

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 11th January 2010 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall,
Skirmett**

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

4 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr D White and Dist Cllr Emmett

Minute 7706

To confirm and sign the previous Minutes

The Minutes for the 14th December meeting were agreed by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 7707

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

Cllr Baird declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for Ferry Cottage, Mill End and Pheasants, Mill End.

Minute 7702

Progress on items from the previous minutes

The Precept has been submitted.

Minute 7704

The Clerk has reported Watery lane to the BCC Area Technician. The planning conditions for Crooked Chimney were supplied.

Minute 7708

Correspondence from 14th December 2009 – 4th January 2010

1. Request from WDC about Cllr Mrs Mann in relation to the Standards Board complaint which has been raised. Clerk has responded.
2. Information from the WAPAG Group on their activities to date and a copy of a letter sent to WDC.
3. Notification of change of date of Local Area Forum Workshop – not 12th January, now 20th January – venue to be confirmed.
4. Cancellation of January Local Area Forum meeting – now 3rd February – venue to be confirmed.
5. Community Care Guide
6. Notification of cancellation of NAG at Medmenham Village Hall – Wednesday 20th January – new date to be set.
7. Notification of a TPO on the cedar tree at Sarah's Cottage
8. In Focus magazine – Bucks Community Action
9. Installation and Maintenance Instructions from Playground Services
10. English Rural Housing Association Report and Newsletter
11. Newsletter from Hatchett Wood Farm – produce for Frieth and Skirmett residents.
12. Acknowledgement of our request for a ROSPA inspection
13. Minutes of WDALC December meeting – issued to Cllrs Mr Nixey and Mrs Walker.
14. Refund of VAT
15. Donation of £200 from Mr & Mrs Forder – Clerk will send an acknowledgement.
16. Gypsy & Traveller Consultation
17. Biodiversity Newsletter
18. Emails on a regular basis from BCC about the snow and road conditions.

Action: Clerk

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Minute 7709

Planning Applications

TPOPTA/98/07390/FUL – Ferry Cottage, Mill End – householder application for the removal of the existing 1.8m timber fence and erection of brick entrance walls around the site access to the north east corner of the site and installation of timber gates for vehicular and pedestrian access and an acoustic fence along the entire roadside boundary and returning along the end boundary to shelter the existing greenhouse and sheds – on circulation

PM/09/07320/FUL & 07321/LBC – Mill House, Henley Road –

householder application for construction of the new chimney to west side of dwelling – no objection

DNG/09/07360/VCDN – Pheasants, Ferry Lane – variation of condition 2 of planning permission 04/08300/FUL to amend the approved plans for the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, detached garden pavilion and pump house; variation of condition 7 to allow timber store to be retained until 2 months following completion of the main dwelling – on circulation

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 – the Parish Council objects to the proposed new site as it would significantly impact on the locality by completely obscuring the far reaching views; the previous permitted site was the most appropriate and considerate site. The large characterless faced o the building's roof alongside the road would be obtrusive, over dominant and therefore overall detrimental to the hamlet of Pheasants Hill. The Parish Council also considers there to be no significant improvement to road safety of vehicles and other road users by the proposed relocation of the garage to the roadside. The entry/exit to the property will remain unsighted.

Decision

JREM/09/07172/CTREE – Sarah's Cottage, Frieth – fell 1 spruce, 1 conifer, 1 cedar, crown lift by up to 3m, thin by 10% and remove dead wood to 1 ash tree – part grant consent, part TPO

JREM/09/07185/CTREE – Little Cottage, Frieth – crown reduce by 50% to 1 cherry, remove 2 hornbeam trees and crown reduce by 30% to 1 beech tree- not to make TPO

SH/09/06851/FUL – Ferry Cottage – householder application for single storey extension, infill extension, porch canopy and fenestrations works. Additional entrance extension to boat house, first floor extension and addition of dormer window – permit

09/06928/FUL – Challoners, Hayles Field - insertion of dormer window in north west elevation in connection with extension of loft accommodation – permit

Minute 7710 To agree to pay the Clerks Working from Home Annual Allowance
It was resolved to pay the Clerk £500 as the Working from Home Allowance.

Minute 7711 To receive any further information about the Parish Play Area
The clerk has booked a ROSPA Inspection but due to weather conditions no date has been set. All equipment /fences are insured. Mr & Mrs Forder have made a donation of £200 to the Play Area.

Minute 7712 To approve the accounts for January 2010; Signing of Cheques

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| Current Account Balance as at 1 st December | £ 11956.01 |
| Less December cheques and s/o | £ 1004.46 |
| Plus VAT refund | £ 4648.16 |
| Plus Film Fund donation | £ 1000.00 |
| Frieth Village Society donation | £ 2000.00 |
| Donation from Mr & Mrs Forder | £ 200.00 |
| Balance | £ 18799.71 |
| Investment Account | £ 93.44 |
| Bank of Ireland (as at 30th November) | £ 13231.70 |
| Total | £ 32124.85 |
| Cheques for January signature | |
| Mrs S. Henson | £ 360.75 |
| Mrs S. Henson exp | £ 85.61 |
| Mrs S Henson working from home allowance | £ 500.00 |
| BCC pension | £ 106.86 |

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| Mike Henson Presentations Ltd (website update) | £ | 17.25 |
| Shaw & Sons – Precept forms | £ | 18.66 |
| Frieth Village hall | £ | 36.00 |
| Southern Electric Contracting | £ | 94.29 |
| Playground Service (£20,000 plus VAT)) | £ | 23463.20 |
| Total | | £ 24682.62 |

It was agreed that we would hold back £3088 from Playground Services until the ROSPA post installation inspection had been carried out.

The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing the current financial position

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Minute 7713

Action: June agenda

Action: Clerk

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Minute 7714

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs Mann asked if we could have 2 or 3 grit bins installed for Frieth Hill (opposite Ellery Rise, under the Parish Council Notice Board and near Innings Road).
2. Cllr Mrs Mann will be attending the BCC meeting on 20th January – the Clerk will supply the papers submitted to BCC and confirm the venue when known.
3. Cllr Armstrong has been on Pheasants Hill Common clearing Footpaths and with the current weather conditions more trees will need clearing.
4. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported a torched caravan on the Skirmett Road – Thames Valley Police is aware of it. Clerk will report it to BCC. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that there have been two incidents where South Central Ambulance have been called – in neither case was the caller advised that there were defibrillators available and we feel that the situation needs to be clarified.
5. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if we could reconsider the grit bin at Pheasants Hill.
6. Cllr Nixey reported that many local people were carrying out their own snow clearing and showing community spirit. However he asked for permission to snow plough the roads and was advised by BCC that there are issues over insurance cover and authority being given by BCC. Clerk will write to BCC asking that this policy be looked at.

Date of next meeting

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Date.....

Signed.....