

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 6th April 2009 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,
Skirmett**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr D White, Mrs S. Walker Allies,
Mrs L. Mann, Mrs E. Robinson, Mr A. Armstrong,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllrs Mr R. Baird,
Mr J. Jackson, District Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7619 To confirm and sign the previous Minutes
The Minutes for the 9th March meeting were agreed by Councillors
and signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7620 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Mrs Walker Allies declared a personal interest in the planning
application for Old Crown House.
Cllr Nixey declared a personal interest re the issue of post
maintenance in Frieth.
Cllr Mrs Robinson declared a personal interest in the planning
application for 79 Rectory Hill.
- Minute 7610 Progress on items from the previous minutes
9. The Clerk has purchased £25 worth of Book Tokens for the School
Speeding Traffic competition.
11. Frieth Village Society still has not confirmed that they will be
entering the Best Kept Village Competition but due that the closing
date for nominations is 30th April the cheque will be raised and held
until we are informed of their decision. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Mann
will be tidying up the Parish Council Notice Board area and the
telephone box. After discussions with Mr Gudge, Mr Moore will not
carry out the pond cleaning until the Autumn. The maximum price for
the pond will be £200. Mr Gomme will be asked for a price for
clearing behind the pond.
- Minute 7612 H F Nixey & Son supplied a price for rubbing down and painting 43
posts of £600. Peter Gomme will be asked to supply a quote.
Cllr Nixey and the Clerk have found suitable concrete cones for Frieth
Common. It was agreed to purchase these as soon as possible. The
tops will be painted with luminous white paint to ensure that they are
visible in the unlit village. We have been requested to install the
bollards by Frieth Village Society and having considered the situation
it was felt that by painting the tops of the bollards the Parish Council
will have provided the best form of visibility to ensure that residents
will not trip over this addition to the Common Land when walking
across the Common.
- Action: Cllr Nixey
- Action: Clerk The Clerk and Councillor attended a one day Conference on Open
Spaces. The Clerk will produce a resume of the day. It was agreed to
purchase a new book on Open Spaces at a total cost of £21.95. Cllr
Nixey recommended that we enrol our Clerk in the Institute of Local
Council Management.
The posts at Mill End need some maintenance but there are problems
due to the hardness of the ground which was originally a road. Cllr
Armstrong will follow this up.
- Action: Cllr Armstrong
- Minute 7614 The Play area at Ellery Rise has not been selected to receive a grant
from BCC. It was agreed to discuss it at the Annual Parish Meeting to
obtain feedback from parishioners.
- Minute 7621 Correspondence received from 10th March – 6th April
1. Southern Electric Contracting light inventory
2. Mazars Audit request for accounts for year ending March
2009
3. Email from WAPAG with press release attached

4. Email from Arrhythmia Alliance explaining the costings of the Defibrillators to proceed with the order for 4 as itemised we need to supplement the amount with £289.
5. WDC Invitation to attend a Planning Forum on April 29th 5.30 – 7.30pm – Council Chamber.
6. The Playing Field Magazine
7. Countryside Voice and Fieldwork Magazines
8. Open Spaces Magazine
9. WDC Standards Committee Agenda
10. Arrhythmia Alliance Newsletter
11. Email from Thames Valley Police and WDALC asking for lists of roads in our Parish affected by HGV's. List required by 20th April. Shogmoor Lane, Fingest junction.
12. £300 from Midsomer Murders
13. Matters Arising magazine
14. In Focus magazine
15. Letter from BCC asking for the name of the owner of footpath HA23.
16. The Chilterns Conservation Board – What's on in hr Chilterns, Chalk & Trees, News of the Woods, Chilternsaetna.
17. Donations of £100 from Mr & Mrs Hyman and £200 from W J Webb & Son for the Defibrillator Project. Cheques made out to the Arrhythmia Alliance.
18. Agenda and papers for the SW Marlow Rural LCP. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies supplied the information on Broadband.

Action: Clerk

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Minute 7623

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions

Applications

SHB/09/05425/FUL - Thamesfield Cottage, Mill End – erection of summer house to rear and revisions to ground levels in rear garden. – no objection

DBRAS/09/05421/FUL & 05422/LBC - 79 Rectory Hill, Hambleden - erection of single storey rear and first floor rear extensions – strongly object to this application.

DBRAS/09/05387/FUL – Fingest Manor – construction of equestrian ménage - no objection but state that we would like conditions put in place to ensure that there is no floodlighting or a roof and that it should not be used for commercial purposes.

AHC/09/05535/CTREE – The Old Crown House, Skirmett – reduce crown height by 10% one magnolia – no objection

SH/09/0 5558/LBC – The Apothecaries, 62 & 63 Hambleden – Listed building application for replacement ground floor rear window (No 63) replacement ground floor rear door (No 62) and replacement first floor rear window (No 62) – site visit.

Decisions

AHC/09/05322/TREE – The Old Parsonage, Frieth –crown reduce by 20% to 1 chestnut tree – not to make a TPO

PM/08/07661/FUL – Meadowview, Pheasants Hill – construction of detached garage and store with studio over. Relocate existing driveway – permit with conditions.

WDC Notification that the planning applications for Rowleys, Frieth and Thamesfield Cottage have been withdrawn. Thamesfield Cottage has resubmitted plans.

Action: Clerk

Clerk will contact WDC to find out about the traffic management plan for Hatchett Wood.

Minute 76243

To discuss the latest information and action re the JCC, Wycombe Air Park

It is eight months since we had written to the Dept of Transport. We have had two holding letters but still with no further information. It was agreed to write to the Dept of Transport asking when we can expect to have a response. We will attach a resume of the current structure/situation.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7625 To agree on the wording for the defibrillator machines for the Parish and to agree to donate £289 from the Film Fund to complete the order for 4 units

As we received a further £300 at the meeting we no longer need to use Film Funds to complete the order. The wording for the Outer cabinet will have to include the postcode. It will say Donated by Hambleden Parish Council, BCC, WDC and local residents. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies has approached The Chequers and The Frog who are happy to have it installed on the end of their building. It will require a light. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that Hambleden Sports and Social Club are happy to have the unit installed on their building and she will discuss with them the need for a light. The Clerk will write to Frieth Village Hall Committee to ask if the unit could go on their building.

Action: Cllr Mrs Mann/Clerk

Minute 7626 To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to talk about the Ellery Rise Play Area, the Defibrillator Project and Community Speedwatch. Clerk will contact Mr Allen about putting an A5 leaflet in the Hambleden Valley Magazine and Mrs Dawson for Frieth Village Society Newsletter. Clerk will produce a poster for the Notice Boards. We will provide light refreshments.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7627 To approve the accounts for April 2009; Signing of Cheques and to agree and sign off the year end accounts for 2008/09

Current Account Balance as at 1 st March	£ 7870.15
Less March cheques	£ 6931.74
Plus transfer from Bank of Ireland	£ 1000.00
Refund from HM Customs VAT	£ 2087.48
Balance	£ 4025.89

Investment Account	£ 93.42
Bank of Ireland (as at 1 st March)	£ 16223.24
Plus Interest	£ 7.26
Less Transfer and Arrhythmia Alliance	£ 3000.00
Balance	£ 13230.50
Total	£ 17349.81

Cheques for April signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 385.82
Mrs S. Henson exp,	£ 480.96
MHP Ltd –annual website renewal	£ 506.00
BALC subs	£ 199.82
SLCC course Open Spaces	£ 149.50
Southern Electric Contracting – maintenance	£ 109.60
Best Kept Village Competition	£ 8.00
Total	£ 1839.70

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

The RFO presented the accounts for the year ending March 31st 2009 and also issued a spreadsheet showing how the budgets related to expenditure. Cllr White proposed that we accept the accounts. It was resolved to accept the accounts and the Chairman and RFO signed them off. Copies will be available for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Minute 7628 Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported on the WDALC meeting at which representatives from BCC, WDC and Thames Valley Police attended. Parish Councillors raised the issue of far too many meetings and that BCC/WDC do not believe that Parish Councils are fully representing their parishioners. Parish Councils need to be seen to engage more with the public.
2. Cllr Nixey reported that the Parish Council Chairman also had a similar meeting where the feelings were expressed to members of WDC.
3. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that there had been three vehicle incidents during the night on Elmdown Corner – the Clerk will write to BCC asking for reflector posts to be erected.

4. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if the Mill End signage was complete. The Clerk reported that this was the case.
5. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if further works were taking place at Grebe Cottage.
7. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported potholes near Rockwell End.

Minute 7629

Date of next meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will follow the Annual Parish Council meeting and the May meeting on Monday 11th May 2009 at **7.30pm** in The Parish Rooms, Hambleton.

Date.....

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