

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 12th November 2007 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,
Frieth**

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

3 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr Mr D. White,
Cllr Dr M. Elliott, Cllr Mr R. Emmett

- Minute 7442 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting
Councillors agreed the Minutes and the Chairman signed them off.
- Minute 7443 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared a prejudicial interest in the planning applications for
71 Hambleden and North House, Pheasants Hill
- Minute 7425 Progress on items from previous minutes
7. The Skirmett seat has been installed.
8. No one has as yet come forward to co-ordinate Neighbourhood Watch
in Hambleden. Mr Alan Armstrong has revived a system in Pheasants
Hill. Skirmett is having a public meeting on 1st December
- Minute 7430 18. Specially Hambleden was very well attended and we gave a great
deal of information on the speed limits, Conservation Areas and Winter
Salting route.
- Minute 7433 The marks on the road are connected with the speed limit review. BCC
state the timescale is still on track for Spring 08.
- Minute 7434 Mrs Tebbot has advised the Clerk that our letter re the new paths will be
presented to the full PCC in December.
We have not had a response to our letter to Frieth School Governors.
- Minute 7435 All the Children's Play Area Questionnaires have been distributed. The
clerk has passed information on to Hambleden Sports Club.
- Minute 7436 Local Area Bids have been submitted. Councillors noted that Cllr
Woollard has put in a bid for Environmental work in Watery Lane – the
Clerk was asked to investigate what work has been requested as
Action: Clerk Councillors felt that £10,000 was an excessive amount of money to be
spent when many other area of highways needed urgent maintenance
work. BCC asked the Parish Council if we wanted the metal gate at the
entrance to Watery Lane changed for wooden bollards as is planned for
the Turville end of the lane. Councillors felt it was an unnecessary
expense.
- Minute 7440 Mr Ford has reported to the Clerk that he has no further information on
the Post Office situation and will keep the Parish Council informed
should there be a need for our support.
- Minute 7444 Correspondence received from 9th October to 12th November
1. Letter from Mike Hollis, Secretary of Hambleden Sports Club
asking about the Play Idea Grants – Clerk has forwarded
information.
2. Letter from WDC re Wycombe Air Park
3. Open Spaces Newsletter
4. Invitation to the BALC AGM on 16th November
5. Confirmation from the land registry that they have received
our documents for the renewed lease on Ellery Rise
6. Defra report on what Parish Councils can do to tackle
climate change.
7. Playing Field newsletter – to be passed to Cllr White

7. Email asking about the current building on Parmoor Park Farm – it is all legitimate as it is within the planning application for the original barn
8. Copy of a letter to BCC re the Speed Limit review from Mr Alan Armstrong.
9. Emails from Mr & Mrs Robertson, Mr Smith and Mr Wilson with their views on the Speed Limit review – these have been passed to BCC.
10. Prices for the way mark discs – these vary from £1.15 each to £2.18 each.
11. Stokenchurch Parish Council has invited the general public to their Parish Council meeting on 21st November at 7.30pm in Longburrow Hall where the proposal for the M40 works is going to be explained by someone from the Highways Agency
12. War Memorials Bulletin
13. Countryside Voice
14. WDC Corporate Plan – 2007 -2011
15. Letter from Mr Paul Goodman MP attaching a response from Wycombe Air Park – copies circulated to all members
16. Notification that the toilets are closed in Mill End Car Park due to vandalism.
17. Consultation from WDC on their application for Civil Enforcement Powers throughout the district – this is an important document and should be read by all Councillors. If we have any comments to make this must be by 14/12/07.
18. Email from BCC confirming that the road from Frieth to Hambleden via Parmoor and Pheasants Hill has been included in the Winter Salting Route – it will not however appear on the maps due to the late change on the decision.
19. National Association of Local Councils has at last issued pay scale changes for Clerks. The change would provide an increase of £8.85 per month for the Clerk. It was resolved to implement the increase.
20. Email from Mrs Susan Pratt of Spring Coppice (not our parish) asking for support on letters to WDC for the closure of Wycombe Air Park. Councillors do not want our name included in her letter. Clerk will explain that we are going to issue a questionnaire in our Parish and that will determine how we respond to issues relating to WAP.
21. Copy letters from Ms George to WDC re the Faylands applications.

Action: Councillors

Minute 7445

Planning Report – Applications and DecisionsApplications

DVO/07/07436/CAC & 07435/FUL – Pheasants Coombe, Pheasants Hill – demolition of existing detached garage and store, erection of replacement detached 3 bay garage with studio over and creation of external staircase – no objection

DVO/07/07580/FUL – Fingest Manor – demolition of existing workshop & erection of replacement 5 bay workshop & erection of single storey side extension to existing stables/staff accommodation building.

Construction of replacement/new front boundary wall – on circulation

DVO/07/07507/FUL – 2 Manor Farm Cottages – erection of part single/part two storey side & rear extension – no objection however we will question if there is any agricultural restriction.

AHC/07/07501/CTREE – 71 Hambleden – reduce by 2 m to 1 rowan. Reduce height by 5 m to 3 silver birch. Fell 2 silver birch and 1 conifer – no objection

AEF/07/07514/FUL – Faylands, Colstrove Lane – Construction of 2m fencing adjoining Colstrove Lane (retrospective) – the Parish Council supports the view of WDC in that the fence is suburban. The applicant states that the fence is required for his dogs. They still roam at will. The applicant shows other fences in the area which should NOT be compared to Faylands. The other fences only extend garden curtilages. The Parish Council strongly objects to this application. Councillors reported that the photographs included in the application were a misrepresentation of the facts.

AEF/07/07525/FUL – Faylands, Colstrove Lane – variation of condition 1 of planning permission 06/06516/FUL (use of stables/looseboxes) to permit conversion of existing stables attic into studio flat & office for occupiers use with external staircases and alterations- the Parish Council believes that the planning permission should remain as consented i.e. is used for the stabling of horses

PM/07/07526/FUL – The Moorings, Spurgoval Lane – erection of detached double garage – no objection

AHC/07/075333/CTREE – North House, Bottom Hill – fell 1 chestnut tree – no objection

PM/07/07697/FUL – Poynants Farm Cottage – enlargement of existing dormer & insertion of additional roof light to front and insertion of gable window to side –on circulation

Decisions

07/06892/FUL - Cecil – Pheasants Hill – contr of extension to garage & raises roof over to provide habitable accommodation (alt scheme to 06/06086/FUL - -permit

AHC/07/07103/CTREE – Meadowbrook, Skirmett – remove 1 eucalyptus tree – not to make a TPO

07/07097/LB – 3 Old Crown Cottages, Skirmett – LBC application for alteration to internal stairs & insertion of French doors in place of window to rear - permit

07/06884/UL – Bussetts, Pheasants Hill – construction of rear conservatory – refused

07/06962/FUL – Hutton’s Farm – erection of 4 wall mounted & 6 pole mounted security cameras - refused

AHC/07/07246/TPO – Garden House, Ferry Lane – remove 1 Lawson Cypress – permit

PECS/07/07254/CTREE – Yewden Manor Farm – crown lift by up to 2m, reduce overhang by up to 2m and thin and remove deadwood by a Max of 10% to 1 yew tree – not to make a TPO

MAS/07/06935/UL – The Moorings , Spurgoval – withdrawn

- Minute 7446 To discuss the responses to the Play Ground Survey and to decide whether to apply for a Playdeas Grant
We had 55 responses to covering 60 properties from 570 questionnaires issued. Therefore a 10% return rate, Clerk will analyse the results to provide information for the December meeting.
- Action: Clerk/Agenda
- Minute 7447 To discuss any issues to be raised at the forthcoming JCC meeting
Councillors were given copies of the letter sent to Mr Goodman from Mr Orchard. We still feel there is a case for better logging of aircraft therefore there is a need to increase the staff and we would like a greater emphasis on voluntary controls for helicopters until such time as government legislation is created.
WDC acknowledged that the current lease with WAP reflected the circumstances at the time of its signing and they will look at lease renewal 12 months prior to the new lease is due with current circumstances and market prices in mind. Cllr White made a comment by email stating that he felt 12 months not a long enough timescale.
- Minute 7448 To consider the purchase of footpath way mark discs
After a lengthy discussion it was resolved not to progress with the purchase of way mark discs. However the Clerk and other landowners will try to obtain discs from BCC and Councillors should try to number their paths by e.g. painting the number on the trees.
- Minute 7449 To consider the issue of rural transport for the Hambleden Valley
As a result of the reduction of buses through to Henley some residents are now without any public transport. We will put this as an issue for the GC2C. Cllr Emmett has raised the issue at WDC and could not get any support from other District Councillors who he thought would have similar issues i.e. rural areas and over county boundaries. We will ask for funding of taxi tokens through County by supplementing WDC as this may be a better use of transport funding.
- Action: Clerk

Minute 7450	<u>To approve the accounts and sign the November cheques and to receive a report on expenditure to date</u>	
	Current Account Balance as at 1 st October	£11414.62
	Plus wayleave from Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 91.94
	Less October cheques	£ 7600.36
	Balance	£ 3906.20
	Investment Account	£ 90.39
	Bank of Ireland	£16297.77
	Total	£20294.36
	Cheques for November signature	
	Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 367.52
	Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 138.13
	Mr P Gomme – grass cutting in Frieth for 2007	£ 1305.00
	War Memorials Trust	£ 50.00
	Post Office	£ 48.00
	Specially Hambleden	£ 35.00
	Angus Armstrong	£ 969.39
	Total	£ 2913.04

It was resolved to accept the accounts

Minute 7451 To consider the projected end of year figures prior to discussing the budget and precept for 2008/09
 The spreadsheets and suggested budget issued by the Clerk were considered. Extra items to consider prior to setting the precept - Hambleden Parish Rooms - £2000; Hambleden Play Area - £1000; Speed Gun – shared purchase with other Parish Councils. The Clerk had allowed for work on the Kenrick Memorial and possible expenditure of a Play Area in Frieth; we also need to progress the renovation of the Hambleden War Memorial. Councillors thought that the suggested precept should be in the region of £27,000

Minute 7452 Members Questions

1. Cllr Nixey was asked to report molehills in Hambleden Church Yard.
2. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the hedge at 91 Coombe Terrace needs cutting.
3. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies gave a brief report on Hambleden Valley Broadband – BCC has signed the contract with BT and a press release will be issued and an article will appear in Hambleden Valley Magazine.
4. Cllr Armstrong reported that 4 posts need to be replaced in the Mill End vision splay. It was agreed that he will carry out this work.
5. Cllr Baird reported that the road surface of the Henley Road near the rear entrance to Greenlands, opposite Benhams Lane and further onwards is in need of repair.

Action: Clerk

Action: On going Agenda item

Action: Clerk

Minute 7453 Date of next meeting and those in 2008
Monday 10th December, 8pm in The Village Hall, Hambleden

14th	January	Skirmett
11th	February	Frieth
10th	March	Hambleden
14th	April	Skirmett
12th	May	Frieth – Annual Parish & Annual P C Meeting
9th	June	Hambleden
14th	July	Skirmett
11th	August	Frieth
8th	September	Hambleden
13th	October	Skirmett
10th	November	Hambleden
8th	December	Frieth

Date..... Signed.....