

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 9th February 2009 at 8.00pm in The Parish
Rooms, Hambleden**

Present: Cllrs Mr R. Baird (Vice Chairman), Mrs E. Robinson,
Mr D White, Mr J. Jackson, Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs S. Walker Allies,
Cllr Dr M. Elliott,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
8 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mrs L. Mann, District Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7596 To confirm and sign the previous minutes
The Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and then were signed by the Vice Chairman.
- Minute 7597 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared an interest in the planning application for Rowleys, Frieth
- Progress on items from previous minutes
The Freedom of Information Act, the Accounts section and the Village Hall pages have been uploaded on the website
- Minute 7560 Bucks County Council will be taking stronger action regarding the barbed wire on HA15 as it can be deemed a public nuisance.
- Minute 7594
 1. Cllr Baird has placed mounds of wood chippings at the entrance to Pheasants Hill Common to deter vehicular access.
 2. The tree has been removed on HA15.
 3. The pothole has been repaired but is reappearing due to the bad weather.
 4. The Environment Agency has advised us that at the moment there are no plans to use the power of the water at Mill End to produce electricity.
 8. BCC are writing to the land owners re hedge maintenance in Watery Lane.
- Minute 7598 Correspondence received from 13th - 31st January 2009
 1. Cheque from Mr Palmer for the defibrillator project – paid directly to the Arrhythmia Alliance. Thank you letter sent.
 2. Wycombe Air Park JCC – Minutes of December meeting and letter from Mr Blanksby.
 3. Matters Arising Newsletter from BALC
 4. BCC – sign schedule for Mill End junction
 5. Letter from Hambleden Parish Hall Restoration Committee asking if we could help out financially as they had been unlucky with their Lottery Bid. We had stated that £2000 would be donated from the Film Fund once the result of the bid was known. Cheque will be taken to a presentation by the Restoration Committee on 11th February.
 6. Thank you letter from Hambleden PCC for the recent Film Fund donation
 7. Letter from Mr & Mrs Spink, the new owners of Faylands asking for patience as they sort out long standing issues at the property. They intend to take down the fence and will be dealing with the state of the woodland and ensuring their dogs do not roam freely.(Copy to each Councillor)
 8. Letter from Frieth Village Society asking the Parish Council to consider alternative ways of keeping cars off the Common Land and to tidy up the general area. Copy issued to each Councillor.
 9. BCC Fostering Newsletter
 10. Email from BCC re HA15

11. Email from Mr West, The Old Bakery, Hambleden asking us to clarify our Minute 7498:6 April 2008 where flooding was referred to at The Old Bakery. The flooding was actually in the road and from The Brook and at no time was the property The Old Bakery ever flooded.
- Action: March meeting
12. Email from PC Claire Marchant asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to donate £25 for book vouchers as a prize for a schools poster competition on Road Safety and Speeding Traffic. It was agreed that we would do this.
- Action: Clerk
13. Email from WDALC asking for our view on the Local Area Partnerships, Neighbourhood Action Groups and the Community Action Groups. It was agreed that the Clerk would formulate a response saying that there were too many meetings where everything was being repeated and reiterated and they are just talking shops. Many of the issues being raised were already being dealt with by the Parish Councils and the appropriate bodies.
14. War Memorial Trust Newsletter.
15. Copy email from Malcolm Blanksby, Chairman of the JCC to Cllr White.
- Action: Clerk
16. Copy of letter from WAPAG to Cpt Orchard, Wycombe Air Park re the running of Wycombe Air Park and the JCC. Email to all Councillors
17. Donation from Mr Houdret for the defibrillator project. Thank you letter sent.
18. Anonymous donation from a Frieth resident for the defibrillator project. Thank you letter sent.

Minute 7599

Planning Report – Applications and DecisionsApplications

AHC/08/07793/TPO – Pheasants, Ferry Lane – remove reverted branch in upper crown to Acer Negundo(T1), remove dead wood and reduce branches by 2m to Copper Beech (T2) and remove dead wood and thin by 5 – 10% and raise canopy by 2m to cedar (T3) – no objection

AHC/08/07794/TPO – Fawley Court Estate and OS Parcels 2548,2829,1518,8404,0004,0824,07822,7915,7000,9800, 8363, Fawley Bottom Lane – felling and thinning various tree on land Parcels- no objection

AHC/08/07795/TPO – OS Parcel 5800, Roundhouse Lane – felling and thinning of various trees – no objection

PM/08/05023/L & 24/LBC and amended plans -The Cottage, Frieth Hill – construction of two storey rear extension and re-alignment of side/rear boundary wall (alternative scheme to pp 08/06138/L – overdevelopment of Grade 11 listed cottage ; inadequate parking for size of dwelling and position in relation to the school.

SH/09/05031/FL – Thamesfield Cottage, Ferry Lane – erection of summer house in rear garden – no objection

PM/08/05114/UL – Rowleys, Frieth Hill – construction of detached double garage with associated landscaping – no objection

Decisions

DBRAS/08/07694/FUL – Hanger Farm, Fingest – construction of all weather riding arena – permit

PM/08/07617/FUL and amended plans - Little Colstrove – installation of new 12,300 litre capacity steel oil storage tank to replace existing internal storage facility currently within an adjacent building – permit

PM/08/07526/FUL – Bramblings, Moor End – erection of 2.75m chain link fence around tennis court – permit

Minute 7600

To consider the maintenance of Frieth Common Land

A total of 6 white posts need replacing at a cost of £200. It was agreed to place an order for this work. If we have a good summer we need to completely rub down and repaint the remaining posts.

A general discussion took place taking into account the representation by Frieth Village Society and residents in Frieth. It was suggested that

as a longer term project we should look at the whole area in a holistic way. The general consensus was that we would investigate the costs involved in placing white painted stones on either side of the track and obtain a price for scalplings/road planings to fill in the potholes in the track. There were some concerns about the potential for stones being a trip hazard.

Clerks Note: Need to consider the grass cutting contractor.
Clerk will write to FVS saying that we would cost the stones and scalplings and would consider looking at a longer term approach over the whole area, this would be funding dependent.

- Minute 7601 To receive report on new signage for Mill End and on the recent 'GC2C' meeting
A comprehensive study of the signage requirements to improve safety for pedestrians and to deal with the issue of large lorries. Most of the work has been implemented.
The Clerk attended the County Council Area meeting, now called the Local Area Partnership where WDC and BCC gave reports. Claims of success in some areas was being wrongly attributed. There had been discussions on public transport, accessibility and winter salting.
Reports were received from the CAGs and NAGs
Cllr Dr Elliott was asked if he could ensure that the Hambleton Surgery publicises the Surgery Fund which pays for volunteers to take people to hospital appointments more widely both at the Surgery and throughout the Parish particularly as the fund has a healthy bank balance.
- Minute 7602 To receive a report on the recent Play Partnership Meeting
Action: Cllr Armstrong This was postponed until the 17th February. Cllr Armstrong will attend.
- Minute 7603 1) To agree to place an order for defibrillator machines for the Parish
Action: March agenda South Central Ambulance Service are still working on the scheme therefore we will defer this item until the March meeting.
- Action: Clerk 2) To agree to pay for: i) training course for Councillors and ii) Clerks training course
It was resolved to approve payment for Cllr Mrs Mann to attend a training course and for Mrs Henson to attend the Clerks course.
- Action: Clerk 3) To agree to place an order for the Apportionment Document relating to the Tythe Map at a cost of £24.80
It was resolved to place an order with The National Archive for the Document. Clerk will raise a cheque.
- Minute 7604 To agree to the payment of £2000 to Hambleton Parish Rooms from the Hambleton Film Fund
It was resolved to make the donation from the Hambleton Film Fund.
- Minute 7605 To approve the accounts for February 2009; Signing of Cheques
A deposit cheque of £350 has been issued to Sheppards for the War Memorial work
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| Current Account Balance as at 1 st January | £ 6782.68 |
| Less January cheques | £ 3315.06 |
| Defibrillator donations | £ 350.00 |
| Balance | £ 3817.62 |
| Investment Account | £ 93.40 |
| Bank of Ireland(as at 1 st February) | £ 21204.07 |
| Total | £ 25115.09 |
| Cheques for February signature | |
| Mrs S. Henson (s/o) | £ 385.82 |
| Mrs S. Henson exp, | £ 98.03 |
| Cllrs Mrs Walker Allies – expenses | £ 56.99 |
| MHP Ltd (annual fees,website updating/archiving) | £ 369.13 |
| WDALC – Councillors Training | £ 10.00 |
| National Archive | £ 27.50 |
| Total | £ 947.47 |

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Members Questions

Minute 7606

1. Cllr Armstrong reported that tree work was required on Pheasants Hill Common. Councillors gave him permission to carry out the work.

2. Cllr Dr Elliott asked for a progress report on Community Speedwatch – Mr Allies is to attend two courses in February organised by the Police to enable him to access the Police Computer. Volunteers will be re-activated. Thames Valley Police have been interviewing for a new PCSO.

Action: Councillors

3. Cllr White advised recommended that all Councillors read the WAPAG letter.

Action: Clerk

4. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported potholes in Pheasants Hill and Cllr Elliott reported one outside the village shop.

5. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that the new road salting rationing meant that the Skirmett Road through the valley would be salted but not Frieth/Parmoor. She was concerned about the possibility of flooding.

Minute 7607

Date of next meeting

9th March 2009 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth.

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