

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

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

Catherine Whitehead, Wycombe District Council. PC Turnham, Thames Valley Police.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

0 members of the public

Minute 8742 Apologies for Absence

None.

Minute 8743 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

Minute 8744 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting

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

Minute 8745 Short presentation and question and answer session from Wycombe District Council regarding Modernising Local Government proposals

Wycombe District Council along with the other District Councils in Buckinghamshire submitted a proposal to Central Government for a 2 Unitary Authority for Bucks. This was following the strategic options case they commissioned last year from Deloitte which suggested a 2 or 3 Unitary Council would be the best option, and stakeholder engagement that found that 70% favoured a multi-unitary option. Milton Keynes Unitary in the North will remain.

The Chiltern Hills provide a natural split in the geographical area, and this will match up with the way the Police and CCG divide the county. The North and the South are served by different Local Enterprise Partnerships which focus on economic growth. The communities are different in characteristics, and the Districts feel a 2 Unitary proposal will represent the people living there better. WDC believes that an increase in economic development is needed, and can be achieved if there are 2 Unitary authorities concentrating on strengths of the geographical areas, and this extra income can be used towards funding the growing need for services such as Child and Adult Services which are currently under funded and failing to meet some targets.

Parish Councils will not be forced to accept any devolved services, it will only be if they are in agreement. It is likely that council tax in Wycombe will increase, as this is the lowest in the County and will need to go up to fund the additional services currently run by BCC. This is likely to happen with either option.

A decision is expected from the Secretary of State in mid to late March, with a view to the new system being in place from April 2019.

Minute 8746 Progress on items in the previous minutes

Minute 8554 The planning application for land opposite Beeches Farm was rejected at the Planning Committee meeting.

Minute 8732 Clerk had a response from Chiltern Waste regarding bins for the Parish, who advised that it would be £61 per year to empty a bin weekly. Clerk to find out if this includes dog mess bins, and locations that the bins could be placed to be emptied.

Minute 8732 Following the Frieth Village Society meeting regarding speeding through the Village, Clerk has been in touch with FVS and advised on issues that were raised. A representative will attend the April meeting to discuss ideas.

Minute 8738 Clerk has written to homeowners asking them to cut back hedges, with a copy of the TfB bulletin about overhanging hedgerows and trees enclosed.

6. Clerk and the LAT had a drive around the Parish and reported approximately 20 potholes to be repaired which was carried out two days later. Some damaged signs were also reported.

7. Clerk has found about a scheme run by BCC called "Prevention Matters" which is a free service linking eligible adults to community activities. Details passed to Cllr Walker-Allies.
- Minute 8741 Clerk has spoken with TfB who advised that no extra wording can be added to the "Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles" sign at the bottom of Frieth Hill. As it is an advisory sign, to add an exception would be confusing and is against signing regulations. The sign is advisory only, and HGVs are allowed to use the road as there is no weight limit set.
- Other Matters Arisen Since Previous Meeting**
- A letter of support reiterating the original comments made was sent to WDC for planning application 16/07715/FUL, the properties behind the Yew Tree public house, Frieth.
- For Information Clerk has been approached by someone who would like to install a memorial bench acknowledging the people in the Parish who took in evacuated children during WW2. Her father was sent from London to Fingest and often spoke of how much he enjoyed his time there.
- For Information A volunteer from The Chiltern Society has been in touch regarding the Fieldfair's stile in Fingest, as BCC would like to remove the stile and replace with a kissing gate.
- For Information Clerk will be attending the Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting this week.
- For Information Clerk will be attending the WDC Local Plan Stakeholder meeting this week.
- For Information Clerk will be attending the Clerks meeting at WDC next week.
- Action:Clerk Clerk will be attending a Demystifying Planning training session in May – Cllr Nixey expressed an interest in also attending, Clerk to arrange.

Minute 8747 Correspondence received from 13th February to 13th March 2017

1. Email from JCC re: lease agreements for the Air Park – forwarded to Cllrs.
2. Email from Frieth resident asking for hedge in Ellery Rise to be cut back – Clerk actioned.
3. Email asking about installing a memorial bench on a footpath in Fingest – Clerk is dealing with this.
4. Notice of road closure, Rotten Row – forwarded to Cllrs.
5. War Memorial Trust magazine – for info.
6. War Memorial bulletin – for info.
7. Email from Frieth resident re: The Yew Tree – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. Invitation to WDC Local Plan Stakeholder Briefing – forwarded to Cllrs.
9. Email from BALC re: HS2 update briefing – forwarded to Cllrs.
10. Chiltern Society magazine – for info.
11. HS2 update – forwarded to Cllrs.
12. DCMS Better Broadband campaign leaflet – forwarded to Cllrs.
13. Web analytics report – for info.
14. Email from BALC – S137 expenditure limits 2017/2018 – forwarded to Cllrs.
15. JCC Consultation document – forwarded to Cllrs.
16. Frieth Village Society speeding meeting notes – forwarded to Cllrs.
17. Modernising Local Government presentation from WDC – forwarded to Cllrs.
18. Open Spaces Society magazine – for info.
19. CPRE Planning roadshow – forwarded to Cllrs.
20. Wycombe District Rural Forum agenda – forwarded to Cllrs.
- Action:Clerk 21. Email from another Parish regarding their experiences with Tough Mudder – Clerk to action
22. Letter from owner of The Yew Tree, Frieth
23. Invite to CLA Bucks debate in Aylesbury – forwarded to Cllrs.
24. Minutes from the Car Parking Committee for Hambleton Village – forwarded to Cllrs.

Minute 8748 Report to be received – Community Speedwatch results for 2016

PC Turnham explained that the police use geographical areas of "Marlow Inner" and "Marlow Outer" which encompasses all the villages in the Parish. In 2015 there were 50 hours of Community Speedwatch and 595 letters sent to offenders, and in 2016 there were 47 hours with 549 letters sent. The campaign to reduce speeding is going in the right direction but he feels that more could be done, and would like to see more people volunteering for Speedwatch. It can be used in conjunction with the MYSI, and

PC Turnham is more than happy to visit villages to train people in how to carry out the initiative. Thames Valley Police process and sent out the letters, volunteers only need to take registration plate details and then pass the information on the police. To volunteer for 30 minutes once a month would be sufficient. If someone receives 3 letters in a 6 month period, a police officer will visit to stress how dangerous speeding is, which can be quite harsh and has been proven to work.

PC Turnham discussed how the 20 mph stickers on the bins in Frieth actually negate the 30 mph speed limit, and mean that nothing can be done if someone speeds through the village when just 1 sticker can be seen from the road.

Minute 8749 Update – New parking area for events in Hambleden Village and to discuss a financial contribution to the new signs that are needed

Action:Clerk/
Cllr Webb

Cllr Webb attended the meeting as a representative from the PC, the Sports and Social Club and Village Hall representatives also attended. Apologies were given from the Church and Culden Faw Estate.

The use of the top half of the Dene where the bonfire takes place has been given by Culden Faw Estate as the field by the Church is no longer able to be used. This will be parking for weddings, events at the Village Hall and village events. The Estate are going to look into matting the entrance to the field so it does not get slippery whilst wet. This area can hold up to 200 cars, if they are all parked properly. It will be staked and roped on a permanent basis to denote where parking can go, so it does not encroach on the cricket field. The Village Hall committee are donating funds to purchase this. The change of location of event parking means that 9 signs will be needed to direct traffic coming from all directions. Cllr Webb has a quote for 10 signs saying "Church Parking" with magnetic strips to place over the text to alter as needed for £1041 including delivery and VAT. The Church has offered to donate £500 towards signs. It was resolved to donate the remainder of the balance towards the signs, using CIL funds. Clerk will write to the immediate neighbours to advise them that the field will be used as a car park, and also place something in the Hambleden magazine.

Minute 8750 To discuss SSE proposals for cutting back trees on Pheasants Hill Common

Action:Clerk

Clerk met with a representative from SSE who needs to do some work on the Common and is requesting permission. The necessary works start in Hambleden Village and carry on to Colstrove Lane, and private residences have also been approached. It is preferred to have a 3 metre clearance from trees to the electricity lines and this is not the case in many places along this line. The concern is that ultimately the trees may fall and this will cause many properties to be without power for a considerable time whilst the cables are fixed. The "live work" would be carried out initially, with any works needing a shutdown afterwards. SSE wish to start the works as soon as possible.

It was resolved to allow SSE to proceed, Clerk to advise.

Minute 8751 To discuss the Allotment wall in Hambleden Village

Culden Faw Estate have contacted to say that they are aware that the wall needs work doing to it and are monitoring it on a regular basis.

Minute 8752 To discuss the possibility of obtaining Tree Preservation Orders on trees classed as Ancient Woodland in the Parish

The Woodland Trust map of ancient and veteran trees shows that in the Parish there are no ancient trees, 6 veteran trees and 12 notable trees notwithstanding any other grand old trees that have not been picked up by the Woodland Trust Survey.

The need for TPOs is to protect trees that are at risk or vulnerable to being cut down, perhaps if they were in the middle of a field or on a boundary line following some felling that has occurred in some places in the Parish. Cllr Hussey has visited all the trees identified and does not think that any of them need protecting via a TPO.

Minute 8753 To discuss Watery Lane, Skirmett and work needed to be undertaken due to the narrowing of the footpath from mud

Cllr Walker-Allies has noticed that the footpath has become very narrow as a result of dirt and mud falling down over it. This is especially bad at the Turville entrance to the lane but continues all the way down. Cllr Jackson has done work to clear the lane,

removing mud. When the weather is better and the sides are drier he will return to scoop more out.

Minute 8754 To approve the accounts for March 2017 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in March 2017

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via Standing Order)	470.23
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	134.01
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	195.78
Transport for Bucks – Skirmett rural finger post sign	572.34
Staples – printer toner for A4 printer	245.99
The Hambleden Garden Company – clearing Mill End bus shelter	384.00
The Hambleden Garden Company – clearing Mill End crossing point	480.00
BMKALC – copy of Good Councillors Guide	2.00
Staples – printer toner for A3 printer	29.06
Hambleden Village Hall – hire 13/03/17	30.00
Total	2543.41

Balance as at 1st February 2017	38436.77
Less February payments	(2151.59)
Total of all funds at 28th February 2017	36285.18

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1 st February 2017	4925.24
Tough Mudder donation	1000.00
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(1324.52)
True Film Fund Balance	4600.72

It was noted that there is money in the Film Fund if there are any good causes that may benefit from a donation.

Minute 8755 Members questions

1. Cllr Hussey – observation from a resident who believes that there is no tree regeneration on Pheasants Hill Common due to the deer.
- Action:Clerk
2. Cllr Mann has requested that the details for Tough Mudder be put into the Frieth Village Society to make residents aware.
- Action:Clerk
3. Cllr Nixey – footpath sign at Frieth Hill knocked over – Clerk has reported, will chase with TfB.

Minute 8756 Planning:

17/05202/LBC – Barlows Frieth Hill Frieth – Listed building application for alterations to roof at rear of property and associated internal and external alterations (alternative scheme to pp 15-08051-LBC) – **no objection**

17/05201/FUL – Barlows Frieth Hill Frieth – Householder application for alterations to roof at rear of property and associated internal and external alterations (alternative scheme to pp 15-08114-FUL) – **no objection**

17/05321/TPO – Selborne Frieth Hill Frieth – Lowest limb that extends towards the centre of the house to be removed from 1 x Pine tree (T1) – **no objection**

17/05413/CTREE – The Old Forge Skirmett Road Skirmett – Fell 1 x Cypress (T1) as too large against house – **no objection**

17/05414/CTREE – Hambleden Mill Henley Road Hambleden – Remove 1 x Ash Tree (T1) – **we are unable to comment on this application as no information is given and it is impossible to make a decision with no details.**

17/05363/FUL – Holywick House Main Road Rotten Row Hambleden - Householder application for erection of two storey side extension with basement area to lower ground, first floor side extension and new front porch following removal of existing conservatory to side

Planning Decisions Made

17/05107/MIN - Eagles Crag Barn Spurgrove Lane Frieth - Proposed non-material amendment to permission for alterations to existing first floor and ground floor windows creating one large window to each granted under householder planning ref: 16/05944/FUL - **Application Permitted** (PC were not consulted on this application)

15/06700/FUL - Land Opposite Beeches Farm Colstrove Lane Hambleden - Application to for alterations and conversion of existing building to form 1 x 2 bed Dwelling - **Application Refused**

17/05121/CTR - 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) - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Minute 8757 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th April 2017, 8pm at the Village Hall, Frieth

Signed Date