

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,  
Frieth**

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Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mr D White, Mr J. Jackson,  
Mrs S. Walker Allies, Mrs L. Mann Mrs S. Henson, Clerk  
0 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:  
Cllrs Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs E. Robinson, District Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7608                    To confirm and sign the previous minutes  
The Minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> February meeting were agreed by the Councillors and then were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7609                    Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests  
None declared
- Minute 7603.3                 Progress on items from previous minutes  
The Clerk has received the Apportionment document from the National Archive and handed it to Cllr Baird.
- Minute 7610                    Correspondence received from 10th February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009
1. Southern Electric Contracting notification of street lighting maintenance charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April.
  2. Chiltern News Magazine.
  3. Email from Mr Peter Allies advising the Parish Council of his resignation as the Thames Valley Police volunteer for Community Speedwatch.
  4. WDC Notification of changes to the WDC Emergency Plan contacts.
  5. South West Chilterns Area Newsletter
  6. Email from David Gibbon, WDC Planning Department re positioning of defibrillator boxes in our parish – they can be considered permitted development but we will have to consider the position of the box in Fingest as The Chequers is a Listed Building.
  7. Letter from Mr & Mrs Haines with their concerns and objections relating to the planning application for 4 Perrin Springs Lane.
  8. Email from PC Claire Marchant explaining, that in future, a trained Thames Valley Police Volunteer will upload the information from the Community Speedwatch. Mr Allies is quite happy to work with this revised arrangement.
  9. Email from PC Claire Marchant thanking us for providing funds or the Schools 'Speeding' campaign. They do not have an account so the Clerk will purchase book vouchers and claim the money back.
  10. Invitation from South Oxfordshire Thames Valley Police to attend the Henley Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Christ Church Centre, Reading Road, Henley.
  11. Best Kept Village Competition papers - Cllrs Mrs Mann and Mr White will contact FVS to see whether they would like to enter. The Parish Council will tidy up the phone box, the Parish Council Notice Board, the bus shelter and obtain a price for clearing the pond and the area at the back of the pond
  12. Donation of £325 from The Frog as part of the funds raised at the Skirmett Christmas Carol Service for the Defibrillator Project.
  13. Donation of £500 from Mr & Mrs Robertson for the Defibrillator Project.
- Action: Clerk
- Action:Cllrs White/Mrs Mann/Clerk
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- Minute 7611                      Planning Report – Applications and Decisions  
Applications  
**DBRAS/09/05235/FUL & 36/LBC The Cottage, Fingest** – erection of conservatory to replace existing greenhouse. Alterations to existing outbuilding to provide garden store and carport. Formation of gravel turnaround area – no objection.
- Action: Clerk
- PM/09/05304/FUL - 4 Perrin Springs Lane, Frieth** - Raising of roof and insertion of 2 x front dormer windows in connection with first floor living accommodation and construction of two storey front, side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage to side – although marginally reduced from the previous plans the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment, form and mass as the proposed structure is totally out of scale with the dwellings on either side which are small detached bungalows. We would also comment that on studying the plans we feel that a total demolition could take place. We are also concerned by the statement made in the Planning Officers letter of February 2009 which would seem to indicate that by implementing the changes from the previous application, permission is likely to be granted. We want this application to go to Development Control Committee and for a site visit to take place.
- Action: Clerk
- AHC/09/05322/TREE – The Old Parsonage, Frieth** –crown reduce by 20% to 1 chestnut tree – site visit.
- Decisions  
**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) – grant consent  
**AHC/08/07795/TPO – OS Parcel 5800, Roundhouse Lane** – felling and thinning of various trees – grant consent  
**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 – permit and grant consent with conditions requiring a programme of archaeological works. The Parish Council is concerned that a small cottage is being developed into a large dwelling and our concerns about car parking and further congestion and the fact that the property is on a Conservation Area. The Clerk will write to WDC with our concerns.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7612                      To place an order to carry out maintenance on Frieth Common Land  
consider  
A total of 6 white posts need replacing at a cost of £200. It was agreed to place an order for this work.  
Angus Armstrong has supplied a price of £120 to provide scalplings and roll them into the drive. He may need to hire a wacker plate to tamper the material down. He is not able to source the rocks. It was resolved to place an order for this work to be carried out.  
Cllr Nixey and the Clerk will source appropriate 'white' stone. It was resolved that they could spend up to £200 on the material without needing to come back to the Parish Council. Once the stones are placed and the scalping tamped in then grass seed will be sown on the edge.  
Cllr Nixey will supply a price for rubbing down and painting the posts.
- Action: Clerk
- Action: April agenda                      The posts at Mill End need some maintenance. Cllr Baird will talk to Andy Hawes about these.
- Minute 7613                      To agree to place an order for defibrillator machines for the Parish  
We have received a total of £4775 in donations to the Parish Council and the Parish Council agreed to donate £2000 towards the machines ordered. A further £500 donated was sent direct to the Arrhythmia Alliance plus the extra received at the meeting making a total to date for the project of £8,100.

South Central Ambulance and AA are working on the procedures for using the boxes and training some residents. Greater awareness of the scheme needs to be raised. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies will ask if she could attend Frieth Fete and the Henley Show to give the project more publicity. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies will be talking to the Hambleden WI. Cllr Mrs Mann will be attending the Hambleden Sports and Social Club AGM and will ask if the unit could be placed on their club building. It was resolved to place an order for 4 machines and have the Arrhythmia Alliance hold the balance of the donations for installation costs until we have further funds to purchase another machine.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7614

To receive a report on the recent Play Partnership Meeting

Cllr Armstrong and the clerk attended the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The government has still not made any announcement however we have been advised that this should happen by the end of March.

Minute 7615

To discuss Community Speedwatch

Mr Allies had resigned from the programme due to the number of TVP course which he was expected to attend. Far in excess of what we were originally led to believe would be required. His action has made TVP sort out the whole programme and it has now been agreed that a Thames Valley Police Volunteer will load the information onto the Police Computer. Mr Allies is now happy to continue with the scheme within our Parish. Now that this has been sorted out and will be in place by the end of April the Parish Council will be in a better position to 'sell' the idea to other Parishes. Clerk will write a piece for the Hambleden Valley Magazine about the scheme and include a piece about the Defibrillator Project.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7616

To approve the accounts for March 2009; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> February	£ 3817.62
Less February cheques	£ 947.47
Transfer from Bank of Ireland	£ 5000.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 7870.15</b>
Investment Account	£ 93.40
Bank of Ireland(as at 1 <sup>st</sup> March)	£ 16223.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 23836.79</b>
<b>Cheques for March signature</b>	
Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 385.82
Mrs S. Henson exp,	£ 32.09
Frieth Village Hall	£ 18.00
West Wycombe PC (Tel bill)	£ 76.08
SLCC 1/3 of course cost	£ 16.35
A C L Armstrong (Hambleden Church Yard work)	£ 1628.40
The Arrhythmia Alliance (donations)	£ 4775.00
The Arrhythmia Alliance (Bank of I a/c)	£ 2000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 6931.74</b>

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Minute 7617

Members Questions

Action: April Agenda

Action: Clerk

1. Cllr Mrs Mann asked if the Annual Parish Meeting could be put on the April agenda
2. Cllr Mrs Walker reported that her email address on the Village Hall Page of the website was incorrect.
3. Cllr White offered the Councillor's congratulations to Cllr Nixey on his recent marriage.
4. Cllr Baird asked for Councillors opinions on the new Mill End safety/pedestrian
5. Councillors will give the Clerk their observations/comments re the Area 8 speed works.

Action: Councillors

Minute 7618

Date of next meeting

6th April 2009 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett.

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Signed.....