

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 10th December 2007 at 8.00pm in The Parish
Rooms, Hambleden**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mr D White, Mr J. Jackson,
Mrs S. Walker (Allies) , Dr. M. Elliott (8.05 – 9.50pm), Mr A. Armstrong
Cllr R. Emmett (9.00-10.30pm)
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

2 members of the public, Sgt Emma Leigh, PC Claire Marchant

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllrs Mrs E. Robinson,
Mrs L. Mann, Cllr Mr R. Emmett (part)

- Minute 7454 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting
The word 'permit' was added to the planning application for 3 Crown Cottages. Councillors then agreed the Minutes and the Chairman signed them off.
- Minute 7455 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Nixey declared a personal interest in the planning application for Frieth Cricket Club and as the Chair of Frieth School's Governors on the issue relating to Frieth Common. Cllr White declared a personal interest in the planning application for Cedarlow. Cllr Dr Elliott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items relating to Wycombe Air Park as he carries out pilot medicals.
- Minute 7436 Progress on items from previous minutes
BCC has acknowledged our request not to replace the gate with posts and also advised us that the Watery Lane bid will be decided upon in April and before anything happens there will be a consultation with the County Councillor and Parish Council.
- Minute 7452 5. BCC is aware of the road surface problems on the Henley Road. BCC have also had a site visit with 'Hambleden Estate re the drainage and water flow issues from Kenricks and the work has been completed with the kerbing/drain near Frieth Village Hall.
- Minute 7456 Correspondence received from 13th November – 10th December
1. Copy of letter sent to Paul Goodman from WDC
 2. Pre application consultation fro a telephone mast at Henley Management College – passed to South Ward Councillors.
 3. Letter from Miss D. McKinley, owner of Faylands – Councillors felt that the inaccuracies did not warrant a response.
 4. Report from Cllr White on the recent JCC meeting.
 5. Copy of a letter to WDC from Frieth Village Society objecting to a planning application for works at Air Training Services, WAP
 6. Follow up papers from BCC for the Stokenchurch Accessibility Forum
 7. Report from Cllrs Mrs Walker and Mrs Mann re the recent Highways Agency meeting on proposed M40 bridge closures.
 8. Offer of a maximum of 10 free low energy bulbs from The Chilterns Conservation Board.
 9. Email from Mrs Chanter re Watery Lane and Frieth Common. Councillors voted unanimously not to have the gate replaced with bollards.
 10. Email re the Mix a mate lorry – passed to Planning Enforcement
 11. Chiltern News Magazine
 12. News of the Woods magazine
 13. Notification of a BALC training session on 2nd February at Green Park, Aston Clinton – booking forms issued to Councillors.
 14. BCC Rights of Way checking on the owner of the field where a kissing gate has been requested on footpath H16.
 15. New Register of Electors – an extra 11 people in the North Ward (637) and no change in the South Ward (520)
 16. Letter from Hambleden PCC re the paths leading to St John's Church, Frieth

17. Letter from the Governors of Frieth School answering our questions on school parking issues.
18. Letter from Frieth Village Society complaining about the state of Frieth Common.

Minute 7457

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions

Applications

PM/07/07697/FUL – Poynants Farm Cottage, Skirmett – enlargement of existing dormer & insertion of additional roof light to front & insertion of gable window to side – no objection

DVO/07/07769/FUL – 5 Varnells Terrace, Hambleton – erection of two storey side/rear extension, new front porch & conservatory to rear - no objection

DVO/07/07770/FUL & 07771/LBC – The Old Forge, Skirmett – construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

AEF/07/07793/FUL – Cedarlow, Frieth Hill – construction of single storey front and rear extensions – no objection

JAI/07/07809/FUL – Frieth Cricket Club - erection of new cricket pavilion/community hall – concerns over lack of storage, position and size of the building as well as the impact on the landscape and the need for a second community building.

RH/07/07844/FUL & amended – Treveans, Frieth – demolition of existing bungalow & erection of replacement 3 bed chalet bungalow with detached garage/car port – 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 – our comments on the previous application stand. We object on the grounds of size, suitability and impact on the AONB, overdevelopment of the site, failure to meet the requirements of the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide. If permitted we would want a condition placed on the property to ensure that it is not sold off as a separate dwelling

07/07678/FUL – Air Training Ltd, Wycombe Air Park – hangar extension to left and workshop extension between existing hangars – included in consultation, as they cannot prove the amount of traffic which currently exists then they cannot prove whether there will only be a moderate increase in traffic and we still maintain that sufficient staff should be employed to carry out this task.

Decisions

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 – CAC – granted, FUL withdrawn

DVO/07/07507/FUL – 2 Manor Farm Cottages – erection of part single/part two storey side & rear extension – permit.

AHC/07/07501/CTREE – 71 Hambleton – reduce by 2 m to 1 rowan. Reduce height by 5 m to 3 silver birch. Fell 2 silver birch and 1 conifer – not to make a TPO

AHC/07/075333/CTREE – North House, Bottom Hill – fell 1 chestnut tree – not to make a TPO

DVO/07/07286/FUL – Woolleys, Hambleton –demolition of existing orangery & constr of part two storey, part single storey front & rear extension – permit

RH/07/07288/FUL – Grebe Cottage, Mill End – erection of detached garage & store – refused

AEF/07/07292/FUL & 07293/LBC – Coombe View, Skirmett –constr of two storey/part single storey rear extension & insertion of rear dormer window (alternative scheme to 07/06329/FUL) – permit & grant consent

07/06708/FUL – Fingest Manor Lodge –demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension - permit

AEF/07/05856/CLE – land adj Murrage Farm , Fingest – applicant has gone to appeal

- Minute 7458 To discuss the responses to the Play Ground Survey and to decide whether to apply for a Playfulldeas Grant
The Clerk has passed on the results of the play questionnaire to Hambleden Sports & Social Club. The Clerk issued an analysis of the responses to all Councillors. 569 were issued and 72 responses were received 68 in favour and 4 against. 10 of these suggested alternative locations (7 for Hambleden). The responses covered 83 resident children age 1 – 15 and 257 visiting children in the same age range. It was resolved to go ahead with the grant process for £30,000 from Playful Ideas.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7459 To receive a report on the recent JCC meeting
Cllr White attended the meeting. Mr Orchard did not feel that the change of ownership would increase air traffic. The exciting developments refer to upgrading existing buildings. The silencer issue is ongoing. There continue to be discussions about the statistical analysis and statistical recording. WDC data showed 90% compliance with the NAZ on Runway 24 (the one affecting our parish) and 100% compliance on Runway 06. Levels of complaints have reduced but this could be due to recording methods. It was agreed that papers would be sent directly to JCC representatives. They will try a new method for handling letters. Any further changes to airfield operations will only come with changes in government legislation.
A copy of the report will be forwarded to Paul Goodman.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7460 To receive a report on the Highways Agency meeting re the proposed M40 bridge closures
Cllrs Mrs Walker Allies and Mrs Mann attended the Stokenchurch Parish Council meeting where the Highways Agency explained the situation and that they are still considering options and doing their best to make sure that the local communities are not inconvenienced any more than they have to be.
- Minute 7461 To consider further action relating to Frieth Common
Hambleden PCC has responded stating that they do not intend to take any further action and it would be up to the Parish Council as an interested party to test the case in the County Court. The unanimous decision was to state that we deplored the church's actions but did not feel it to be a sensible use of parish funds.
The Governors of the School have responded to our question on the use of coach transport, walking to school, use of the Yew Tree Car park and concerns over children walking up Frieth Hill, the School Travel Plan and confirming that they have tried and will continue to stop parents parking on the Common Land; and thanking the Parish Council for having the beech hedge cut back to improve visibility.
Cllr Nixey, as Chair of Governors stated that although school parents caused some damage to the Common other people were also responsible and in both cases some of these are residents of Frieth. He invited a Councillor to sit on the School Travel Plan Committee. The Clerk will advise Miss Smithin the Head teacher that Cllr White would like to have a meeting with her to find out more about the School Travel Plan.
Frieth Village Society have strong concerns over the state of the Common and suggested that a low hedge was planted to restrict access. Councillors were reminded that a meeting was held in July 2005 where residents and interested parties agreed that nothing specific should be done. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to put the bollards out on the left hand side of the drive across the Common leading to the school. We will assess whether this makes any difference to parents parking patterns.
- Action:Clerk/Cllrs
Nixey/White
- Minute 7462 To receive an update on broadband in the Hambleden Valley
The outside technical team from BT will start surveying the area over the next few weeks. The Clerk has been approached by other communities also trying to persuade the government to provide a broadband service.

Minute 7463 To consider the budget and precept for 2008/09
 The Clerk reported that the Speed Watch scheme would cost £2000. Ibstone Parish Council will consider the possibility of sharing at their meeting on January 9th.
 The potential spend for projects would be in the region of £32,000 and we should start the year with an unallocated budget of £5,500. Some of the projects may be put on hold as the progress would depend on the result of grant applications. As we have the Hambleton Church Yard Fund as a financial buffer it was felt that we would submit a request for £27,000. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies proposed a precept of £27,000 this was seconded by Cllr Armstrong and was resolved by the majority of Councillors present.

Minute 7464 To approve the accounts and sign the December cheques – appendix 2; to receive suggestions for future donations from this years precept

Current Account Balance as at 1 st October	£ 3906.20
Less November cheques	£ 2913.04
Balance	£ 993.16

Investment Account	£ 90.39
Bank of Ireland	£16366.55
Total	£17450.10

Cheques for December signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson expenses & back pay	£ 160.62
West Wycombe PC 40% of phone bill	£ 53.08
Total	£ 590.07

Transfer from Bank of Ireland £3000

It was resolved to accept the accounts

Action:Agenda It was resolved to make a donation from the Film Fund of Hambleton Valley Magazine - £100; Lane End Day Centre - £200.

Members Questions

Action: Clerk on all items

1. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies requested that applicants should submit plans of the existing dwelling when making planning applications. We would also like advice and a practical example of how to scale plans.
2. Cllr Armstrong reported that there were some flints missing in the Church Yard Wall opposite the Garage.
3. Cllr Mrs Walker requested that we ask for guidelines from planning for close board fencing in AONB/Conservation Area.

Minute 7465 Date of next meeting and those in 2008
 Monday 14th January at 8pm, The Village Hall, Skirmett

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