

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 12th March 2007 at 8pm in The Village Hall,
Skirmett**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mr J. Jackson, Mrs E. Robinson,
Mrs A. Chanter, Mrs J. O'Leary, Mrs S. Walker (Allies) ,
Dr M. Elliott from 8.10pm Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

4 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr Mr D. White,
Dist Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7362 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7363 Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared a pecuniary interest in the planning applications for 1 Yewden Manor, Laburnum Cottage and Birch Cottage.
Cllr Nixey declared an interest in the item on the oak posts for Frieth Common
Cllr Baird declared an interest in the issue of the Ranch House raised in member's questions.
- Minute 7352 Progress on items from previous.
6. Donated Gates – Cllr Emmett has submitted three other sites.
- Minute 7356
4. WDALC meeting has been moved to April 5th. Cllr Nixey attending.
6. Clerk has contacted BCC and will continue with the issue over the Mill End sign.
25. The Clerk carried out a site visit – the protected trees are safe, some of the trees on the bank which were cut down were diseased, these have all been replaced along with other hedging, the area will then be seeded. The intention being that the root structure will hold the soil together. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that a soil sample had been taken by Planning Enforcement.
- Minute 7360
1. Cllr Baird will be making another site visit to Flints.
3. Rights of Way have been asked if numbers can be put on footpath signs and this will be put to the next ROW meeting.
4. BCC has cleaned the drain in front of Frieth Village Hall – this is purely a catch pit and does not have an exit pipe – BCC plan to cover the drain on the junction and raise the kerb cobbles to direct water down the hill. The surfacing will be reviewed in May.
- Action: Clerk/BCC
5. The stiles at Whitefield have had repairs/amendments carried out but the quality of the wood has caused splinters.
- Action: Clerk
6. Clerk has sent an email to the Editor of the Bucks Free Press to find out if they plan to have extra local correspondents but to date no response.
- Minute 7364 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12th February – 12th March
1. BCC/WDC/Chilterns/South Bucks/Aylesbury Vale – letter about devolving powers to Parish Councils – circulated to all Councillors – agenda item in June.
2. Copy letter from WDC to Mr Chambers re WAP – circulated.
3. BCC Highways Technician Information – circulated
4. BCC – letter about Unauthorised Signs – circulated
5. Letter from Pheasants Hill United Reformed Church with a request for help with widening the lay by at Pheasants Hill. Mr Hawes has offered to carry out the work free of charge as long as the Parish Council can handle the removal of the soil. Cllr Baird has a waste transport licence. Clerk will make contact with
- Action:Clerk

BCC Highways and state that we have overseen the Common for over 20 years and that the removal of 1m of soil could be dealt with on site.

6. WDC Planning Dept – Invitation to speak at Development Control on 7th March re Hatchet Wood – Cllr Nixey spoke on behalf of the Parish Council – Development Control meeting -13 against and 1 abstention. Concern about the access and balconies.
7. NALC letter reviewing the Quality Parish Council Scheme.
8. Matters Arising newsletter – distributed
9. JOTS - Trading Standards Newsletter
10. Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authorities
11. Book explaining the Pathfinder process for BCC/WDC/Chilterns/South Bucks/Aylesbury Vale to join forces.
12. BCC Acknowledgment of our response to the Mineral & Waste Consultation
13. Thank you letter from Mr Mason, Ferry Cottage re Speed limit review Area 8.
14. SEERA Newsletter
15. SEERA Regional Housing Consultation
16. SEERA – partial review of the South East Plan – revised apportionment of primary land-won aggregates.
17. Chilterns Society Magazine
18. Open Spaces Magazine and notification of a new book on 'Our Common Land'.
19. CPRE & Fieldwork magazine
20. Press Release from BCC re a prosecution for illegal dumping at Chisbridge Cross.
21. Report from Mike Henson Presentations Ltd – circulate with minutes - April agenda.

Action: April agenda

Minute 7365

Planning Report

Applications

PM/07/05400/FUL – Beeches Farm House, Colstrop Lane – change of use of land to residential garden (retrospective) & construction of tennis court to side with 2.75m high perimeter fence – on circulation

JMB/07/05399/AGI – Little Parmoor Farm – agricultural notification for the erection of agricultural workshop/store – no objection

AHC/07/05392/CTREE – The Cottage, Hambleden Village – crown reduce by a third and lift crown to 5 metres from crown level, remove deadwood and thin by 15% - no objection

PECS/07/05355/CTREE – 1 Yewden Manor – remove deadwood, ground thin by 10% and overall reduction to height of limbs maximum by up to 2 – 3 metres – no objection

JMB/07/05279/FUL – Cedarwood, Spurgrove – insertion of two ground floor windows in west elevation. Amendment to pp 4/071731/FUL (Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 x 4 bed detached dwelling and detached garage) – no objection, although unattractive they do not appear to affect the privacy of the adjoining property. We questioned that the amendment relating to roof lights has been adhered to.

AHC/07/05423/CTREE – Laburnum Cottage, Pheasants Hill – reduce height by approx 3m (30%) and all lateral branches by 1 – 2 metres to 1 sycamore tree – no objection.

AHC/-7/05504/CTREE – Birch Cottage, Frieth Hill – remove 1 ash Tree – on circulation

Decisions

JAH/07/05007/CTREE – 25 Mill End – fell 1 eucalyptus tree – not to make a TPO objection.

JMB/07/05071/FUL & 05072/LBC – Crooked Chimneys, Shogmoor Lane – erection of single storey rear extension and partial infill of existing covered area to form lobby – permit & grant consent.

KAR/07/05003/FUL & 05004/LBC & amendments – Flint Cottage, Frieth – demolition of existing single storey extension and constr of new single storey side extension (part retrospective) and alterations to provide wall terrace and associated (alternative scheme to pp 06/0516/FUL) and minor internal and external works (alternative scheme to 06/0512/LBC) – permit & grant consent with conditions.

PM/07/05002/FUL – Rowleys, Frieth Hill – demolition of existing link & single storey extension & erection of new single storey extension & link, relocation of granny flat, detached double garage & construction of new path & steps from roadway – permit

RH/06/07498/FUL – Barlows, Frieth Hill – constr of three bay garage and store and driveway alterations – permit with conditions

RH/06/07546/FUL & 06/07547/LBC &– Barlows, Frieth Hill – insertion of one dormer window to side, replace existing gable window and internal alterations to create room in roofspace – permit & grant consent

RH/06/07565/FUL & 06/07566/LBC – Barlows, Frieth Hill – erection of linked garden room to side elevation – permit & grant consent

JAI/06/06671/FUL,
JAI/06/06707/LBC, JAI/06/06679/CAC, JAI/06/067061/LBC – all planning applications submitted by the Hon Henry Smith have been withdrawn

Minute 7366 To place an order for oak posts to be erected on the top section of Frieth Common

Action: Clerk Cllr Baird took over as Chairman and presented the costs of £300 from H F Nixey and Son to include erecting posts and chains (this will not be a direct match but has been used elsewhere on the Common). It was resolved to proceed with the work. Cllr Baird stood down as Chairman at the end of this item.

Minutes 7367 To resolve to approve the accounts for March 2007 and signing of cheques:

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

Current Account Balance as at 1 st February	£ 1514.06
Transfer from Bank of Ireland	£ 3000.00
Less February cheques	£ 2821.54
Less bank charges	£ 35.00

Balance £ 1657.52

Investment Account	£ 88.48
Bank of Ireland	£13881.66
Total	£15627.66

Cheques for signature in March

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses & 6 months room allow	£ 111.88
Mike Henson Presentation Ltd – renew hosting	£ 78.61
West Wycombe PC – 40% of tel bill (excl VAT)	£ 61.93
Frieth Village Hall	£ 18.00
Total	£ 637.94

The Clerk issued the year end spreadsheet. We still have to be invoiced for BCC work in Frieth, the VAT has been reclaimed.

Minute 7368 Members Questions

The Clerk attended a Clerk's meeting at WDC which was attended by Officers from WDC, BCC and the Environment Agency. Training, information and updating on issues covering the Pathfinder Bid, Community Safety Plans, Youth Opportunity Fund, Flood Watch, Extended Services to Schools, Devolved Powers, Highways and the forthcoming elections were all discussed.

Action: Clerk

1. Cllr Mrs O’Leary, supported by all the Councillors raised the issue of the severed potholes and general road damage in the Parish. The Clerk will write to BCC raising our concerns and also stating that part of the problem is the poor quality of the original repairs and work carried out over the last 4/5 years. BCC has gone to the press stating that they are aware of the extremely poor state of the roads and plans a 2 month major repair programme from April onwards.
2. Cllr Mrs Chanter raised the concerns of the resident of Frieth over the felling of all the trees at the Ranch House. The Clerk had spoken to the tree officer at WDC who reported that nothing illegal had occurred as the property was not in the Conservation Area.

Action: Clerk

3. Dr Elliott asked for a timetable for the replacement ‘Donate a Gate’ as one had now completely collapsed. The Chiltern Society plans to complete the work by the end of March.

Action: Clerk

4. Cllr Baird reported that he had been approached by local residents over the amount of digging out taking place at Bussetts. Not much construction as taken place as yet therefore difficult to make a judgment – the Clerk will contact the Case Officer over this and the issue of the National Trust Covenant.
5. Cllr Mrs Walker reported on the latest position regarding broadband for Hambleden, Mill End, Medmenham – 5 tenders submitted – 3 acceptable. BT no detail until April/May – cabling not good enough. Next year with BT. Avanti with satellite is the more immediate solution.
6. Cllr Mrs Walker wanted to clarify the reason for the increase in the Precept as the Council Tax bills had now been issued. The increase was mainly to cover the cost of the safety works in Frieth and the cost of the elections.

Action:Clerk

7. Cllr Mrs Walker asked if we could book SID again. The Clerk has started this process.

Action: Clerk

8. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if a stile could be replaced with gates opposite Varnells Terrace HA38.

Action: Clerk

9. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the road in front of the Stag & Huntsman and the entrance to the car park had broken up badly.

Action: Clerk

10. Cllr Baird suggested we ask Webb’s to carry out the immediate repair of the Church Yard wall and to inspect the remainder of it.

Action: Clerk

11. The Clerk reported that Cllr Emmett had suggested three sites for kissing gates- HA17 on the entrance to Hyde Wood and also in his field near Faylands and another at Greenwoods.

Action: Clerk

12. The Clerk asked for permission to go ahead with the purchase of the shared new PC and associated equipment. This was agreed upon.
13. The Clerk reported that she now held the Nomination papers but was waiting for the accompanying information sheets.

Minute 7369

Date of next meeting
Monday 16th April, 8pm in the Village Hall, Frieth

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.

Mr Armstrong reported that a very small section of the Church Wall had fallen out.