

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held
on Monday 10th July 2006 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mrs E. Robinson, Mr J. Jackson,
Mrs S. Walker (Allies), Mrs J. O'Leary, Dr M. Elliott.
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

0 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllrs Mr D. White, Mrs A Chanter, Mr R. Baird

- Minute 7292 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting
Minute 7291 – item 8 – should be Cottage not House. Those Councillors present then confirmed the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7293 Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests
None declared.
Cllr Walker asked for clarification on whether Parish Councillors could have a personal view or whether it always had to be a Councillor view. The Clerk answered questions on the difference between personal and prejudicial interests and quoted from the latest issue of the Standards Board Newsletter and The Clerk – copies will be circulated to members. Councillors can and obviously do have personal opinions, but when considering Parish Council issues, these have to be put to one side. In most cases the conflict arises with planning issues. The test for considering if a member has a prejudicial interest is whether a member of the public, with full knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest. Members should always leave the room if it is prejudicial. It was agreed that at the September meeting we would consider adding a clause to our Standing Orders which will act as a clear guideline for Hambleden Parish Councillors.
- Minute 7260 Progress on items from the previous minutes
16. BCC have been advised that hedge has been cut and that extra reflector posts can be erected.
- Minute 7286 18. WDC Notification of Community Voice – should be circulated by 19th June – still no one has received it yet.
19. Rural Forum Farm Visit – very good for networking.
- Minute 7289 Donate a Gate Scheme - Councillors have started to look at the sites within the parish (excluding Frieth). We will get a grant for one and BCC will match with another. Clerk will apply for a grant by September 15th. We have received one letter of complaint about metal kissing gates and several favourable comments. **Clerks note – since discussing this and agreeing to look for a total of 10 sites (i.e. we pay for 4 and BCC for 4); we have now agreed to spend money on granite setts. The gates would mean spending £1000. I have concerns that we can do all of this and should discuss in September.**
- Action: Clerk/Cllrs
- Minute 7291 1. BCC are establishing evidence prior to a site visit for HA50 and that they plan to repair the stile/gate and erect a wooden waymark post. Chiltern Society has repaired the stile on HA44.
2. BCC have been asked to repair the stile on HA14, they will contact the landowner.
3. The Clerk has spoken to the Rural Housing Trust re allocation of homes and subsequent purchase of second homes. They

repeated that they are dependent on applicant's honesty and the Parish Council's local knowledge.

7. Area 8 speed review is on course with public consultation due to start in late summer.
8. Clerk has written to Mr Bedford at Russells Farm Cottage.
9. WDC Planning Enforcement has carried out a site visit. There is 1 lorry on site and no piles of materials or aggregate, this therefore means that no change of use is required and no further action is required.
10. Clerk has written to the owner of Flint Cottage asking them to cut the hedge and this has been done.
11. Thames Water will only react to written complaints. Whoever has seen the sprinkler system working must make the complaint.

The Clerk has reported the blocked gullies at Little Colstrop (ref 3002), Pheasants Hill (ref 3003) and Huttons Farm (ref 3004)

Minute 7294

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 13th June – 10th July

1. Response from CAA. See minute 7297 – previously circulated.
2. Email from Mr & Mrs Webb stating that they are in favour of the overall proposal at Hatchett Wood and that a public meeting would be beneficial – previously circulated.
3. Letter from Mrs Mary Butler stating her strong objections to the new application for Hatchett Wood – previously circulated.
4. email from Mr Wiseman stating his concerns over the Hatchett Wood application – previously circulated.
5. A letter from Mr Falcon Collings stating that he has revised his view on the Hatchett Wood application and now finds the house too big and the new drive would alter the landscape views over the fields and hem in on the south and east – previously circulated.
6. emailed summary from Frieth Village Society stating their objections to the new Hatchett Wood application - previously circulated.
7. Grass cutting schedule for WDC Rural area –circulated
8. Copy of letter to WDC from Mr Wiseman re the Stud Farm amended plans.
9. Email from Mr Neiger stating his concerns that the Hatchett Wood appears to be another attempt to reshape the landscape and could set a precedent – previously circulated.
10. Letter from WDC asking if the Parish Council would like to name the lane near Little Parmoor.
11. Letter from Paul Goodman MP asking to see the response from the CAA (this has been forwarded).
12. Information from Stuart Young, BCC giving details and prices for Highways works in Frieth – circulated prior to public meeting.
13. Email from Mr Wiseman to WDC stating his strong objections to the Hatchett Wood planning application.
14. Letter from Rt Hon Theresa May MP acknowledging receipt of our letter and the CAA response.
15. JOTS Newsletter
16. Copy letter to BCC Rights of Way, from Rachel Wallace re her concerns over the installation of metal kissing gates.
17. CPRE Countryside Voice magazine.
18. BCC GC2C Newsletter.
19. BCC Local Area Committee Agenda and Papers
20. BCC Adopted Bucks Mineral & Waste Local Plan

Minute 7295

Planning ReportDecisions

RW/06/05935/FUL – Red Kites, Innings Road – constr of 2 storey rear extension and associated external alterations (alt scheme to pp03/06668/FUL) – permit.

RW/06/05942/FUL – Thamesfield Cottage, Ferry Lane – demolition of existing dwelling & outbuildings & erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling & garage (alter to pp 03/08033/FUL) – permit

KAR/06/05939/FUL and 06/05940/LBC– Walnut Tree Cottage, Skirmett – constr of single storey rear extension linking existing house to proposed barn and garage conversion permitted under pp03/07610/FUL – permit and grant consent.

JAI/06/05953/FUL – Huttons Farm, Rotten Row – creation of new access track to farmstead – permit

RH/06/06041/FUL – Grebe Cottage, Henley Road – erection of replacement 2bay car port, replacement 2m boundary wall, creation of doorway to study from parking areas (part retrospective) – permit

KAR/06/06048/FUL – Fingest Manor, Chequers Lane – demolition of bungalow and garage block and erection of 7 bay garage building with staff accommodation over – permit.

KAR/06/06086/FUL – Cecil, Pheasants Hill – const of extension to garage and raise roof over to provide habitable accommodation - permit

Applications

JAI/06/06308/FUL – Hatchett Wood Farm, Shogmoor Lane – demolition of existing building & erection of replacement dwelling, staff cottage & garages & new access from Shogmoor Lane – date was extended to 4th July. Councillors carried out a site meeting and on 29th June we had an open evening where residents could look at the plans. As Cllr Mrs Chanter had sent in a letter of objection in a personal and private capacity she was not allowed to be involved in the Council's final response. Councillors objected to a permanent track and would want good controls and conditions put in place and would welcome a temporary track. We would support the plan to keep all spoil on site. We would want to see more detailed plans for the agricultural curtilage, we have not objection to the proposed change to residential curtilage as long as the final visual effect will be a green rolling landscape. No objection to the staff cottage and garage. Concerns over the extremely large garage block with 7 dormer windows, chimneys and an extensive first floor. Design of the house too suburban and by reasons of design, bulk and mass contravenes Policies C10 and C13 and the permanent track contravenes Policy L1.

AC/06/06353/CTREE – St Johns Church, Frieth – crown thin to east side of tree by up to 15%, raise canopy up to 4m to one horse chestnut (T1). Reduce branches with excessive weight by up to 2m and remove dead wood to one cedar tree (T2). Raise canopy up to 4m and remove epicormic growth to two line trees (T3 and T4) – no objection

JRM/06/06376/FUL – Barn End, Chequers Lane – construction of single storey side porch – no objection.

JRM/06/06371/FUL& LBC – Little Parmoor, Parmoor Lane – insertion of stainless steel flue & ground floor window in west elevation; two replacement ground floor windows to north elevation and external alterations – no objection to the proposal, except that in view of the fact that this is a Listed building we would suggest that an eternal matching flue is inappropriate and that the outlet should be redesigned so that a brick chimney could be built.

RT/06/06524/FUL – Rose Briar, Pheasants Hill – erection of conservatory to rear and relocation of porch to rear – plans not issued due to incorrect fee being submitted.

RT/06/06516/FUL – Fayland, Colstrove Lane – erection of loose box, tack room & hay store with alterations to existing driveway (retrospective) variation to scheme approved 00/007746/FUL.- no objection.

JMB/06/06499/FUL – Chisbridge Farm – erection of brick wall with railings over and entrance gate not exceeding 1.6m in height – on circulation.

JMB/06/06501/FUL – Sewage Works, Mill End Farm, Henley Road – erection of 15m monopole mast with 2 equipment cabinets & electrical cabinet – Councillors noted that map was totally inaccurate as site was shown on the wrong side of the river - no objection.

KAR/06/06553/FUL - Bramblings, Moor End – constr of part 2 storey, part single storey to south elevation – site visit.

KAR/06/06561/FUL - North House, Colstrove – erection of single storey front extension – on circulation.

Minute 7296

To Discuss And Consider The Highways Works Required In Frieth: To Order The Car Parking Signs: To Consider A Name For The Lane Near Little Parmoor

Eight household were represented at the recent public meeting to talk about highways work in Frieth High Street. The facts were presented as per the previous months minutes. Of those residents present, most suggested that the decision should be to repair pot holes along the whole south side of the road; complete the top section from Hayles Field to Village Hall with granite setts and a soakaway. Precept for another £14k to complete the project next year. Then resubmit a request to BCC for the drainage project outside Marlstone next year.

Action: Clerk

A lengthy discussion took place. Although it was felt that the residents who attended were not a representative sample, it was resolved to proceed with the scheme outside Marlstone as previously agreed. It was also proposed that we pay up to a maximum of £7000 to have granite setts only, placed from Hayles Field to the Village Hall. It was resolved to use the Church Wall Fund to pay for this and the Fund will be replaced from the Precept over the next 2 years.

Action: Clerk

The cost of ordering cast aluminium National Trust style 'Car park' signs would be £ 118 plus VAT and delivery for one, and £101 each plus VAT and delivery for three. An alternative supplier – Signs of the Times produce rigid polymer signs and they quoted £132.48 plus VAT and delivery for one off. It was resolved to purchase one off NT style.

Action: Clerk

WDC has asked the Parish Council if we would like to suggest a name of the lane leading to the electricity sub station. The Clerk reported that local farmers had always known it as Parmoor Lane and other colloquial names; however on the map of 1785 the field on the corner is named Parmoor Croft. It was resolved to ask WDC to name the lane 'Parmoor Croft Lane'.

Minute 7297 To Consider A Response To The CAA Letter Previously Circulated
 The response from the CAA stated that WAP is operating within the Transport Act 2000 section 66(1) and they are unable to introduce any new restrictions and suggest working with WDC Planning Dept and WAP management. If a change in policy is required then we would have to lobby parliament
 There is a concern that we should maintain our communication link with WAP through the JCC, and therefore as this stage we feel that no response is required to the CAA letter and at this stage we will wait for a response from Paul Goodman to see whether a change in government legislation, particularly in relation to helicopters, could be pursued. Cllr White will be attending the JCC on 19th July.

Minute 7298 To Consider A Request For A Donation By The Open Spaces Society
 It was agreed by a majority vote that we would not make an extra donation.

Minute 7299 To resolve to approve the accounts for July 2006 and signing of cheques:
 The Clerk issued all Councillors with an up to date spreadsheet showing income and expenditure to date and future known figures. We have a non committed balance of £14,231.47 of which £9030 is allocated to the Church Wall Fund and £500 for resurfacing the area in front of Frieth School. We will receive a further £9000 Precept in September.

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

Current Account Balance as at 1 st June	£ 7347.20
Less June cheques plus Clerks Award cheque	£ 686.47
Balance	£ 6660.73

Investment Account	£ 87.21
Bank of Ireland	£11325.96
Total	£18073.90

Cheques for signature in July

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 46.74
West Wycombe PC (40% of phone bill)	£ 42.04
Peter Gomme – hedge cutting around Frieth Scl	£ 25.00
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 163.13
Skirmett Village Hall	£ 15.00
Total	£ 659.43

Transfer £3000 to Bank of Ireland.

Hambleden Film Fund

Agreed donation to Frieth Village Society and Mrs S. Marshall - £200

Minute 7300

Members Questions

Action: All items – Clerk

1. Cllr Mrs Robinson and Cllr Dr Elliott raised concern about works in the road and low power cables on the corner of Pheasants Hill; it was felt that once all the building works were completed the situation would improve.
2. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported a hole in a pull in on the Rockwell End/Parmoor Road. BCC will not fill as it is not highway as it has been created by wearing away the verge. Clerk will ask a local farmer if they could fill it in.

3. Cllr Walker asked if we could investigate Government Planning proposals.
4. Cllr Dr Elliott asked if we could have the field/hedge/grass cut opposite Janet's Cottage and Varnells Terrace
5. Cllr Jackson reported that a resident had spoken to him about dog fouling in Fingest. The WQDC dog warden has carried out a site visit and stated that they could put up a bin on District Council land. If on Church land then permission would have to be given by the PCC and they would have to pay for emptying.
6. Cllr Nixey reported that with the recent extra meetings the Clerk has worked many extra hours and it not been possible to take time in lieu. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should be paid for the hours worked and the Clerk will keep a record of these.

Minute 7301

Date of next meeting

Monday 11th September 2006 at 8pm in The Parish Rooms, Hambleden.

The Clerk will be on annual leave from Wednesday 9th August until Monday 4th September. Planning applications will be forwarded to members and the last Councillor on the list must forward the response to WDC by the due date.

The Chairman will deal with any issues and make contact with the Clerk if urgent action needs to be taken.

Date.....

Signed.....