

Public question time

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 12th December 2005 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Frieth**

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Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey (Chairman), Mr R. Baird, Mrs E. Robinson, Mrs A. Chanter, Mrs P. Everard, Mr D. White, Mr J. Jackson.  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

1 member of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:  
Cllrs Dr M. Elliott, Mrs J. O'Leary

- Minute 7216      Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting  
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes for the previous Parish Council Meeting.
- Minute 7217      Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or private interests  
Cllr Nixey declared an interest in the planning application for Colliers Farm
- Minute 7195      Progress on items from the previous minutes  
20. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Coles and Mrs Wennberg and it is accepted that at this time there is no more that can be done to improve the situation.
- Minute 7211      The Clerk has asked WDC if we can see a copy of the Wycombe Air Park lease agreement. Councillors would like to know if Great Marlow Parish Council asked for any limitation on the lease when it was last renewed and will they be asking for any at the next renewal. Letter will be sent in January.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7214      3. Landscaping at Westcroft is due to take place in the next couple of weeks.  
5. Cllr Nixey reported that Rights of Way Officer has made a site visit and put up a sign advising walkers of a safer route for the stile onto Parmoor Lane and she is asking for a kissing gate at the top of the field.  
6. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that the Shogmoor Lane sign has still not been moved. The Clerk will chase.  
8. WDC has advised the Clerk that the litter bin in Ellery Rise is only emptied on a request basis.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7218      Correspondence received from 22nd November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005
- Action: Clerk
- Action: Cllr Nixey
1. Thank you letter from the treasurer of 'Save our Churches Fund'
  2. Letter from Mr George of Meadow View re the Parish Council's response to his application. The Parish Council will send a copy of this letter to the Case Officer and remind WDC that we objected to the previously permitted application.
  3. SLCC – Clerk of the Year Award nominations. Councillors asked Cllr Nixey to submit a recommendation for our Clerk.
  4. Request from The Open Spaces Society for a donation to assist with the costs of their involvement in the Commons Bill
  5. Consultation on 'Code of Practice on Volunteers and Volunteering'
  6. Big Time newsletter from Bucks Voluntary organisations.
  6. Letter acknowledging our comments on Imagine the Future

- Action: Clerk
7. Email from Planning Dept at WDC re a proposal by the ODPM which will affect Rural Housing schemes.
  8. Letter from Cllr Dr Elliott giving his apologies for the meeting.
  9. Copy letter from Mr Shapland referring to the building work at Fingest Manor asking if planning permission was given for a swimming pool – it was. State of verge - now repaired. Clerk will write to Mr Shapland.
  10. WDALC Minutes and agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> December – Clerk attending.
  11. BCC Wycombe Transportation Symposium Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
  12. Notification that WDC is a finalist in the e-Government National Awards.
  13. Thank you letter from The Valley Tea Club.
  14. WDC letter requesting the Precept for 2006/07
  15. Forestry Commission England – The Chiltern Landscape Forest Design Plan passed to Cllr Baird.
  16. The Chilterns Conservation Board Minutes and Annual Review
  17. Email from Cllr Mrs Everard confirming her resignation from the Parish Council as she will be moving away from the Parish.
  18. Fieldwork – Newsletter of CPRE.
  19. Email and copy letter from Frieth Village Society re Flint Cottage stating that they will make comment once the official plans are submitted.

Minute 7219

Planning ReportDecisions

**RJT/05/07166/FUL – River View, 25 Mill End** –demolition of existing conservatory and construction of 2 storey side extension – withdrawn.

**VJB/05/07212/FUL (amended)– Red House, Pheasants Hill** – constr of two storey front and side extension and new detached garage and store with studio over (alt to pp/05/06677/FUL) – permit.

**PECS/05/07282/CTREE – Yewden Lodge, Skirmett Rd** – crown clean, 1 robina and 1 horse chestnut & reduce 4 heavy over-extended lateral limbs by a max of 15%; fell leylandii hedge – not to make a TPO

Applications

**JRM/05/07572/FUL – Flint Hall, Skirmett Road** – retention of garden irrigation tank(retrospective)

**PCS/05/07603/CTREE – Colliers Farm, Frieth** – fell one oak tree

**RT/05/07604/FUL – Longspring House, Colstrove Lane** – constr of extension to existing detached garage

**PM/05/0680/FUL – Vine Cottage, Rockwell End Hill** – construction of single storey front extension

Minute 7220

To discuss the implications of the 'Right to staircase on Rural Exception Sites' – proposal by ODPM

WDC forwarded an email from the Rural Housing Trust which indicates that the government is considering changing the law regarding affordable housing and where people have previously purchased a share in a property and then sold it back to the Housing Association, in future it looks as if they will be able to purchase outright. If this happens then the houses will go on the open market and local people will have lost the opportunity to part purchase, at a reasonable price in their home village. It may release more money to create new homes, but in some rural areas there would not be any more land 'donated' to build replacement stock. It was agreed to write stating our strong concerns that this will destroy the whole concept of the scheme.

- Minute 7221 To discuss the possible change of time for Parish Council Meetings  
Cllr White proposed that we should start meetings as early as 6pm and end at 8.30pm. After discussions, it was agreed to have a 10pm finish for meetings. The section on 'Progress from previous Minutes' will be shortened.
- Minute 7222 To discuss the Precept for 2006/07  
Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that Frieth Village Society had spent a large amount of money on a strimmer, lawnmower and paint for looking after the village. The Parish Council will purchase paint and plants for the work on the bus shelter and assist in areas where it would normally be the Parish Council's responsibilities. Cllr White has asked FVS for their view on play equipment for the village –he will report back at the January. The previous suggestions were also accepted - extra work in Hambleden Church Yard; some work on Pheasants Hill Common; the Kenrick Memorial; paying for more 'lighting time' on Hambleden and Fingest churches.  
The Clerk reported that with the Chairman's approval, she has purchased a new printer; this is a 50/50 split with West Wycombe Parish Council. Her personal printer ceased to work
- Minute 7223 Hambleden Parochial Charity  
The Clerk has received all the final papers from the Charity Commission and the HPC has been removed from the Charity Commission Register. Cllr Baird will ask Hambleden PCC if they want all the old papers as well as the most recent accounts books. The old papers could go to the County Records Office.
- Minute 7224 To resolve to approve the accounts for December 2005 and signing of cheques
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| Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> November | £ 5148.12        |
| Less November cheques & s/o                            | £ 2583.78        |
| <b>Balance</b>   | <b>£ 2564.34</b> |
| Investment Account                                     | £ 86.21          |
| Bank of Ireland  | £12054.76        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£14705.31</b> |
| <b>Cheques for signature in December</b>               |                  |
| Mrs S. Henson salary s/o                               | £ 356.85         |
| Mrs S. Henson expenses                                 | £ 46.89          |
| Mrs S. Henson 50% refund – printer/toner cart          | £ 86.89          |
| West Wycombe PC (50% of bill less VAT)                 | £ 47.48          |
| Southern Electric Contracting                          | £ 83.85          |
| R J. Symes 4 <sup>th</sup> short grass cut             | £ 155.10         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£ 777.06</b>  |
- It was resolved to accept the accounts.
- Minute 7225 Members Questions
1. Cllrs Mrs Everard and Mrs Chanter have been asked to raise the issue of verge damage caused by the lorries servicing the current building works at Cedarlow – the Clerk will contact the contractor.
  2. Cllr Mrs Chanter had received comments on Rider on Call – they are not picking up during school hours unless the passengers attend Gillots School, leaving Henley College students without transport. The booking process is a bit haphazard making harder for passengers to make complaints for failing to pick people up etc.
- Action: Clerk
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3. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported the damage to the verge at Colliers Farm – also damage from 1 above.

Action: Clerk

4. Cllr Mrs Chanter asked if BCC Rights of Way could do something to lower the stile in Shogmoor Lane for HA14/15 – Clerk will ask if a kissing gate could be installed or steps made. Would it be possible to have the stile on Parmoor Lane on Mr Cox’s land replaced with a kissing gate.

Action: Cllr Nixey

5. Cllr White reported the ‘demolition’ of the white post by the lych gate at Frieth Church – Cllr Nixey was asked to carry out the repair at the same price as previously agreed.

Action: Clerk

6. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if we could get BCC to tidy up Watery Lane.

7. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if the store could be erected at the Red House – the planning application has been passed.

Action: Cllr Baird

8. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if the trees at 98 Coombe Terrace could be cut down. Cllr Baird will investigate.

Minute 7226

Date of next meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 8pm in The Parish Rooms, Hambleton

The evening ended with the presentation of a bouquet to Cllr Mrs Everard and wishing her happiness in her ‘new home’. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and invited them to enjoy the mince pies and mulled wine.

Date.....

Signed.....