

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 8th February 2010 at 8.00pm in the Parish
Rooms, Hambleden**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mr J. Jackson, Mrs L. Mann, Mrs E. Robinson, Mrs S Walker Allies, Mr A. Armstrong, Mr D White. Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

1 member of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dr M Elliott, Dist Cllr Emmett

- Minute 7715 To confirm and sign the previous Minutes
The Minutes for the 11th January meeting were agreed by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7716 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Armstrong declared a prejudicial interest in Little Parmoor
Cllr Nixey declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to fencing in the Parish Play Area.
- Minute 7713 Progress on items from the previous minutes
2. Cllr Mrs Mann and the Clerk attended the BCC Local Area Forum workshop on 20th January where all the problems and concerns raised within the area were prioritised.
3. South Central Ambulance are investigating our concerns and we should have a report this week.
6. The Clerk attended the closed LAF meeting on 3rd February where concerns about all sorts of transport issues were raised including the need to grant farmers permission to clear roads in severe snow. A copy of an insurance certificate was supplied to show that they would be covered if they were insured with the NFU.
- Minute 7717 Correspondence from 11th January -8th February 2010
1. Letter from WDC stating the case against Cllr Mrs Mann has been dismissed; however this was followed up by a letter saying that the complainant has appealed against the decision.
 2. ROSPA Inspection report
 3. Agenda for Local Area Forum meeting – 3rd February – 7pm Longburrow Hall – Clerk attended
 4. Request from the Chiltern Society to see whether we or anyone in the parish would like to organise a Chiltern Way Walk in the section that runs through our parish any time between 29th May and 11th June. Councillors will advise their communities.
 5. Copies of Community Voice and a request for articles for the summer issue – Clerk will put in an article and pictures about the play area.
 6. Acknowledgment of our letter to BCC re self help in the snow.
 7. Southern Electric Contracting revised charges for street lighting maintenance and repairs.
 8. Confirmation that the play equipment and fencing has been added to our insurance – extra cost £40.
 9. Response from FVS re zig zag lines – it was felt that it would not help the speeding of motorists – felt a 20mph limit would be better. Clerk will pass information and view to Thames Valley Police.
 10. Local Council Review
 11. Bucks Community Action – Questionnaire on Post Offices
 12. Notification of ‘Have Your Say Meetings’ run by Thames Valley Police in Hambleden Village Hall –Wednesday 17th February and Wednesday 17th March 4.30 – 6.30pm – suggest that the police walk around in the villages
- Action: Councillors
- Action: Clerk
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13. Copy letters to WDC Planning as a result of the Hatchett Wood meeting from Mr & Mrs Chanter, Mr & Mrs Poots, Frieth Village Society, Mr & Mrs Wheeler – passed to Cllr White
14. Matters Arising
- Action: Clerk 15. Letter from Mrs Markwell re a memorial seat and lilac tree for Mrs Caroline Salmon – Clerk will arrange a site meeting.
- Action: Clerk 16. Copy email to BCC re gritting of Frieth Hill – Clerk will respond

Minute 7718

PlanningApplications

PM/10/05046/LBC – Little Parmoor – Listed Building application for construction of single storey side extension (alt scheme to pp 08/05810/LBC – we have no objection but we feel that the Listed Building Officer should be consulted to ensure that the integrity and balance within the overall structure of the Listed Building is not compromised.

SH/10/05060/CLP – Chisbridge Farmhouse – application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed tennis court – no objection however we would like to know whether any fencing is proposed and if a planning application will submitted for this.

Decision

TPOPTA/98/07390/FUL – Ferry Cottage, Mill End – withdrawn

PM/09/07320/FUL & 07321/LBC – Mill House, Henley Road – householder application for construction of the new chimney to west side of dwelling – permit and grant consent

PM/09/07289/FUL – Meadow View, Pheasants Hill – householder application for construction of detached garage with store and studio over and relocation of existing driveway (alt scheme to 08/07661/FUL – refused.

North Ward Councillors and the Clerk attended the public meeting about Hatchett Wood – comments raised were taken on board by the applicant and his representatives. The Parish Council had replied to WDC Planning. Two newsletters have now been issued.

Minute 7719

To receive the ROSPA report and place an order for fencing for the Parish Play Area

We received an excellent report and were congratulated on undertaking this project without any grant aid.

The high risk item is to make sure children cannot reach the barbed wire; medium risk is to fill in the gaps on the front hedge. HF Nixey & Son has supplied a price of £200 plus the cost of the hedging plants to erect post and rail fencing in front of the barbed wire and to place mesh fencing on the front boundary with infill hedge planting. It is planned to complete the high priority work before half term so that the play area can be available for the children. Mr Forder's builder will remove his van from 18th February and an on site meeting will take place with him to deal with the access/gate area. Clerk will create a safety/usage sign and investigate signs on the adjacent road to advise motorists of the play area.

An official opening will be arranged for the early Summer with full publicity and press attendance. An article will go in Community Voice.

Minute 7720

To place the Grass Cutting contracts for 2010 to 2013

One company has come back to the Clerk and is to supply a price for the South Ward and Skirmett. The site visit was delayed due to the snow and adverse road conditions. We will need to increase Mr Gomme's payments as cutting Ellery Rise will cost more. His original price to renew the contract is £1630 and the Clerk is suggesting we agree to pay a price up to £1800pa to cover the extra work. It was agreed to place an order with Mr Gomme for the next three years. Mr Armstrong's contract will be considered at the March meeting

Minute 7721

To approve the accounts for February 2010; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st January	£ 18599.71
Plus donation from Mr & Mrs Forder	£ 200.00
Plus Miss Marple money	£ 2000.00
Less January cheques and s/o	£ 14682.62
Balance	£ 6117.09
Investment Account	£ 93.46
Bank of Ireland (as at 30th November)	£ 13231.71
Less Playground Services	£ 10000.00
Total (all accounts)	£ 9442.26

Cheques for February signature

Mrs S. Henson	£ 360.75
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 121.39
BCC pension	£ 106.86
Playground Services Ltd – balance	£ 3088.00
Playsafety Ltd - ROSPA Inspection	£ 240.88
Came & Co – insurance	£ 40.79
Mrs S. Walker – print cartridge for Defib work	£ 43.96
Mike Henson Presentations	£ 70.50
Skirmett Village Hall	£ 15.00
ACL Armstrong – final cut	£ 558.57
Mrs S Henson – balance on expenses	£ 7.20
Total	£ 4653.90

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Minute 7722

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs Robinson raised parishioners concerns about the state of the posts at Mill End vision splay.
2. Cllr Mrs Mann asked if we had heard any more about the BT phone boxes – WDC have had acknowledgement but no answer from BT to date.
3. Cllr Nixey advised Councillors that there may be plans for Fynamore Wood.
4. Cllr White asked if there was any way in which the number of deer in the parish could be controlled. The problem is caused by an inconsistent approach by the various estates in the area. The large numbers are responsible for road accidents, Lyme disease and destroying woodland. The Clerk will write to Defra.
5. Cllr Baird asked whether Village Design Statements were still an adoptable and valid document – Clerk will investigate
6. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that 24 people had attended the recent defibrillator awareness courses - questions about protocols were raised.

Action: Clerk

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Minute 7723

Date of next meeting

Monday 8th March 2010 in The Parish Rooms, Hambleden at 8pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Date.....

Signed.....