

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held  
on Monday 10th April 2006 at 8.00pm in The United Reformed  
Church, Pheasants Hill**

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Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey (Chairman), Mr R. Baird, Mrs E. Robinson,  
Mrs J. O'Leary, Dr M. Elliott, Mrs A. Chanter, Mr D. White, Mrs S. Walker  
(Allies), Mrs S. Henson, Clerk  
Dist Cllr R. Emmett (from 8.45pm)  
7 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr J. Jackson and Dist Cllr  
R. Emmett

- Minute 7258                    Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting  
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes for the previous Parish  
Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7259                    Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests  
Cllr White declared an interest in the planning applications for Stud  
Farm. Cllr Baird declared an interest in the St Mary's Church application
- Minute 7238                    Progress on items from the previous minutes  
Action: All Councillors  
.                                    1. The Clerk stated that it is now important that Councillors try to set  
up their Parish email address. The Clerk will help if there is a  
problem.  
22. The Clerk has spoken with the insurance company about liability  
and they confirm that no liability is being admitted. A settlement will  
be made as long as it is accepted as a full and final settlement.
- Minute 7251                    5. The Clerk has spoken to the Land Registry; we have to go before  
a Commissioner for Oaths to swear that we have maintained  
Pheasants Hill Common for 22 years although they will still check on  
the 1965 Commons Registration list as this is not conclusive proof of  
title. A Case Officer is going to dig out all the old paperwork and  
discuss with the Clerk. Cherries Corner is not registered but we will  
start this process. For some reason in 1971 the idea was  
abandoned
- Action: Agenda June
- Action: Clerk                    13. A second set of the Chilterns Design Guide Technical Notes can  
be purchased at a cost of £10. It was agreed to buy one.  
15. Cllr Nixey is attending a meeting with other Parish Councils with  
the Rural Housing Trust. He will raise the issue of the high increase  
in the amount of money which is required in a shared ownership  
deal at the second purchase stage as they are currently too high  
taking it out of the realms of lower income people.
- Minute 7260                    CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 13th March – 10th April  
Action: Clerk  
1.                    Hacker Young calling the audit for 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
2.                    Letter from the Rural Housing Trust (RHT) advising us that  
they will not be managing Ridgewood on behalf of the  
English Rural Housing Association (ERHA).  
3.                    Letter from ERHA advising us that RHT will not be  
managing Ridgewood but that the Hastoe Housing  
Association will take on the role.  
4.                    Letter from Mrs Mary Butler, Whin Cottage which had been  
sent to WDC Planning stating that she felt that the fall of the  
land had not been taken into account, and the design and  
size of the Twin Peaks application were unsuitable and that  
she was objecting.

- Action: Clerk
5. Letter from Sharon McCullough, Hanson's Bank stating that the fall of the land had not been taken into account; and that the design, scale and overall size of the application were unsuitable and that she was objecting to the application.
  6. BCC Getting Closer to Communities Newsletter.
  7. Letter from the Environment Agency asking for a volunteer to be a contact for Flood Warnings Direct and enclosing a map showing properties at risk of flooding. Clerk will make contact with three local people
  8. Letter from BCC confirming that the footway in Fingest and the drainage at the top of Frieth are on the schedule for this fiscal year
  9. Document from SLCC clarifying the position about Parish Councils paying for Clerks subscriptions
  10. WDC invitation to speak about Flint Cottage at Development Control on 29<sup>th</sup> March.
  11. WDC Booklet on tourist facilities in The Chilterns and Thames Valley
  12. Letter from Rural Housing Trust confirming that the recent lobbying against Staircasing on affordable housing has been successful.
  13. Citizens Advice Bureau Newsletter
  14. BCC Guide to Mobile Libraries also notification of time changes in Hambleden and St Katherine's Convent. Clerk will put piece in FVS News letter and The Valley magazine.
- Action: Clerk
- Action: Cllr Mrs Chanter
15. Letter to Cllr Baird from Mr Heath of Grebe Cottage asking about Speed Indicator Devices and a request for signage to encourage drivers to slow down. The Clerk will write.
  16. Agenda and papers for Local Area Committee Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in Princes Risborough School, Merton Road.
  17. Notice of a SLCC Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> June - £40, West Wycombe will pay a share. Hambleden agreed to pay 50%.
  18. Letter from Great Marlow Parish Council about aircraft noise – residents have in the past commented on the noise levels, but there is a general feeling that the volume of traffic has decreased. The Parish Council does share some of our concerns and would support us in our actions with the CAA or the government. However they feel that the role of the air park with the community must be acknowledged and that it must be maintained as a financially viable business for WDC.
- Action: Clerk
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19. Letter from BCC stating that they will not be making a Diversion Order for footpath number 50. Clerk to request fingerposts.
  20. Letter from Defra stating that booklets are available on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
  21. Rural Forum minutes covering bio energy and fuels.
  22. Thames Valley Police launching the Community Policing Awards 2006. Clerk will write stating that we do not have any police officers in our community.
  23. Emailed except from Hansard from Mr Proffitt re a debate in Westminster Hall on broadband in rural areas
  24. News of the Woods newsletter
  25. Allianz Cornhill Annual Renewal due on 1<sup>st</sup> June - £792.87

Minute 7261

Planning ReportApplications

**RH/06/05442/FUL – Springfield Farm, Rotten Row** – construction of indoor equestrian centre – to go to Development Control Committee. A building of this size on a private residence with reasonably small acreage has the potential of creating an overdeveloped site. Concerns about future commercial development.

**KAR/06/05482/FUL – Twin Peaks, Spurgrove Lane** – raising roof and alterations incorporating two storey rear extension to form two storey dwelling glass bridge link to front parking area and rear roof terrace – the Parish Council strongly objects on the grounds of size, design and requests a traffic plan through the period of construction.

**KAR/06/05616/FUL – Tedders, Frieth Hill** – construction of single Storey rear and first floor rear extension (amendment to pp 4/06625/ful) – the Parish Council made observations on traffic, parking, BCC's previous and inaccurate comment about the highway at that point and that neighbours comments should be taken into account.

**JRM/06/05612/ful – Melford House, Fingest Road, Fingest** – construction of conservatory to rear – no objection

**JAI/06/05677/OUT – Prospect Market Gardens, Shogmoor Lane** – outline application (including details of siting and means of access) for the erection of two detached dwellings with associated parking- site visit.

**JAI/06/05735/FUL – Stud Farm, Shogmoor Lane** – erection of stables, indoor school, manege, horse walker, hay/machine store and office/ tackle/ feed/rest room building with staff flat over following demolition of existing stables, barns and existing associated buildings – site visit.

**JAI/06/05736/FUL – Stud Farm, Shogmoor Lane** – erection of detached 4 bed dwelling with linked detached garage/office following demolition of existing dwelling – site visit.

**PECS/06/05801/CTREE – Church View, Frieth** – removal of branches on eastern side of sycamore tree – Clerk will write stating that WDC planning dept caused the problem by allowing the house to be built so close to the tree

**AHC/06/05782/CTREE – St Mary's Church, Hambleton** – raise Canopies as appropriate to 3 yew trees. Remove one yew tree. Raise canopy over gate entrance to one yew tree – no objection

**RJT/06/05743/FUL – Riverside Cottage, Henley Road** – erection of single storey rear extension to garage over dry dock creating boathouse with gymnasium, office and study in roof space – on circulation.

Decisions

**KAR/06/05164/FUL/ and subsequent amended plans – Busetts, Pheasants Hill** – demolition of existing garage and constr of 2 storey extension to east elevation, single storey extension to south elevation & detached garage with store (alt scheme to pp 05/06176/FUL) – permit with conditions.

**PM/06/05237/FUL – The Roost, Chisbridge** – const of 2 storey extension to north elevation – permit

**AHC/06/05351/CTREE – Red House, Pheasants Hill** – remove 2 silver birch & one prunus – not to make a TPO.

**AHC/06/05374/TPO – Hambleton Mill Marina** – remove major deadwood, thin by 10% and reduce by 20% by lifting branch end head back over buildings – permitted

**AHC/06/05373/CTREE – Hambleton Mill Marina** – fell one ash tree, thin & reduce by 25%, pollard damaged section where appropriate to one ash tree – not to make a TPO.

Action: Clerk

**JRM/05/07890/FUL – The Laurels, Frieth** - amended description and Plans –erection of single storey front extension with playroom over and alterations following demolition of existing garage, outbuilding and conservatory – permit

**06/05132/FUL – Fingest Manor** – constr of single storey orangery with glazed upper lantern & glazed link to replace existing conservatory – permit.

**KAR06/05016/FUL and 06/05012/LBC– Flint Cottage, Frieth** – demolition of existing single storey extension & construction of new single storey side extension & alterations to provide walled terrace – grant consent and permit with conditions.

Minute 7262

To re-allocate footpaths to Councillors

South Ward

Roddy Baird 28, 38, 59,30,43,42,37,36,35

Evelyn Robinson 18,58,54,60,32,33,34

Michael Elliott 28,39,40, 41,23,24,25,26,47,52,53

Jane O'Leary 44,46,16,17

North Ward

Tom Nixey 9,10,11,12,13

James Jackson 47,48,49,50,51,56,57

Andy Chanter, David White 1 –8,

Susan Walker 14,15, 15a

It was agreed that Cllr Walker would discuss with Cllr Jackson a division of some of his footpaths.

Minute 7263

To consider a request from Hambleden Sports Club to make a contribution towards the celebrations for HM Queens 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

A party for all of the Hambleden Valley and surrounding villages is being planned for 17<sup>th</sup> June, entertainment, food, fireworks, free entry.

Action: Cllr

Baird;cheque for May meeting.

Cllr Walker proposed £150 as long as good local publicity – no seconder, Cllr Baird agreed that the event should be well publicised locally and proposed £200, seconded and agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Baird will find out who the cheque should be made out to.

Minute 7264

To have a discussion on the BCC Speed Review

Cllr Baird thought that Councillors should think about the implications of the new speed limits which will be out to consultation in the Summer and implemented in Winter 06.How will it be policed and be effective and concerns about the proliferation of signs. Clerk reported that where the new limits where in place many of the speed marking signs were painted on the road. It was agreed that a discussion would not take place until the consultation document was presented to the Council.

Minute 7265

To resolve to approve the accounts for April 2006 and signing of cheques: to approve the accounts for the year ending March 2006

Action: Clerk

The Clerk, as RFO went through the accounts as presented. They will be going to the internal auditor during April and presented to the public at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was resolved to approve the accounts for the year ending March 2006.

A lengthy discussion took place covering risk assessment. It was agreed that we have always considered this and have insurance in place to cover any incidents and liabilities and that at Risk Assessment and an Assets documents should be prepared and would be presented at the June meeting as there would not be sufficient time at the May meeting.(As we now plan to have a full May meeting they will now be presented at that meeting)

Councillors present went through the statements of assurance in the External Auditors document. Councillors responded in the affirmative.

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The Clerk will represent this document once the Internal Auditors Report, the Risk Assessment and the Assets documents are available

The accounts for April were presented and it was resolved to accept them.

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> March	£ 502.40
Less March cheques & s/o	£ 577.08
Plus transfer from Bank of Ireland	£ 1000.00
Plus VAT refund	£ 973.07
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 1898.39</b>
Investment Account	£ 87.07
Bank of Ireland	£11212.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13198.16</b>

#### **Cheques for signature in April**

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 61.09
BALC Subscription	£ 187.63
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 136.38
Mike Henson Presentations (website design/bld)	£ 799.00
Southern Electricity	£ 304.64
The Post Office	£ 46.00
Chilterns Conservation Board	£ 10.00
S. Walker (copies of plans)	£ 42.30
SLCC Conference (50%)	£ 20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1974.56</b>

Some cheques will be held until the Precept is paid in

Minute 7266

Action: Cllr Baird

#### Members Questions

Action: Clerk on all matters

1. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if Cllr Baird would deal with the hedge by the Old Forge
2. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the Queens Birthday Celebrations would be on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Cllr Mrs Robinson wanted it minuted that she was extremely unhappy about some of the hedges in the Parish, particularly between Rockwell End and Parmoor. Cllr Nixey stated that if they were farmer's hedges and they were in the government scheme then 28<sup>th</sup> February was the last date by which they could be cut. Hedges can be cut if they are considered dangerous. The majority of Councillors felt that the hedges in our Parish were currently acceptable. The Clerk has been advised that the hedges in question are being deliberately left to allow for nesting birds and will be cut every other year.
4. Cllr Mrs Chanter asked if we could ask Peter Gomme to cut round the daffodils in Frieth until the leaves die down.
5. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported the damaged Colstrope Lane Road sign.
6. Cllr Mrs Chanter asked if an extra step could be put in at the Spurgrove Lane entrance to HA9.
7. Cllr White reported a badly blocked drain at the junction of Perrin Springs and Spurgrove Lane.
8. Cllr Walker asked when Hambleden Parish was going to be included in WDC black box and green recycling scheme. Clerk explained the current situation and that there is no date. Write to WDC to ask for a progress report and time scale.
9. Cllr Walker had noticed that a wind turbine has been erected at Carrington School, Flackwell Heath and wondered if this had

been considered for Frieth School. It was felt that although it was a good idea it would probably be unacceptable to local people.

10. Cllr Dr Elliott wanted to express his concern about dangerous parking on the bend at Pheasants Hill and are there any ways of preventing it. The Clerk will write to BCC to see if any action could be taken.
11. Cllr Baird reported an area or 'road' near the Village Shop which needs filling and resurfacing in a material suitable for a Conservation Area.

Minute 7267

Date of next meeting

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 8pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett, April/May Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth – Annual Parish Council Meeting and 8.30pm start for Annual Parish Meeting

Date.....

Signed.....