

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth**

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Present: Cllrs Mr R. Baird (in the Chair), Mrs E. Robinson,  
Mr J. Jackson, Mrs J. O'Leary, Mrs A. Chanter, Mr D. White,  
Mrs S. Walker (Allies), Dr M. Elliott. Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

3 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:  
Cllr Mr T. Nixey  
Dist Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7312      Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting  
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7313      Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or private interests  
Cllr Baird declared a pecuniary interest in the item on the agenda relating to Hambleden Church yard. Cllr Dr Elliott declared a private interest in the agenda item on the Donate a Gate Scheme.
- Minute 7291      Progress on items from the previous minutes  
WDC Planning Enforcement has reported that the lorry is going to be stored off site and cement and sand will be delivered to the farm. This removes it as a planning issue however the lorries have continued to be seen regularly going to the site.
- Minute 7296  
Action: Cllr Nixey      FVS meeting had a discussion on the siting of the Car park sign, where it became apparent that many younger people in the village thought that the 'playground' was for school parking only. The sign will be placed by the beech hedge near the Village Hall and close to the entrance to the 'playground'.
- Minute 7306      The Clerk has sent a response to Mr Paul Goodman MP but to date has not received a response. Residents at Moor Common have created an action group to deal with helicopter noise and control. It is hoped that the new constitution will include an invitation to all surrounding parishes and local groups.
- Minute 7307      BCC will start work on the granite setts on 16<sup>th</sup> October, however if they finish the previous contract earlier, they will start at the end of the previous week. The resurfacing and drainage work between Innings Road and Hayles field will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Clerk has put a piece in the FVS Newsletter to keep everyone informed. The official diversion is via Parmoor.
- Minute 7310      Clerk has requested a second sign for Innings Road.-  
Clerk has written to the Land agent for Huttons Farm to have drains cleared.  
All gullies and drains have been reported to BCC.  
Clerk has written to Laburnum Cottage asking for the holly hedge to be cutback.  
All potholes have been reported to BCC.  
Councillors have all received the letter re Vehicle Activated Signs. Cllr Mrs Robinson stated that she was looking for a sign to warn drivers of Pedestrians Crossing.
- Action: Clerk

Minute 7314

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October

Action: Cllr Mrs O'Leary

1. Letter from BCC re Vehicle Activated Signs
2. Document from BCC re Getting Closer to Communities
3. WDC Rural Forum Newsletter
4. BCC School Travel Newsletter
5. The Chilterns Conservation Board – consultation on Technical Note – Chilterns Roofing Materials passed to Cllr Mrs O'Leary for comment.
6. BCC Local Access Forum Annual Review Newsletter
7. BCC Road closure notice for Frieth from 23rd October for 5 days – diversion around Parmoor – Clerk will put more info in the FVS Newsletter and on Parish Notice boards.
8. The Chilterns Conservation Board – AONB Planning Conference on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Fawley Court, 10 - 4 – £35 per person; contact me if you want info on this. They apologise for their late announcement of this.
9. Letter from 6 Varnells Terrace raising three issues (style of windows, depth of extension and parking) relating to the planning application for 5 Varnells Terrace.
10. Letter from 4 Varnells Terrace asking that the parking problem be considered as an issue on the application for 5 Varnells Terrace.
11. Notification of a free event at Litmore Shaw on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1- - 2.30 –Discover your Local Landscape – responses to estate@litmore.com required by 8<sup>th</sup> October as they are providing a BBQ)
12. BCC Notification that permits will not be required for the majority of users at Waste & Recycling Sites – needed for commercial vehicles, large trailers and pedestrians.
13. DEFRA book – Rural Services Review – a copy issued to each Councillor.
14. Request for financial assistance from the Citizens Advice Bureau and Thames Valley & Chilterns Air Ambulance.
15. WDC letter on the latest position with electronic planning – delayed until New Year due to software issues.
16. Email from BCC explaining that due to capital cut backs the speed review has been delayed. Areas 6 and 7 will be dealt with in this financial year. The preparatory work for Areas 8 – 14 will continue and at the moment Public Consultation will start in May 07 with implementation one year from that time. Clerk will write to County Cllr Woollard and also ask about cutbacks affecting highways issues e.g. drains, gullies and grips
17. The Chilterns Conservation Board – Annual Forum – November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kenton Theatre, Henley.
18. Chalk & Trees – passed to Cllr Mrs Robinson
19. What's on in The Chilterns passed to Cllr Mrs Robinson
20. In Focus - Bucks Community Action – passed to Cllr Baird re Hambleden Village Hall
21. WDC reminder to allow £400 - £600 per ward in the precept for an election.
22. Letter from 6 Varnells Terrace stating that a sign had not been put up for the planning application for 5 Varnells Terrace.
23. Email from S. Proffitt re Broadband in the Valley. Cllr Mrs Walker had also attended the meeting and gave a resume. They have recently had a meeting with EBucks and SEEDA to see if any

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Action: Clerk

help can be given, they would provide some funding if a company can be found. Local people have been asked to make a commitment to find out the need for personal/business broadband and make a donation to help towards funding to source an outside service provider.

- Action: Clerk
- Action: Cllr Mrs Chanter
24. Letter from the Queens 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Group – refunding the cheque we had issued them to start the fund and also advising us that they had contributed £823.74 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Clerk will write to thank them.
  25. BCC Local Area Committee agenda and papers – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – WDC Council Chamber, 6pm passed to Cllr Mrs Chanter.

Minute 7315

#### Planning Report

##### Applications

**JMB/06/07113/FUL & 07114/LBC – 80 Rectory Hill, Hambleden** – construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

**PECS/06/07110/CTREE – The Gables, Frieth Hill** – Removal of holly tree – no objection

**KAR/06/07092/FUL & amended plans– Greenwoods, Spurgrove Lane** – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 x 5 bed chalet bungalow – strongly object to the height and general size of the design as it will not harmonise with the existing properties in this road.

**JMB/06/07129/FUL – 5 Varnells Terrace, Hambleden** – erection of 2 storey side/rear extension and new front porch and conservatory to rear – no sound planning objections but concern over parking issues.

**RH/06/07142/FUL – The Gables, Frieth Hill** – construction of 2 storey rear gable end extension – no objection.

**RW/06/07136/FUL – The Yew Tree, Frieth** – change of use to allow parking of a caravan – the Parish Council wants to support the continued existence of The Yew Tree and therefore will support the parking of the caravan for a further 6 months to allow for the building work but would not support a further extension.

**KAR/06/07215/FUL & 07215/LBC – Flat 4 Hambleden Mill** – insertion of new double doors in existing window opening. Insertion of window in existing door opening and external landscaping works – no objection.

**PECS/06/07262/CTREE – Church View, Frieth** – completely remove leylandii hedge – no objection.

##### Decisions

**KAR/06/06666/FUL – The Old Telephone Exchange** – erection of single storey side extension; change of use to create 1 x 2 bed dwelling - permit

**PM/06/06727/ FUL – 5 Dairy Lane** – erection of single storey conservatory to rear - permit

**RW/06/06745/FUL – Red Kites, Frieth** – erection of detached single storey timber framed swimming pool building – permit.

**PECS/06/06875/CTREE – Pear Tree Cottage, Frieth** – tree works – not to make a TPO.

**KAR/06/06863/FUL – Dovers Farm, Frieth** – erection of det triple garage with accommodation over – permit

**DOMG/06/06822/FUL – The Frog, Skirmett** – erection of covered smoking area – permit.

**RH/06808/FUL & 06/06874/LBC – Russells Farm Cottage** – erection of replacement 2 storey barn and reconstruction of brick and flint boundary wall – permit and grant consent.

**PM/06/06870/FUI & 06/06871/LBC – Hunters End, Pheasants Hill – construction of single storey rear extension – permit and grant consent.**

- Minute 7316 To discuss requests for Ellery Rise, Frieth – white lining as a football pitch on the play area and installing a dog waste bin  
The Clerk has investigated the cost of white lining ( £300 per season) However one of the local boys who use the field have said they would prefer goal nets, but the greatest help would be to have the stinging nettles cut back. It was agreed to ask Mr Gomme to carry out another cut and to make sure the stinging nettles are cleared and to also investigate volunteer methods for white lining. The situation relating to nets will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Action: Clerk
- A local resident asked if the Parish Council would consider placing a dog waste bin in Ellery Rise – the Clerk investigated costs at £142 - £187 for the bin – depending on type chosen and £214 per bin pa to empty. Clerk to write piece in FVS Newsletter asking for dog owners to take the dog waste home - see if this effective first.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7317 To discuss future works on the Hambleden War Memorial  
The Clerk has had one quote of £549 plus VAT for cleaning but as the Remembrance Day Service is to take place in Turville this year it was agreed to join the War Memorials Trust to enable the Parish Council to apply for a grant for cleaning and deeper engraving of the names in the next financial year. The Clerk has obtained details of the War Memorials Trust (£20pa) and The War Memorials Handbook.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7318 To consider donations from the Hambleden Film Fund  
The fund stands at £807.00
- Action: Councillors  
Another £400 to come in from Miss Marple. Councillors to supply suggestions for the November meeting.
- Minute 7319 To receive reports on the BCC Accessibility meeting and the Thames Valley Police meeting  
The Chairman, Clerk and Mrs Mary Butler attended the BCC Accessibility meeting where we were able raise the issues affecting our rural community – access to healthcare, post office, school and employment and the necessity for a car as there is an inadequate public transport system to cater for non drivers, in particular the elderly and young people. We were told that the budget for the whole of Bucks is very limited. BCC officers were given a great deal of information and learnt a lot more about the parishes. The Clerk took an officer round the Parish for 2 hours to show them the issues affecting our rural community.  
Cllr Mrs Walker attended the Thames Valley Police meeting. April 2008 Neighbourhood Policing Area will be in place. 417 Police Community Support Officers have been budgeted for – 600 are needed. Each person/team costs £30,000 pa, they are looking at a parish or a group of parishes to fund 50% of the costs. Cllr Mrs Walker reminded them that this Parish has no police officer. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to a more Senior Officer highlighting
- Action: Clerk/Cllr Mrs Walker
- Minute 7320 To consider adding a clause to our Standing Orders to clarify the position of Councillors making personal responses to planning applications  
It was resolved by a majority vote to add a clause to read as follows:  
Any Councillor intending to respond privately to a planning application will automatically be excluded from making comments on the planning application at the Parish Council stage.

Minute 7321 To consider quotes for tree works in Hambleden Church Yard  
 Roderick Baird, tree and landscape specialist submitted a quote of £640 plus VAT and Donald Macleod submitted a quote of £750 plus VAT for general works on tress, including the yew trees, cutting back forsythia and generally tidying up. Cllr Baird left the room. Councillors discussed the prices and Cllr Mrs Chanter proposed and Cllr Mrs Walker seconded that we accept Roderick Baird's price. The Clerk will place an order. Cllr Baird returned to the room.

Minute 7322 To consider further sites for kissing gates as BCC have had several donated to be placed in the Hambleden Valley  
 The Clerk had a site visit with Sarah Wright ROW, BCC to sort out the sites for our Donate a Gate and has written to the landowners. More gates have been donated to the Hambleden Valley and she has asked for more sites to be recommended. Councillors suggested HA14 onto Shogmoor, HA2 onto Shogmoor. The landowner and donor will make the choice between wooden or metal gates.

Minute 7323 To resolve to approve the accounts for October 2006 and signing of cheques:  
 The accounts for October were presented and it was resolved to accept them.

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| Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> August | £ 3001.30        |
| Less August/September cheques                        | £ 1438.80        |
| Plus Precept   | £ 9000.00        |
| <b>Balance</b>                                       | <b>£10562.50</b> |

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| Investment Account | £ 87.51          |
| Bank of Ireland    | £14410.82        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>£25060.83</b> |

**Cheques for signature in October**

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| Mrs S. Henson salary s/o                       | £ 367.52         |
| Mrs S. Henson expenses                         | £ 44.58          |
| Mrs S. Henson (back pay)                       | £ 566.35         |
| Southern Electric Contracting- repairs & maint | £ 134.55         |
| Hambleden PCC for Frieth Church Light          | £ 150.00         |
| Peter Gomme – annual grass cutting fee         | £ 1250.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>£ 2513.00</b> |

Transfer £5000 to Bank of Ireland.

Minute 7324

Action on all items:  
 Clerk

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that footpath HA18 at the east end Cllr Emmett's land from the substation back to Parmoor was impassable due to thistles for first 50 yards.
2. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that the laurel from the Churchyard on to the Church Path HA11 I was narrowing path – Cllr Baird reported that it was due to be cut.
3. Cllr Mrs O'Leary reported serious drainage problems just below Hatchet Wood.
4. Cllr Baird reported severe flooding at Mill End junction.
5. Cllr Mrs Walker reported that all grips are blocked from the Skirmett to Watery Lane.
6. Cllr White reported the Parmoor Lane drain and also the one at the bottom of Spurgrove Lane.
7. Dr Elliott raised serious concerns about cars parked on the bend at

- Pheasants Hill. Clerk will write to residents of Pheasants Hill and the Play Group requesting that they do not park on either side of the corner and that the lay bye should be used.
8. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that they have not all the drains at the bottom of rectory Hill have been cleared.
  9. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that the road sweeper was causing problems pushing silt into the drains.
  10. All Councillors were advised to be alert due to a recent spate of vicious burglaries on farm and estate staff with gun dogs being the main target.

Minute 7325

Date of next meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 8pm in The Parish Rooms, Hambleden.

Date.....

Signed.....

Public Question Time – these are not part of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting and will not be corrected or agreed upon at the next of the Parish Council. They will not be posted on the website.

Mrs Wennberg, Churchwarden, asked for permission for the land edging the church building to be investigated in order that soak ways can be uncovered to assist in drainage of roof rain water to help with problems of damp in the church. Councillors gave the church permission to carry out this work.

Mrs Wennberg asked if a sign could be put in the Mill End Car park indicating the way to the river and lock. Clerk will write to WDC.

Mr N. Macleod asked for clarification of the proposed works and road closure in Frieth.

Mr Alan Armstrong, Verger, presented a list of works which ideally need to be carried out in the churchyard – copy circulated to all Councillors as any works that are agreed will need to be allowed for in the Precept.