

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

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

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

7 members of the public

Minute 8851 Public Question Time

- A Frieth resident expressed concerns about large lorries driving through the village following a recent incident involving a car and other times when lorries get stuck with cars backed up on either side. There is a concern for parents and school children walking where there is no footpath. Can people who are having deliveries ask for smaller vehicles to be used? The PC ask for smaller vehicles to be used for any large scale building development, along with a traffic management plan to ensure that no deliveries are made during school pick up and drop off times.

- An update from Wycombe Air Park Action Group about the JCC (Joint Consultative Committee). At the last JCC meeting in July, Cllr Whitehead proposed a resolution to restrict discussion about noise to once a year only, rather than at every meeting. This was actively debated by all, with concerns that once a year was not enough and also concerns that no other matter was dealt with because of noise complaints. The proposal was passed by a vote of 6 in favour to 4 against. There have been 400 complaints made from Frieth residents about traffic routing since this meeting. Legal advice has been sought which has concluded that to restrict the purpose of the JCC is *ultra vires* according to the 1982 Civil Aviation Act. Following this, there have been ongoing discussions with the Chairman and a sub-committee headed by Cllr Whitehead will be formed as a core group to provide a solution to the ongoing noise and circuit flight patterns/movements which have increased since the new contract was signed last year.

- A representative from Frieth Village Society spoke concerning agenda item 7, speeding in Frieth and the use of the MYSI (moveable your speed is unit). There are concerns about vehicle speed through the village, particularly at the top and bottom of Frieth hill and with the Yew Tree pub due to open soon. There are many concealed entrances which are a worry during school pick up and drop off times. A public meeting was held earlier this year by FVS, where lots of people were in favour of a 20 mph speed limit. *PC: This is highly unlikely to happen, following previous conversations between the PC and Bucks County Council. Criteria has changed since the road was downgraded from the national speed limit in the 1990s, and it is much harder now to change a speed limit. It is also very expensive and takes a number of years to implement with support from BCC and Thames Valley Police.* Some residents are now trained to run a Speedwatch session but would like to use the MYSI to assist in this. There have been 2 sessions with PC Turnham, and one without when the MYSI was located at the bottom of the hill a few months ago. PC Turnham who gives the Speedwatch training gave the impression that the MYSI could be lent to them for Speedwatch sessions. *PC: Disagrees due to our insurance limitations, and it would then need to be lent to any group in the parish that asked for it and ultimately could be unavailable to us.* PC Turnham has said the best places for correct sight lines and angles is at the top of the hill. FVS would like the MYSI to be put there 6 times or so a year for them to use in conjunction with Speedwatch, which can generate letters to speeding motorists from TVP. PC Turnham has said that when several Speedwatch sessions are carried out then camera signs can be erected in the village to demonstrate that the issue of speeding has been noted and to hopefully act as a deterrent. *PC: Not sure if this can be done unless there are actually cameras used?* The Speedwatch trained team would like to go beyond just monitoring speed and get these signs put up. *The PC in general is against extra signage which urbanises the parish, as are BCC who wish to declutter the countryside.* Also a suggestion that the children from Frieth

CEC School could design posters as speed notices to warn motorists. *This can be done, and has been previously but posters can only remain on the highway for 2 weeks according to BCC highway rules.* Cllr Nixey pointed out that the red circled 20 mph stickers on rubbish bins that are visible on the highway negate any speed limit and turn the road into a national speed limit road. FVS said that everyone has been emailed advising them to remove the stickers, but some have not. A Skirmett resident involved in Speedwatch there said that they do Speedwatch regardless, but will use the MYSI when it is in the area. There must be 2 people to run it, the signs must be put out, the materials prepared and then sent to PC Turnham.

Minute 8852 Apologies for Absence

None were given.

Minute 8853 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

There were no declarations made.

Minute 8854 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary October Parish Council Meeting, held 9th October 2017

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

Minute 8855 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 8812 Henley Management College responded that they would be interested in sharing the cost of new bus shelters on the A4155. Clerk is speaking with them regarding the type.

Minute 8840 A new sign has been drafted and needs approval – all approved. Clerk to advise TfB.

Minute 8844 Clerk has obtained one quote from the company who made the sign on the island in Hambleden for a 420 x 330 mm in size cast iron sign saying:

Action:Clerk - Agenda item “No Parking for safety reasons by order of the Parish Council” at a cost of £178 +VAT. Clerk is waiting for some other quotes to bring to the next meeting.

Minute 8848 1. Clerk raised the possible poaching at the NAG, no one else had noticed any issues. Clerk also spoke with the gamekeeper involved and advised him to report to the police should there be any more incidents. Cllr Armstrong has heard from other people that the truck has been spotted in other places where shots are heard. Clerk re-iterated the importance of calling the police so that they can build up a true picture of incidents.

5. The bridge has been reported to TfB who have visited and are monitoring it.

6. Cllr Hussey cleared the path HA24c.

Information Clerk has a new contact telephone number of 01494 881 483.

Information Clerk has ordered and is awaiting delivery for some way marking signs for footpaths HAM 23 and HAM 24.

Information At the recent Clerks meeting the changes to Data Protection legislation were discussed. This should not have much implications as the PC hold very little personal data about people.

Information District Councillor Chris Whitehead has invited 2 representatives from the PC to discuss broadband in the areas of the parish that are not covered by BT, namely Fingest and Skirmett. Cllr Walker-Allies will attend, and Cllr Jackson will if he is able.

Information WDC have requested all Councillors to have a check of their Register of Interests to make sure that they are all up to date.

Information The white post on the Common Land in Frieth was removed and the hole filled.

Minute 8856 Correspondence received from 10th October to 13th November

1. Invite and agenda for WDC Rural Forum – forwarded to Cllrs.

2. Summary leaflet - Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 – forwarded to Cllrs.

3. BCC News: Have your say on Household Recycling Centres – forwarded to Cllrs and put on Facebook page and website.

4. WDC New Local Plan – forwarded to Cllrs.

5. Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting minutes – available on request.

6. WDALC minutes – forwarded to Cllrs.

7. Parish Liaison meeting notes – forwarded to Cllrs.

8. Presentation from Wycombe District Rural Forum – forwarded to Cllrs.

9. BCC Budget plan consultation – forwarded to Cllrs.

10. Growing a Rural Community Survey for Wycombe – forwarded to Cllrs.
11. Parish Update from The Chiltern Society – forwarded to Cllrs, agenda item.
12. Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – for info
13. Web page analytical report – for info available on request
14. JCC agenda and minutes – forwarded to Cllrs Broad and Snell as representatives.
15. Open Space magazine – available on request.
16. War Memorial Bulletin – available on request.
17. TTRO road closure, Skirmett Road, Hambleden – forwarded to Cllrs. Will be publicised when exact dates are given.
18. Information for JCC meeting later this week – forwarded to Cllrs Broad and Snell.
19. Mobile Library consultation – forwarded to Cllrs. Future agenda item? Clerk investigation as to how many people use the mobile library in the Parish.
20. LAF priorities funding recommendation – forwarded to Cllrs. No objections to suggestions made.

Action:Clerk

Minute 8857 To discuss the MYSI and speeding in Frieth with suggestions/requests from Frieth Village Society

Action:Clerk/
Cllr Jackson

Responses to questions raised in the public question time and discussions:
The locations that the MYSI is placed have been approved by both Thames Valley Police and Bucks County Council, it cannot be placed just anywhere in the village. Clerk will speak to the LAT to see if there is any scope for other posts to be used for the MYSI. Speedwatch is not based around the MYSI, it is a bonus to use it but is not necessary for a Speedwatch to be carried out. Cllr Jackson has agreed with the Speedwatch co-ordinator that they can contact him asking for the MYSI to be positioned in Frieth when they would like to use it for a Speedwatch session and he will endeavour to do so. It was agreed that the Clerk will on occasion turn the lights off the machine, which is permitted and actually recommended by TVP. The unit still collects the data but does not show drivers their speed. This will be done for all locations the MYSI is used in the parish. The MYSI has been in Frieth 6 times this year so far, at the bottom of the hill near the crossroads and further up. The latest data from the MYSI when it was in the middle of Frieth shows that there were 8351 cars from 19/10/17 to 09/11/17. Of these, 61 were travelling at 35mph or over (0.7%). Of the 61, there was one driving between 45-49mph at 14.30 on 28/10/17, and one driving between 50-54mph at 16.15 on 27/10/17.

Minute 8858 To discuss Wycombe District Council New Local Plan

Following earlier consultations with stakeholders and residents, WDC have completed their New Local Plan. It is now at a stage that only the Planning Inspector is able to make changes. Representations to the Planning Inspector can be made until 27/11/17 online, via email or via post, details can be found on the WDC website.
The Local Plan does not affect Hambleden parish directly, as there will be no new homes built. 60% of new homes will be in Wycombe, 20% in Princes Risborough, 3% in Marlow and 7% in Bourne End. The final 10% are spread over larger rural areas such as Lane End, Stokenchurch, Marlow Bottom and Naphill. Sites have been identified for 10,925 new homes, with the shortfall being provided by Aylesbury Vale District Council. It was noted that the planning department seem to have done the best they can given the limitations of the area, and appear to be cherishing the Chilterns.

Minute 8859 To discuss who to vote for in the Chiltern Conservation Board ballot for the election of 2 new Buckinghamshire Parish Council representatives

Action:Clerk

The CCB have advised that 6 nominations have been received for 2 vacancies to sit as a Buckinghamshire Parish Councils representative on the Board. The PC have been provided a ballot paper to vote for 2 candidates. Election statements have been provided to the PC members. Cllr Hussey will not vote. Cllr Mann proposed Cllr Hussey, seconded by Cllr Walker-Allies. Clerk to return ballot form.

Minute 8860 To consider renewing the warranty on the MYSI for a further year at a cost of £210 +VAT

Action:Clerk

An annual service is carried out on the MYSI under the warranty, and it gives all parts required for maintenance or equipment failure will be provided within the contract price. It was resolved to renew the warranty. Clerk to organise.

Minute 8861 To discuss suggestions for good causes for the District Councillor Ward Bursary at a sum of £466

Action: Clerk

District Councillor Whitehead has advised that he has a budget of £466 that can be granted to "good causes" within the parish at the suggestion of the PC. It was resolved to donate the money to the garden project at Parmoor. Clerk to organise.

Minute 8862 To discuss purchasing signs for Hambleden Parking scheme using monies from the Film Fund

Action:
Cllr Webb

The parking committee have requested 6 new smaller signs and the magnets to go with them, which would replace some of the larger signs bought previously. The larger signs are difficult to move around and do not fit in the boot of all cars. They are currently being stored in Hambleden in a safe location, and probably moved inside for the duration of the "off season" of events. The total cost for new signs, magnets and delivery would be £713.10. The committee have requested a donation from the Hambleden Film Fund for this amount, following recent filming in the village. For the previous signs, the church contributed £500, the PC contributed the remaining balance of £959.62. Cllr Webb proposed to pay the full amount from the Film Fund, Cllr Hussey seconded. All in agreement. Cllr Webb will ascertain specifics and order the new signs. Cllr Walker-Allies commented how much work Cllr Webb has put in to organising and subsequently ordering the signs.

Minute 8863 To discuss the Parish Council Update from the Chilterns Conservation Board and a request for a donation

The CCB have written expressing thanks to PCs across the Chilterns for the support received for a number of years. They have requested a donation to help enable funding for new projects which would benefit the Chilterns. Their current projects in October 2017 are Beacons of the Past: Hillforts Project, Landscape Partnering Schemes, the Chilterns Walking Festival and the Chilterns Chalk Stream projects. The CCB apply for grants for schemes. Cllr Webb proposed a donation, seconded by Cllr Mann. It was resolved to donate £250 from the Parish Council. All in agreement.

Minute 8864 To approve the accounts for November 2017 and signing of cheques

Accounts to be paid in November 2017

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	504.63
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	138.98
SSE – lighting maintenance September quarter	106.04
Mr P Gomme – grass cut contract	2000.00
Roderick Baird Ltd – Hambleden Church yard works	1188.00
The Hambleden Garden Company – instalment 7/7	668.57
The Chiltern Society – footpath clearance	100.24
Staples UK Ltd – stationery	79.76
Frieth Village Hall – hire 13/11/17	24.00
SWARCO Traffic Ltd – MYSI warranty renewal	252.00
Chilterns Conservation Board donation	250.00
Total	5464.41

Balance as at 1st October 2017	53428.18
Less October payments	(2672.64)
Income – SSE wayleave	121.26
Balance as at 31st October 2017	50876.80
Of which CIL Funds	4479.45
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	36397.35

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st October 2017	4987.50
Good Omens filming donation	3000.00
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(724.52)
True Film Fund Balance as at 31st October 2017	7262.98

Lloyds Bank forms were signed by 2 signatories for an address change on the main account.

Clerk to write to the Brownies and Rainbows, and put a post on the Facebook page to see if there are any good causes in the parish that would benefit from a donation from the Film Fund, as well as in the Hambleden Valley magazine. Clerk will also place notices on the noticeboards. Should anyone have a cause they should contact the Clerk.

Minute 8865 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

Action:Clerk

1. **Cllr Nixey** – the repairs made to Colstrove Lane have not rectified all the problem, Clerk to go back to TfB and ask them to attend again.

Action:Clerk

2. The 30 mph sign in Mill End, coming from Henley direction is completely obscured by tree growth, and looks like it has been hit and is damaged. Clerk to report to TfB.

Action:Clerk

3. **Cllr Mann** – reported that the fields at the rear of the Yew Tree have been cut right down with fencing placed around it.

4. Cllr Webb – a resident mentioned to her that Westcroft Farm is still standing. The new house has been built but the planning permission granted was for the demolition of the existing building. Clerk to refer to planning enforcement.

5. Cllr Webb wondered if a churchyard volunteer group be formed for the rest of the works in Hambleden churchyard. Cllr Armstrong will look for volunteers, Cllr Nixey will join if available.

Action:Clerk

6. Cllr Jackson – mobile phone signal in Fingest is now none existent. Residents previously were able to get signal with O2, but the mast has now been removed so there is no signal at all. Clerk to write to O2 to complain that the signal is no longer there and plans to rectify this.

Minute 8866 Planning:

17/07628/FUL – 6 Innings Gate Frieth – Householder application for construction of new pitched roofs to existing flat roof dormers – **no objection**

17/07724/FUL – Garden House Ferry Lane Hambleden – Householder application for construction of replacement entrance gates and garden walls – **The Parish Council object to this application. It is not possible to agree when materials for what it a very substantial wall are unknown, same with the proposed lighting which is not specified and will cause excessive light pollution in an area that does not have street lights. Further, a wall of this size will be visible from the road, unsightly for what is a quiet lane, is not at all in keeping with the local area and will not provide much for extra security measures.**

17/07514/FUL – Woolleys Skirmett Road Hambleden – Householder application for part demolition of existing store room and attached greenhouse, construction of new orangery, pool house, outdoor swimming pool and replacement greenhouse – **no objection**

17/07520/LBC – Cobs Cottage Skirmett Road Skirmett – Listed building application to replace decaying front windows with matching hardwood window frames (to include advanced thermal performance glass) – **no objection**

17/07519/FUL – Cobs Cottage Skirmett Road Skirmett – Householder application for replacement front windows - **no objection**

17/07717/FUL – The Barn House Lower Goddards Farm Shogmoor Lane Skirmett – Householder application for construction of garden outbuilding – **no objection**

17/07894/CTREE – Marlstone Frieth Hill Frieth – Dismantle to ground level 1 x Horse Chestnut (T1), re pollarded to historic pollard points to prevent limb failure, this will result in an approximately 3 meters laterally being removed and the same in height to 1 x Lime tree (T4) and latterly tip reduce the overhanging limbs by up to 2 meters to 1 x Sycamore (T5) – **no objection**

Planning Decisions Made

17/06990/FUL – 5 Innings Gate Frieth – Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, new pitch roof front entrance porch, reconstruction of existing front box dormer windows to pitch, insertion of pitch roof window to front roof slope, insertion of Velux roof light to rear roof slope and alterations – **Application Permitted**

17/07509/CTR – St Bartholomews Church Chequers Lane Fingest – Group of Yew

trees(G1) Crown reduce from over the church roof and nave with side lateral reduction of the branch length by approximately 1.5 metres away and also crown reduce the height and spread by approximately 2 metres back to a suitable branch union to the larger trees at either end and remove the smaller middle stems less than 200mm diameter to ground level nearest to the oil tank - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

17/07193/FUL – Huttons Farm Main Road Rotten Row Hambleden – Householder application for erection of single storey detached outbuilding for use as a gardeners' base and garden implement storage – **Application Permitted**

Minute 8867 **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11th December 2017, 8pm at the Village Hall, Skirmett
The meeting was closed at 21.49.

Signed Date