

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 9th January 2012 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Hambleden

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mr J. Jackson, Mrs S. Walker Allies, Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs L. Mann, Miss S Webb, Mr N. Snell Mrs S Henson, Clerk

No members of the public

- Minute 7966 Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllr Mr D. White, Dist Cllr R. Emmett
- Minute 7967 To confirm and sign the December Parish Council Minutes
The Clerk advised Councillors that she had expanded Minute 7962. This was read out to Councillors by the Chairman. The Minutes for the December meeting were then agreed by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7968 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Snell declared a personal interest for the planning application for Hamblebrook House.
- Minute 7943 Progress on items from the previous minutes
Thames Water has at last admitted liability for the water leak at Shogmoor Lane and this continues to be pursued by our Local Area Technician.
- Minute 7941 Work on Watery Lane has started and it is looking very good.
- Minute 7958 7. Cllr Nixey attended the training session on the Localism Bill.
10. The Clerk has made arrangements with the planning agent for Valentines Farm, for a set of plans, showing the changes for residents to comment upon prior to re submission, to go on our website. A public viewing session is also being organised.
- Minute 7959 The Clerk has written to WDC planning department asking for a full response to our objections to the Barlows planning application. Cllr Emmett did not make any comment on the application. To date no response has been received.
- Minute 7961 Cllr Nixey has given his name to BCC as being prepared to clear snow in the Frieth area.
- Minute 7962 The website has been updated and now provides a better amount of information for residents.
- Minute 7964 The cherry tree to celebrate Mary Butler's birthday is to be planted on 21st January.
- Minute 7969 Correspondence received from 13th December 2011 – 9th December 2012
1. WDALC Minutes – forwarded to Cllrs Nixey and Mrs Walker Allies
 2. BCC Local Area Forum Minutes – forwarded to Cllrs Nixey and Mrs Walker Allies
 3. Response to questions on the Localism Bill raised at the WDALC training session – issued to Councillors
 4. BCC advice on the Development of Youth Engagement with Parish Councils – issued to Councillors.
 5. Thank you emails from Skirmett and Hambleden Village Hall for the forthcoming donation.
 6. BCC advertising the opportunity for the public to make comments on the service provided by BCC – posters put up and on website
 7. Request from BCC to sort out the parking issues in the centre of Hambleden to allow gritting – Clerk and Chairman delivered a notice to every house in the village centre and to the shop, village hall and church asking for people to be more considerate as we could lose the gritting route. Hambleden Village Hall to impress on users the importance of their parking 'style'.
- Action: Clerk
8. Email from Mr Spink of Faylands giving a status report on the construction and the felling and of trees. Clerk will respond to Mr Spink asking for a meeting with Cllrs Baird and Armstrong to clarify the Common boundary and our proposal to prepare a risk assessment.
 9. Email from Mr & Mrs Chanter with their objections to the planning application for School House, Frieth
 10. CPRE Newsletter and booklet – Planning Explained – on circulation.

11. Newsletter from the English Rural Housing Association
12. Email from WDC re car park by The Stag and Huntsman – all car parks are being reviewed and a site visit will be arranged once this is complete – they are aware of our concerns so can take them into consideration.

Minute 7970

Planning

Application

11/07736/FUL – Meadow View, Skirmett Road, Skirmett – householder application for construction of 1 front dormer window and 1 rear dormer/gable endroof extension in connection with loft conversion, construction of single storey rear extension and associated external alterations – overall we have no objections. However we have spoken to and reviewed the plans with the adjacent detached neighbour. There are concerns and objections over changes to the party wall and building of the extension directly over the shared septic system. It is not clear if the new single storey extension will block light to the neighbour's conservatory but it is definitely higher than his conservatory and it is to the south of it. The applicants have not spoken to the neighbour about any of these changes.

11/07832/FUL – School House, Frieth – householder application for construction of 2 storey rear extension, alterations to roof to include insertion of 2 dormers windows in connection with loft conversion. Erection of new front porch – no objections

11/07698/FUL – Magheraveely, Spurgrove Lane, Frieth - Householder application for the erection of a conservatory and conversion of garage to bedroom – no objections

11/07743/FUL 3 Innings Gate, Innings Road, Frieth – householder application for the erection of single storey front extension, new front porch and new pitched roofs to existing dormer windows with alterations – no objections

11/07931/FUL - Bays Platt, Scotchy Lane, Skirmett - Householder application for construction of single storey rear/side extension - no objections

11/07924/FUL - Hamblebrook House, Rectory Hill, Hambleden, Householder application for removal of 700mm of masonry boundary wall to allow for widening of existing driveway access gate to provide an additional pedestrian gate and replacement of gates at both ends of the wall with solid timber gates – no objections.

11/07908/FUL - Upper Goddards Farm, Shogmoor Lane, Skirmett , Householder application for construction of detached greenhouse – no objections

11/07939/FUL - 1 Hornbeam Close, Ellery Rise, Frieth – householder application for construction of one and a half storey side extension and alterations to existing rear conservatory – no objections.

Decisions

11/07476/LBC -Crooked Chimney Cottage, Shogmoor Lane, Skirmett – Householder application for demolition of existing first floor rear extension and construction of new first floor rear extension – permit

Amended plans -11/07161/FUL – Barlows, Frieth Hill – householder application for the installation of solar PV panels at the south end of the garden – permit

11/07426/FUL- Fingest Manor, Fingest - Householder application for construction of single storey extension to existing stable block – permit

11/07436/TPO- Isabel Cottage, Skirmett - Felling and removal of one Hornbeam Tree (T1) – refused

11/ 07288/FUL & 07289/LBC - Howe Farmhouse, Skirmett Road, Hambleden , Listed Building application for erection of new chimney replacement of tiled roof finish, provision of doorway in former window opening and conversion of existing doorway to window, lowering of cill level to an existing window; replacement of recent render at first floor level to east elevation using brickwork in mathematical tiles to match existing and internal alterations – permit

11/05645/FUL - Hatchett Wood Farm, Shogmoor Lane, Frieth - Erection of detached single storey building for use as games/hobby room with basement element to be used as tractor shed (alternative tractor building to that permitted under pp/08/06936/FUL) – permit.

Minute 7971

To approve the accounts for January 2012 – Appendix 2; signing of cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st December	£ 24009.36
Less December cheques and s/o	£ 2099.15
Plus credit cheque 58 Chiltern Conference	£ 35.00
Balance	£ 21945.21
Investment Account	£ 93.46
Bank of Ireland	£ 143.79
Total	£ 22182.46

Cheques for signature in January

Mrs S Henson – incl 29.4 hrs o/time @ £13.24 per hour	£ 609.92
BCC pension	£ 111.86
HMRC	£ 172.08
Mrs S Henson – mileage and 50% on toner	£ 136.09
Staples	£ 12.83
Skirmett Village Hall	£ 1000.00
Frieth Village Hall	£ 1000.00
Hambleden Village Hall	£ 1000.00
Mhp –annual charge – office, storage, elect, b/band	£ 600.00
Mhp – updating plan and website changes	£ 248.48
Southern Electric Contracting 1/4 maintenance	£ 99.47
ACL Armstrong – balance of contract	£ 1237.08
Total	£ 6227.81

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing expenditure against budget up to and including December 2011.

Minute 7972

Members Questions

1. Cllr Snell asked when BCC were going to fill the potholes in Hambleden village. They have been reported and the Clerk issued the BCC report line number – 0845 230 2882.
2. The Clerk has received reports about 'beating' on Pheasants Hill Common – Clerk will contact Mr Coles
3. Cllr Armstrong reported that the drain in front of Meadowview, Pheasants Hill was collapsing – possibly caused by recent groundworks.
4. Cllr Mrs Mann asked about the safety of exiting from Ellery Rise.
5. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended the WDALC meeting in December where a review of the previous year's activities was given and current issued and concerns were discussed and where Parish Councils can exchange views and ideas.
6. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies asked about the cost of bunting for the Diamond Jubilee.
7. The Clerk reported that Mrs Russ has enquired about a road closure order for the Diamond Jubilee

Minute 7973

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th February at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth.

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