

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

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

0 members of the public

Minute 8806 Public Question Time

None present.

Minute 8807 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Jean Teesdale, District Cllr Chris Whitehead. Apologies accepted.

Minute 8808 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in Agenda Item 8, discussing works to Hambleden Churchyard and also planning applications 17/06548/FUL Thatched Cottage, Ferry Lane, 17/06501/FUL Coombe Cottage, Pheasants Hill.

Minute 8809 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary June Parish Council Meeting, held 12th June 2017

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

Minute 8810 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8791 Clerk has spoken with the Planning Department at WDC and forwarded to all Cllrs the guidelines for temporary or otherwise large advertising signs. These can be reported for Enforcement action but are given low priority.

Clerk arranged for the Chiltern Society to clear footpaths HA11 and HA15 which has been carried out. The invoice will be sent later in the season.

Minute 8798 The fingerpost sign for Frieth crossroads has been ordered and should be installed in the next 5-6 weeks. Clerk has asked if it can be installed straight first time, rather than having to be reported and fixed like the Skirmett sign.

Minute 8799 A start date has not yet been set for the SSE works that will be carried out in Hambleden Village.

Minute 8803 1. Clerk visited the site that the fox snare was found, as did Cllr Hussey. The matter has been reported to the Police for them to investigate. Clerk discussed it at the recent NAG meeting, none of the other Parishes there had any snares reported to them.

2. Clerk wrote to the homeowner, who arranged for HA48 to be cleared.

Minute 8796 The Town and Parish Charter idea was discussed at WDALC where other Parishes thought it was a good idea. This will be revisited at a later date when circumstances around the proposed Unitary Authority are clearer.

Clerk attended the Local Area Forum with Cllr Webb, where the wall in Mill End that is often hit by traffic was discussed. The LAF will look into solutions, including possibly installing bollards before the wall to alert drivers that the road narrows there. This cost would not be met by BCC and would need funding by the LAF and the Parish Council if it were to go ahead.

Clerk and Cllr Walker-Allies attended the Neighbourhood Action Group. It was noted that there is not a very active Neighbourhood Watch Group in Hambleden at the moment – Cllr Whitehead is speaking with people to see if there is any interest from residents. WPC Marchant at the meeting gave thanks to the PC for the money donated to the Community Cop Cards scheme, which was a great success.

An amended planning application has been put to WDC for Flint Cottage planning application. The deadline for comments is 25th July which means it cannot wait to be discussed until the next PC meeting in September so will be commented on between meetings.

WDC have contacted to say that there are 2 vacancies for Town/Parish Councillors on the Standards Committee held at WDC to be co-opted as non-voting members. No one wished to put themselves forward.

The "Perfect Parking" week at Frieth CEC School has been altered to 18th to 22nd September, as the previous suggestion clashed with 11+ exams.

All benches and bins in the Parish have been inputted onto Parish Online by Cllr Hussey.

Minute 8811 Correspondence received from 12th June to 3rd July 2017

1. Confirmation of diversion of footpath HAM17 (part) from BCC – for info.
2. LCR magazine – for info.
3. Press release from WDC re: broadband – forwarded to Cllrs.
4. BCC Freight policy consultation – forwarded to Cllrs and put on website and Facebook page.
5. School Travel Plan minutes – available on request.
6. BCC Freight strategy workshop report – forwarded to Cllrs.
7. Road Works Plan from BCC – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. Parish Liaison meeting notes and presentation – forwarded to Cllrs.
9. Online link for Chiltern magazine – forwarded Cllrs.
10. Buckinghamshire Voice – CPRE newsletter – available on request.
11. Website analytical report – for info.
12. Details about BRAG conference – forwarded to Cllrs.
13. Updated fees for tree works in Hambleden Church yard – forwarded to Cllrs.
14. Clerk's Meeting minutes – for info.
15. SLCC Clerk's magazine – for info.

Minute 8812 To discuss the possibility of purchasing bus shelters and benches in the Parish and subsequent placement

Action:Clerk

There are currently no bus shelters on the A4155 by the Henley Management College, which is the most used bus stop in the Parish. In the winter it can be quite unpleasant for people waiting for a bus. Suggestion given to see if the College would fund one bus stop if the Parish Council paid for another? A similar design as has been places already further up the road in Mill End. There is ample room on both sides for a bus to pull in and the stop. Clerk to write to the College.

Suggestion for a bench to be placed at Mill End on the grassed area at junction with the main road. There are people who walk down to the river who may wish to have a rest before the walk back. Suggested placement would be to back on to the footpath in the shade of the trees, which should also cause less problems for grass cutting.

Clerk to organise.

Minute 8813 To discuss tree works to be carried out in Hambleden Church yard following a quotation from Mr Roddy Baird

Action:Clerk

A quotation of £2567.50 plus VAT has been given for the works necessary, minus the Catalpa works which needs to be discussed. Mr Baird has said he will not ask for any extra money towards the planning applications needed to WDC. The Catalpa tree and works will be discussed at a later date, should permission be given from WDC. The quotation is very reasonable and it was resolved to proceed. Clerk to advise.

Minute 8814 To discuss the junction at Ellery Rise and Frieth Hill, Frieth and the difficulties for drivers entering and exiting the road

Action:Clerk

Clerk requested a mirror at this junction last year, as it can be dangerous and difficult to see up and down Frieth Hill when leaving Ellery Rise. BCC advised that approval of mirrors at locations with apparent poor visibility is quite rare as stringent conditions must apply, taking note of support from the Police and prevailing casualty record at the specific location where poor visibility has been a contributing factor. Mirrors do in fact need authorisation from the Department of Transport. Mirrors can be erected on private land with the permission of the landowner. The homeowners on both sides of the junction have been written to and have subsequently cut back the hedges to help visibility. The problem is exacerbated by cars that park directly opposite the junction.

Not all the Parish Council agree that a mirror is a good solution, as they can cause confusion to drivers and a false sense of security. Any cyclists descending the hill cannot stop that easy should a car appear, but they would not be seen in a mirror by a motorist. Clerk to investigate the possibility of a sign advising that there is a junction

and the possibility of painting double yellow lines to stop the cars parking there. Clerk to contact Frieth CEC School to ask parents not to park directly opposite the junction.

Minute 8815 To discuss the verges and land alongside the roadsides in the Parish not being maintained and cut regularly

Action:Clerk

Cllr Walker-Allies brought up that when driving through the Parish, it is obvious that Highways are not cutting the grass on the verges. In some places the grass is very tall and it is difficult to see around the corners to look for oncoming vehicles. Clerk to ask BCC for the schedule for cutting as it is not being cut. The Parish Council is unable to take on this service as any roads over 30 mph are not devolved from BCC.

Minute 8816 To approve the accounts for June 2017 and signing of cheques

Members were issued with quarterly budget spreadsheet before the meeting. This was agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Armstrong will be added to the account as a signatory, totalling 4 members with the power to sign cheques.

Accounts to be paid in July 2017

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	534.00
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	134.01
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	96.25
The Handyman – James Glasgow work in Frieth	35.00
CPRE subs renewal	36.00
Frieth Village Hall hire 10/07/17	24.00
SSE Enterprise – lighting maintenance charges	106.04
The Hambleden Garden Company – 3/7 instalment	668.57

Total **1633.87**

Balance as at 1st June 2017 46298.67

Less June payments (4262.81)

Balance as at 30th June 2017 **42035.86**

Of which CIL Funds 4479.45

Church Wall reserve 10000.00

Unrestricted Reserves **31819.22**

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st June 2017 **5287.50**

Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council) (1024.52)

True Film Fund Balance as at 30th June 2017 **4262.98**

Minute 8817 Members questions

- Cllr Broad** – hedges are growing into the highway again, but they cannot be cut until September.
 - Cllr Webb** – there will be filming in Hambleden approximately 18th September to 18th October. A letter will go out later in July to Hambleden residents to advise them.
 - Community Bus** – there was a problem with the phone line that people call to book their space on the bus, but this has now been resolved. There is a meeting next week to discuss what happens going forward.
- Action:Clerk
- Cllr Hussey** – a blue “P” sign at the car park by the Stag and Huntsman has been turned around.
 - For information** – There were noisy fireworks to the north of Hambleden last week that caused alarm to residents and distress to pets and livestock.
- Action:Cllr Armstrong
- Cllr Snell** – the island in the centre of the Village looks unkempt, can anything be done as a centre piece in the Village it could look better. Cars parked around the island make access with a lawnmower difficult and dangerous to use a strimmer due to the risk of flying stones.
- Action:Clerk
- Cllr Nixey** – Colstrove Lane is sinking at the top by the pond. It is necessary to drive on the verge to straddle it currently.
- Action:Clerk
- Cllr Walker-Allies** – Following extensive hard work by Connected Counties and funding provided by Wycombe District Council, Contract 2 and Contract 2 extension for Superfast Broadband in the North of the Hambleden Valley has finally been signed off with BT. These services will be rolled out by BT as quickly as possible, and the following

villages have been confirmed that they will receive Superfast Broadband by the following times:

Skirmett – service expected to be installed and available between March and Dec 2019

Turville – service expected to be installed and available by March 2019

Fingest – service expected to start to be initially installed in September 2017 and to be completed by March 2019.

Whilst the timeline is not ideal in some situations, we have been assured that Buckinghamshire Business First are working with BT to improve this. Delivery and availability of service is subject to surveys, design and deployment. Piece to be placed in the Hambleden Valley magazine to let residents know.

Minute 8819 Planning:

17/06548/FUL – Thatched Cottage Ferry Lane Hambleden - Householder application for the remodeling of glazed roof to breakfast area, insertion of new french doors with gothic arch details to match existing windows and internal alterations – **no objection**

17/06501/FUL – Coombe Cottage Pheasants Hill Hambleden - Householder application for construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear infill extension, removal of chimney stack and associated internal alterations – **no objection**

Planning Decisions Made

17/06075/FUL – 2 Perrin Springs Lane Frieth – Householder application for raising of roof, roof extensions/alterations, rear extension and patio area, new front porch and re-rendering – **Application Permitted**

Minute 8820 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th September 2017, 8pm at the Village Hall, Skirmett.

The meeting was closed at 21.12.

Signed Date