

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 24th April 2006 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey (Chairman), Mr R. Baird, Mrs E. Robinson, Mrs A. Chanter, Mrs S. Walker (Allies), Mr J. Jackson.  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllrs Mr D. White, Mrs J. O'Leary and Dist Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7268      Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the April 10th Parish Council Meeting  
The allocation of paths was queried see minute ref 7262. Those Councillors present then confirmed the minutes for the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7269      Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests  
Cllr Jackson declared an interest in the planning applications for Stud Farm.
- Minute 7238      Progress on items from the previous minutes  
Action: All Councillors  
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1. The Clerk stated that it is now important that Councillors try to set up their Parish email address.
15. RHT – Cllr Nixey had attended a meeting today and was able to bring up issues and problems. S106 agreements are not always being adhered to by site managements and this is being tightened up to ensure that Parish Councils are kept in the loop. Concerns about the increased costs of part purchase for low income families.
16. Cllr Mrs Chanter attended the Local Area Meeting – BCC will add 4 more bollards once the hedge growing from within the doctor's surgery is cut back by the owners. There are already 2 SLOW signs where else do we want them. Write to Doctor's surgery and wait for their response.
- Action: Clerk  
Cllr Mrs Chanter also picked up the latest version of BCC Local Transport Plan and handed it to the Clerk.
19. Clerk has asked for a new fingerpost to be placed at the entrance of HA50 and for the stile to be looked at.
- Minute 7262      There had been some confusion over which Councillors would monitor specific footpaths. North Ward Councillors agreed that between them they would look after them and report any issues, this being the most important point. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if footpath 60 could be identified.
- Minute 7264      BCC has supplied a leaflet indicating the frequency of speed limit sign repeaters however this refers to lit roads – Clerk has asked for further information relating to unlit roads.
- Minute 7266      1. - Cllr Baird has investigated this.  
All other matters have been reported but due to short interval between meetings no responses/action obvious.
- Minute 7270      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 11<sup>th</sup> – 24th April  
1. Copy letters from Roger Shapland to WDC re The Stud Farm application stating his concerns about construction traffic and movement of materials to and from the site and a copy letter to WDC Planning re future protection of the Fingest Conservation

Area after the recent damage caused by construction vehicles and concern about the obstruction of important views by recent activity. Councillors each had a copy.

2. Leaflets from The Chilterns Woodlands Project on Special Trees
  - Put on notice boards.
3. Dept of Transport sheet on speed limit signs.
4. Chilterns Show – entry forms for Art/Craft; Creative writing; Charity Auction and Outstanding Achievement
5. The Chiltern Society – Spring Newsletter
6. A cheque from the Ward Community Fund from Cllr Emmett to refund the cost of the 5 litter pickers. Clerk has written a letter of thanks.
7. Second copy of – Chilterns Brick – issued to Cllr Walker.
8. Letter via email from Mr Wiseman of Skirmett stating his concerns and objections about the equestrian centre. He has fewer concerns over the house. The letter was forwarded to Councillors who had not declared an interest and read out at the meeting.

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### Planning Report

#### Decisions

**RH/06/05442/FUL – Springfield Farm, Rotten Row** – construction of indoor equestrian centre – refused

**AHC/06/05321/TPO – Pheasants, Ferry Lane** – reduce height to approx 2m to group of hollies. Reduce one yew. Fell group of sycamore trees. Remove three alders – grant consent with conditions

**PM/06/05282/FUL – 4 Elm Cottages, Skirmett** – const of part 2 storey, part single storey side & rear extensions and single storey front extension – permit

#### Applications

**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 – the Parish Council made the following observations: the need for a comprehensive traffic plan to protect Shogmoor Lane and those people who use it; spoil to be kept on site; height restriction and design of buildings to be inline with guidance for new build in the AONB; development should be for private use only.

**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 – no objection.

**RW/06/05813/FUL – Land adj Greyholme, Spurgrove Lane** – Partial change of use of land for erection of stables, tack room and hay Barn – no objection as it is low with clay roof tiles and is tucked into the corner of the field below the garage. Perhaps applicant could consider planting of a few mature trees in the grounds to break up the view for the other side of the valley. Applicant has advised Cllr Nixey that some of the recently removed hedge will be replanted.

**RH/06/05811/FUL – Rockwell End Farm Barn** – conversion of barn to form one 3 bed dwelling – no objection and we would welcome a regularisation of the access as the permitted access has been made unusable.

**RJT/06/05894/FUL – Bacres Barn, Skirmett Road** – creation of cellar at basement level – for consideration

**DCMG/06/05883/FUL – 2 Stag Cottages, Pheasants Hill** – erection of front porch and internal alterations – for consideration.

**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 has taken place.

**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 has taken place.

Councillors without any declared interests made a site visit to Prospect Market Garden and The Stud Farm before final responses were considered.

Cllr Walker had spoken to 12 of the households affected by The Stud Application and the Clerk had checked with WDC Planning office. At that time they had received three sets of comments broadly stating that they felt that in the long term the development would be an asset to the village, however all had concerns about the amount of trees and hedging planned which will have the effect of reducing or eradicating their views and concerns about light pollution. With all this in mind, Councillors formulated a lengthy response which in summary stated the following:

1. A traffic management plan was needed for the construction phase with an advisory element upon completion that traffic should come up from Mill End and not through Ibstone, Fingest, Skirmett or Frieth via Shogmoor Lane.
2. That a lighting plan should be submitted and that low, minimal lighting using sensors should be used with no nighttime outside training as the indoor school could be used. This should reduce the amount of light pollution.
3. That a full landscaping scheme is submitted to WDC which is sympathetic to this sensitive AONB site, this should include the elimination of trees referred to as 'two shelter belts of mixed trees' which significantly reduces or removes the views of the residents backing onto the pasture and the many walkers of the Chiltern Way.
4. The removal of a proposed hedge which will restrict the width of the well used Chiltern Way footpath and remove the open aspect of this important area.
5. Recommend that a condition is imposed that the operation cannot grow beyond the new size in order that it will not jeopardise the existing AONB and Conservation policies set down defining Skirmett and its residential and small farm nature.
6. All materials should conform to the Chilterns Building Design Guide. Councillors discussed the removal/use of waste products – Cllr Nixey explained the new Government Farm Waste Policy which comes into force on May 16th which will very strictly control this side of farming operations.

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To consider the preliminary risk assessment document and assets register

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had suddenly stated that she no longer wanted to do the work due to her other commitments. The Clerk asked another auditor, Miss Hewitt if she would carry out the work and had agreed based on the same honorarium.

The Clerk presented the latest assets register and risk assessment prior to the meeting. It was agreed that it was not necessary to insure the the post and rail fence at the Kenrick Memorial; that the hockey stick footway lights fixed to telegraph poles should be insured at £500 each; that the Hambleden Church Wall be insured for £10,000; that the spare oak posts kept at H F Nixey & Son should be insured at £35 each.

The risk assessment was gone through and Councillors were asked to

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use their own individual knowledge of risk assessments. After discussion it was proposed that the document should stand as produced. Cllr Walker proposed that the risk assessment document and the asset register were accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Chanter. It was unanimously resolved to accept these documents.

To resolve to approve the accounts for April/May 2006 and signing of cheques:

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

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April	£ 1898.39
Plus Precept	£ 9000.00
Less April cheques & s/o	£ 1974.56
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 8923.83</b>
Investment Account	£ 87.07
Bank of Ireland	£11212.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20223.60</b>

**Cheques for signature in April/May**

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o (May)	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 52.70
Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£ 792.87
Open Spaces Society	£ 30.00
Hambleton Community Fund (Queens Birthday Celebs)	£ 200.00
Skirmett Village Hall	£ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1473.09</b>

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The Clerk will be stopping the previous cheque made out to Skirmett Village Hall in March as it appears to have been lost in the post.

Members Questions

Cllr Mrs Robinson stated her concern over the state of the road between Skirmett and Hambleton and on past the old bakery. Clerk will write to BCC to see if it could be put on a future major scheme for repair and resurfacing.

Cllr Mrs Robinson raised local concerns about the current building works at Faylands. Clerk confirmed that they were building to a previous planning permission but that it had also been reported to Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Mrs Robinson asked about the knocked over fingerpost for HA39. Clerk was able to show her that BCC has raised a job number to have the repair carried out.

Cllr Nixey reported the deep pothole caused by a recent 'repair' by Thames Water to the 'leak' on Frieth Hill. Clerk will report to Highways on Call.

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Date of next 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.....

Notes from Public Question Time – these are not a part of the Parish Council meeting minutes, and will not be agreed upon or corrected at the next meeting of the Parish Council. They will not be posted on the website. None asked