

Public question time

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 13th February 2006 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Frieth**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey (Chairman), Mr R. Baird, Mrs E. Robinson, Mrs A. Chanter, Mr D. White, Mrs J. O'Leary, Dr M. Elliott  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

8 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Cllr James Jackson due to illness. Dist Cllr R. Emmett out of the country.

- Minute 7236 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting  
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes for the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7237 Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or private interests  
Cllr Dr Elliott declared an interest in the WAP/WDC lease issue as he is a doctor for CAA pilots.
- Minute 7214 Progress on items from the previous minutes  
6. Shogmoor Lane – nothing more has happened  
Minute 7218 3. Clerks Award has been delayed until June.  
Minute 7225 2. Rider on Call has received our letter but no response as yet.  
Minute 7229 3. Cllr Mrs Chanter attended BCC Local Area Committee – we raised two questions re use of GPS to help identify pothole etc and the frequency of road sweeping – twice a year. Clerk to check for any omissions on the list of works
- Action: Clerk 15. Chilterns Buildings Design Awards 2006  
Minute 7234 7. Mr Mann has had the Fingest Road hedge and trees cut back
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Cllr Nixey reported that Footpath HA4 has been cut back and refenced.  
The Clerk reported that Grebe Cottage has been visited by planning enforcement  
The Clerk reported that the estate agents sign at the vision splay sign will either be removed or made smaller.
- Minute 7238 Correspondence received from 10<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006
1. Information and price from Mike Henson Presentations for the Website
  2. Brief biography from Mr Paul Goddard for Councillor Vacancy
  3. Copy of letter from Mr Packer re state of road edges and his recent fall and contact with BCC.
  4. Letter from Mr Heller re proposed diversion of footpath HA50 stating that there is local support for the diversion and questioning the Councils comments
  5. BCC letter re emergency repairs to Parish street lighting - £250 per call out, only likely if there are traffic accidents.
  6. Copy of email from Cllr White re WAP/WDC lease
  7. Letter from ODPM in response to our letter about Staircasing of Affordable Housing. Clerk will write to Rural Housing Trust to confirm that our scheme will not be affected by the legislation.
  8. Brief biography from Mr John Heller for Councillor Vacancy
  9. Patient & Public Involvement Forums – proposal to split The Two Shires Ambulance Trust into two – suggested grouping far too big, vital to retain smaller more local services particularly in
- Action: Clerk
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Action: Cllr Mrs  
Chanter

- rural areas where it can be hard to find addresses.
10. Notification of the Best Kept Village Competition – Cllr Mrs Chanter will check with FVS.
  11. Temporary prohibition of through traffic – Fingest Lane from 27 February for 5 days for BT work.
  12. Journal of Trading Standards
  13. Chiltern Woodlands Project Newsletter & Chilterns Commons Network
  14. Safer Routes to School newsletter
  15. NALC Pay Guidelines for April 06 onwards
  16. BCC Recycling leaflet
  17. Email from Mr Howgego with comments suggesting conditions or covenants on the proposed extension to the garage at Bussetts. Passed to South Ward Councillors
  18. Matters Arising
  19. Email from Mr Oldham, neighbour to Why Cottage stating that they support the planning application, subject to minor changes in keeping with the existing building. Passed to South Ward Councillors.
  20. Henley CAB asking for financial support
  21. Southern Electric Contracting – increased rates for repairs and maintenance.
  22. Email from Mr Packer explaining the circumstances of his recent fall his subsequent action and his claim on the Parish Council for physiotherapy. (After advice from BALC, we were told to pass the letter directly to our insurance company and not to read it out as any discussion could prejudice any insurance claim, all Councillors have had or will receive a hard copy of the letter). Clerk will write to Mr Packer advising him of the Parish Council's action. The letter also suggested that the Parish Council should put up a notice identifying public car parking spaces.
  23. BCC letter stating they are considering whether to make a Diversion Order on HA50.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7239

#### Planning Report

##### Applications

**JRM/05/07884/FUL – Russells Farm House** – constr of det dbl garage and store (alt scheme to pp05/05998) – the Parish Council does not object to this application but would ask that a condition be placed on the garage that it shall be made available only to the occupiers and retained solely for parking their vehicles.

**JRM/05/07890/FUL – The Laurels, Frieth** – erection of single storey front ext & det dbl garage with playroom over & alterations following demolition of existing garage, outbuilding and conservatory – no objection to the single storey extension, det dbl garage with playroom over and alterations following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding, however we do object to the demolition of the Victorian Conservatory and blocking up the front gate, both of which are mentioned in the Conservation Area Character study.

**KAR/05/07827/FUL – The Old Museum, Hambleden** – dem of existing garages & attached outbuilding & erect of single storey side extension & detached triple garage with room over in connection with the change of use from part residential/part estate office to form 1 x 4 bed detached dwelling – no objection

**PECS/05/07832/CTREE – Gite Adeline, Skirmett** – remove a line of cypress trees – the majority of Councillors have no objection to the application. Cllr White felt that as no reason for removal was given and they are in a Conservation Area that the Parish Council should object.

**JMB/05/07872/FUL – 1 Varnells Terrace** – extension work & erect of retaining walls to provide off street parking – the Parish Council objects on the grounds of safety as the site is directly opposite an already hazardous junction. We would request that the Highways Dept of Bucks County Council be consulted.

**KAR/06/05016/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 – the Parish Council is concerned that the neighbours views should be considered, that a formal agreement has been negotiated with the neighbour for the repositioning of the entrance gate; difficult to assess the impact of the sunken? terrace; care should be taken of the two trees which are the subject of TPO's and the type of screening for the car parking area should be identified.

**JMB/06/05097/FUL & 05098/LBC – Why Cottage, Henley Road** – demolition of existing single storey side extension & constr of two storey side & rear extension and single storey side & rear extension – the Parish Council is concerned about the size of the proposed extension; it almost doubles the size of the cottage. We would also prefer, that where possible, the windows should repeat those existing.

**JMB/06/05132/FUL – Fingest Manor** – constr of single storey orangery with glazed upper lantern & glazed link to replace existing conservatory – no objection, however we would like an agreement drawn up that would ensure that all the verges are restored on completion of the current building works.

**AC/06/05166/CTREE – Yewden Farm Cottage** – remove 2 Lawson cypress trees -

**RW/06/05154/FUL – Thamesfield Cottage, Ferry Lane** – demolition of existing dwelling & outbuildings & erection of one x 3 bed dwelling & garage – we find the design totally unacceptable. They have, in no way followed the guidelines of The Chiltern Design Guide. The proposed siting will make it more conspicuous than the present house.

**KAR/06/05164/FUL – Bussetts, 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) – to be considered

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

#### Decisions

**PECS/05/07832/CTREE – Gite Adeline, Skirmett** – remove a line of cypress trees – not to make a TPO

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

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

**05/07289/FUL – Meadow View, Pheasants Hill** – erection of 4 bed single dwelling to replace existing dwelling – permit with many conditions.

**JRM/05/07884/FUL – Russells Farm House** – constr of det dbl garage and store (alt scheme to pp05/05998) – permit with conditions to remove blue shed on site within 3 months and not to be used as ancillary accommodation.

Minute 7240

Action: Cllr  
White/Clerk

To receive a report by Cllr White on the Wycombe Air Park/WDC lease  
All Councillors had received a resume of the lease viewed by Cllr White prior to the meeting with the District Solicitor. No early prospect of change; 42 year lease from 1972 and this was an extension – no changes likely as long as the rent is paid and WDC cannot change

conditions. No change likely unless AAA want to make changes or legislation changes.

Could start a lobbying process with neighbouring Parish Councils and District Cllrs; lobby MP so that if a new act of parliament is considered then changes could be implemented; could lobby CAA directly for limitations. It was agreed that Cllr White and the Clerk will produce a letter to neighbouring Parish Councils to establish if there is any support to start the lobby process to minimize noise levels and for greater control of helicopters.

Minute 7241

To discuss roadside erosion within the Parish

After a lengthy general discussion about the increased volume and speed of traffic on rural roads and driver's habit of creating passing places which keeps widening the lanes it was agreed that this would come back on the agenda at a later date. It was however agreed that when responding to all planning applications we should ask WDC for a transport plan and conditions to ensure verge damage is always minimalised and repaired and write to BCC School Transport Dept to encourage greater care when parking by drivers of school transport. Cllr Nixey reported that there were currently 127 children at the school, some of whom use BCC School Transport either in buses or taxis.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7242

To discuss a proposal for the Hambleden website

Mike Henson produced an outline document and directed Councillors to view a proposed website design prior to the meeting. To create the proposed website would cost a one off amount of £500 and a monthly updating cost of £15. It was unanimously agreed to place an order for the website and to set up a s/o for the monthly fee.

Minute 7243

To set a date to interview candidates for the current vacancy

We have received applications from Mrs Susan Walker and Mr John Heller of Skirmett and Mr Paul Goddard from Fingest. It was agreed to invite candidates to attend an interview on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Skirmett Village Hall prior to the Parish Council meeting –from 7pm** – subject to the hall being available from the earlier time. Candidates will be invited at 15min intervals. Discussions took place on who should carry out the interview process – Councillors from the North Ward or the whole Parish Council, by a majority vote it was agreed that the whole Parish Council should be involved in the process.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7244

To discuss the NALC pay guidelines for April 06 onwards

The Clerk is currently on SCP29 and the pay increase would be 35p per hour.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the increase from April 06.

Minute 7245

To resolve to approve the accounts for February 2006 and signing of cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	£ 1787.28
Less January cheques & s/o	£ 809.85
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 977.43</b>
Investment Account	£ 86.64
Bank of Ireland	£12091.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13155.81</b>

**Cheques for signature in February**

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 356.85
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 48.85
Mike Henson Presentations- hosting fee	£ 69.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 475.03</b>

Minute 7246

Action: Clerk on all issues

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs O'Leary reported that horses in the last field where footpath HA16 runs is causing concern. Clerk will contact Rights of Way
2. Cllr Nixey had been asked to report that the cherry tree opposite Shogmoor Pond was encroaching on the highway. Clerk will check on this.
3. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that HA15 has had its width restricted by a 4 x 4 vehicle. Clerk will contact Rights of Way.
5. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported an increase in footpaths being used as bridleways – number HA23 is being used in this way.
6. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that the gully at the bottom of Shogmoor Lane needs sucking out.

Minute 7247

Date of next meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 8pm in The Village Hall, **Skirmett Interviews from 7pm.**

Date.....

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