

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Hambleden**

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

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

0 members of the public

**Minute 8836 Public Question Time**

None present.

**Minute 8837 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were given from Councillor Nixey, County Councillor Teesdale. Apologies accepted.

**Minute 8838 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda**

There were no declarations made.

**Minute 8839 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary September Parish Council Meeting, held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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

**Minute 8840 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda**

Minute 8812 Clerk has had no response from Henley Management College about a bus shelter on the A4155. There are lots of works ongoing at the College currently, so this will be revisited later.

Minute 8825 Clerk spoke with TfB who confirmed that the hedge was the responsibility of the landowner to maintain. Clerk passed on to the resident details of a company who were willing to undertake the necessary works.

Minute 8825 St Johns Ambulance will conduct a demonstration for using the AED at a cost of £100 +VAT for a 2 hour session. It was resolved to wait for the spring time for the lighter nights to hopefully get more residents to attend.

Minute 8831 Cllr Armstrong will attend to the overhanging branch at Ellery Rise play area and will look at the matting to see what will be best to do.

Minute 8833 4. Clerk spoke to the street lighting department at the TfB conference who said they will be in touch about new heritage style lighting columns.

5. Works were carried out on Colstrove Lane by TfB by the pond for the sinking problem.

Action:Clerk Clerk has been approached by a resident regarding a sign outside their house which is damaged and TfB have said needs replacing, asking if it could be done in a style similar to the other rural style signs around the Parish. TfB have said that it is likely they will pay for this. Clerk to arrange.

Action:Clerk The contractor in the North Ward has asked about cutting the hedge at the play area and the car park in Frieth. All agreed, Clerk to arrange for this to be added to the cutting reschedule.

Clerk attended the Frieth CEC School Travel Plan meeting and asked the school to ask parents not to park directly opposite the junction at Ellery Rise.

Clerk and Cllr Walker-Allies will be attending the NAG meeting this week.

**Minute 8841 Correspondence received from 11<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October**

1. Invite to BMKALC AGM – forwarded to Cllrs.
2. Email from resident about parking at Ridgewood – Clerk and Cllr Nixey actioned.
3. Weekly update from BMKALC – forwarded to Cllrs.
4. CPRE – notification of AGM on 24/11/17.
5. Web analytical report – for info available on request.
6. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
7. BMKALC weekly update – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. Open Spaces Society renewal notice – for info.

9. TfB Conference notes and slides – forwarded to Cllrs.

**Minute 8842 To agree to make a donation to Frieth Church for £150 for the light over the winter period**

Action:Clerk

It was resolved to make the above donation to assist with electricity charges to ensure that there is some light in the centre of Frieth during the winter months from sunset until 10.30pm.

**Minute 8843 To discuss planting a tree on the Common Land in Frieth following a request from a resident**

Action:Clerk

Historically, trees have not been successful on the Common Land and many have failed to thrive. Due to this, and also the amount of children that play on the land after school, the Parish Council would recommend removing the dead tree and grassing it over.

**Minute 8844 To discuss the junction at Ellery Rise on Frieth Hill and issues with visibility**

Action:Clerk

Transport for Bucks have said that a “build up” could possibly be installed at cost to the Parish Council, which would likely to be approximately £10 000 as lighting is needed. Surveys would need to be carried out, and there is no guarantee that TfB would agree to it if they feel there is no need for anything to be placed there.

It was resolved to proceed with signs on the grass verge opposite Ellery Rise to say “no parking” which would increase visibility from the junction if no cars are there.

**Minute 8845 To discuss works to be carried out on Pheasants Hill Common including a regeneration programme and tree clearing**

Cllrs

Armstrong/  
Hussey

Cllr Armstrong visited the Common and reported that a lot of the beech trees are being swamped. There are young ash saplings growing in parts which are completely out of place and taking light away from the beech trees. Deer eat any seedling that is turning to sapling and there are lots of brambles beginning to grow on the ground. There has been successful planting on the Common previously. 4/5 new beech saplings would be a good start, with a similar amount each year going forward. Hambleden Church are often approached asking if a memorial tree can be planted in the grounds of the church which is not allowed. The Church Warden will suggest planting a tree on Pheasants Hill Common instead. The Common is an evolving landscape which many years ago was open heathland where people used to play cricket. Cllr Hussey will speak with people to see if there is help available to the PC for a long term plan.

There is footpath erosion in parts which Cllr Armstrong will investigate further and feed back his findings at the next meeting.

**Minute 8846 To discuss the MYSI and the current locations it is used and if they are all necessary**

Action:Clerk

It was decided to keep all of the current locations in the MYSI rotation. Thames Valley Police do their best but are short of staff and speeding is not a priority. Cllr Walker-Allies proposed writing to the Police Commissioner to ask for more police presence in the Parish to try and combat the speeding problem. 4 members in favour, Clerk to write.

**Minute 8847 To approve the accounts for October 2017 and signing of cheques**

**Accounts to be paid in October 2017**

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	504.63
BCC Pension Fund (via standing order)	152.19
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses and mileage	148.32
WDC – Ellery Rise play area inspection	72.00
Staples – printer ink	187.17
The Hambleden Garden Company – August invoice	668.57
The Hambleden Garden Company – September invoice	668.57
Mrs L Coldwell – minute book repayment	91.19
Hambleden Parish Hall – hire meeting 09/10/17	30.00
Frieth Church – light over winter	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2672.64</b>

<b>Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>39745.17</b>
Less September payments	(3719.26)
Income – precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	16000.00
Income – HMRC VAT refund	1372.90

Income – Clerk overpayment payback	29.37
<b>Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>53428.18</b>
Of which CIL Funds	4479.45
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
<b>Unrestricted Reserves</b>	<b>38948.73</b>

### Film Fund

<b>Total of all funds at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>5287.50</b>
Community Bus Float paid	(300.00)
Less Community Bus Money (held by the Parish Council)	(724.52)
<b>True Film Fund Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>4262.98</b>

Lloyds Bank forms were signed by 2 signatories for an address change on the main account, and to add Cllr Armstrong as a signatory.

A cheque was signed in between meetings to release funds for the Community Taxi service. This money is only held by the Parish Council and belongs to the scheme.

#### **Minute 8848**

Action:Clerk

#### **Members questions: including any items for the next agenda**

1. Cllr Armstrong – has been approached by the gamekeeper at Huttons Farm, who is aware that someone has been shooting in the evening on Pheasants Hill Common. They are keeping an eye on the situation for any signs of poaching. Clerk will raise at the NAG.

2. Cllr Mann – has noticed that the fields at the back of the Yew Tree behind the car park have cut down significantly and fenced. Cllr Mann will revisit.

3. Cllr Webb – discussed the schedule for the current filming in Hambleden Village and will be meeting with the Location Manager to discuss a donation to the Film Fund.

Agenda item:  
November

4. There was a meeting held about the new car parking situation as it is the end of the busy season. This has been successful and worked well, particularly for larger events. Smaller weddings/christenings people have tended to park in the village. The Parking Committee have asked for the PC to purchase smaller signs from the Film Fund following an injury whilst carrying as the larger ones that are proving difficult to move around. Cllr Webb has obtained a quotation of £55.80 each, the 6 requested in total would be £334.80. The PC have spent approx. £1200 on signs. The Parking Committee have an invisible contingency fund, money from each event is being held by the venue should there be any extra spend needed, such as replacing the ropes or posts.

Action:Clerk

5. The red brick on hump back bridge on the entrance to the village are wearing – Clerk to pass to Highways.

Action:Clerk

6. Cllr Snell – there is an overgrown footpath, HA24c – Clerk to write to landowner asking them to clear.

#### **Minute 8849**

#### **Planning:**

**17/07509/CTREE – St Bartholomews Church Chequers Lane Fingest – Cut back to leave line of 1.8 metre stems to group of Yews – no objection**

**17/07542/TPO – Saras Cottage Frieth Hill Frieth – fell 1 x Cedar tree (T1) – no objection**

#### **Planning Decisions Made**

**17/06327/FUL – Pheasants Ridge Bottom Hill Hambleden – Demolition of existing dwelling house, garage building and 3 no. sheds, erection of 1 x 4-bed detached dwelling house and ancillary studio building with integral storage area for waste/recycling (alternative scheme to pp 16/06640/FUL) - **Application Permitted****

**17/07095/CTR – St Marys Church Hambleden Village Hambleden – Fell 1 x Holly (T1), reduce height by 1.5 metres to 1 x Golden Irish Yew (T2) and fell 4 x Cypress trees (T3 to T6) and replace with Irish Yew – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order****

**17/06982/FUL – The Hyde Bagmoor Lane Hambleden – Householder application for removal of existing oil tank and installation of new oil – **Application Permitted****

**17/07304/MIN – Coombe Cottage Pheasants Hill Hambleden – Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear infill extension, removal of chimney stack and associated internal alterations granted under householder planning ref - **Application Permitted** (PC not**

consulted)

**17/07175/TPO** – OS Parcel 4414 Bagmoor Lane Hambleden – Clear a way through by cutting back/raising the canopy by crown lifting to have a clear height of 4 metres to unknown species due to vehicular access for agricultural – **Application Permitted**

**17/07098/FUL** – Greendale Fingest Lane Fingest – Householder application for construction of above ground swimming pool – **Application Permitted**

**Minute 8850** **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 8pm at the Village Hall, Frieth

Signed ..... Date .....