

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

Present: Cllrs Mr R. Baird, Mr J. Jackson, Mrs E. Robinson,
Mrs A. Chanter, Mrs J. O'Leary, Mr D. White, Mrs S. Walker (Allies) ,
Dr M. Elliott from 8.10pm Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Dist Cllr E. Emmett – until 9pm

3 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr Mr T. Nixey

- Minute 7354 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Vice Chairman.
- Minute 7355 Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application for 25 Mill End.
- Minute 7352 Progress on items from the previous minutes
1. Flooding at Mill End caused by gullies being blocked these have been cleared but the pipes are blocked and these will be jetted at the end of February.
 5. The track in Moor End Wood is allowed under permitted development for agricultural and farming purposes.
 6. Donated Gates – there are 13 still to be allocated.
 8. Fingest flooding – BCC have cleared the ditch inside The Chequers and carried out work on the footway. Jetting has been booked
 9. The work on the Donate a Gates should be complete by the end of March – Councillors have received an update report.
 12. Footpath HA23 – if it is being used for riding by owners of the land they are entitled to do this within Health and Safety Guidelines. BCC would become involved if the surface makes it unsafe for walkers.
- Clerk has written to Colin White of the Chilterns Conservation Board and Mr & Mrs Woodford re the footpaths in the grounds of Fingest Manor. The response from Colin White is that they would not normally become involved in such small scale issues and attached a response given to local people.
- Minute 7356 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 9th January – 12th February
1. BCC Invitation to a follow up meeting on the Transportation Study at Longburrow Hall, 6th February -Clerk attended
 2. BCC letter providing information on a new bus service and other proposed changes to Rider on Call – circulated to all Councillors.
 3. Notification of WDALC Meeting on 29th March – Steven Orchard of BCC will be present talking about devolved powers.
 4. WDC Information on the dates and procedures for the May elections –circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Mrs O' Leary stated that she would be resigning and not standing at the next election.
 5. Invitation from the Farmland Advisory Group to join at a cost of £42pa. No real benefit
 6. BCC Letter re our request for signage at Mill End – continue the correspondence on this as the option presented is not logical.
 7. Update on – Donate a Gate Scheme – circulated to all Councillors
 8. Cheque for £255 to cover the purchase and installation of a seat in Skirmett from Cllr Roger Emmett' Community Leaders Fund. A thank you letter has been sent. A seat will be ordered once the wide verge has been cut.
- Action: Cllr Nixey will attend
- Action: Clerk
- Action: Clerk in April

9. English Heritage book on 'Paradise Preserved' an intro to the assessment, evaluation, conservation and management of historic cemeteries – a very helpful guide particularly in relation to the Kenrick Memorial. Passed to Cllr Mrs Robinson
10. War Memorials Trust newsletter. Passed to Cllr Mrs Robinson
11. Refund cheque from Chilterns Conservation Board for the kissing gate we paid for.
12. Chilterns Wildlife Conference – 23rd February – Green Park
13. Anonymous letter from a resident of Frieth re proposed works at Muzzells Domus in Lane End Parish – we have not received any letters from anyone else and we do not receive the plans as it is in Lane End Parish.
14. Thank you email from Frieth Village Society for our commitment to donate £200 towards the purchase of a lawnmower.
15. Email from Mr Clark of Innings Gate re his concerns over the future of The Firm – Clerk has responded (previously copied to all North Ward Councillors)
16. Information from Natural England re the status of Grays Lane Bank and Richmore Hill – these are in Turville and Ibstone Parishes.
17. WDC Rural Activities Update Newsletter – passed to Cllr White
18. Letter from Mr Mason of Ferry Cottage re speed on the Henley/Marlow Rd – will respond and forward to BCC re Area 8 speed review
19. Playing Field Magazine – passed to Cllr White
20. WDALC Agenda and Minutes
21. Imagine the Future Newsletter and Consultation document – responses required by 21st March. Clerk will study document.
22. Newsletter from The Chilterns Conservation Board
23. Terms for the new lease for Ellery Rise from WDC – 10 years at £100 pa reviewed every 5 years, other terms as per the original lease. Councillors agreed that these terms were acceptable and that we would ask for the lease robe drawn up.
24. Copy of letter to CEO of WDC about aircraft noise and pollution at Wycombe Air Park from Mr R Chambers – copy to Cllr White
25. Email from John & Christine Dawson re trees and soil at the old Rymans Casting Studio site. Clerk and Councillors will investigate. Cllr White believes the trees belong to Greyholme.

Action: Clerk

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Action: Cllr Nixey

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Action: Clerk/Cllrs

Minute 7357

Planning Report

Applications

JAH/07/05007/CTREE – 25 Mill End – fell1 eucalyptus tree – no 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. – no objection, although large it does not affect any neighbouring properties; we would want appropriate materials used as this is a listed building. Raise the question of the replacement front door.

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) – no objection as long as the changes will not have any impact on Flint Cottage Rear, pleased with the proposed to change to the left hand window. Concern as to whether the velux sun tunnels are in fact conservation lights.

RAH/07/05187/CLP – Bussetts, Pheasants Hill – certificate of proposed lawfulness for the creation of a natural swimming pond/wildlife pond – on circulation

KAR/06/07966/FUL – Little Yewden – const of two conservatories to south elevation with erection of orangery within the courtyard and formation of lantern roof to existing flat roof – no objection

KAR/06/08042/FUL – 35 Hambleden Rise – demolition of existing outbuilding & shed & erection of part single/part two storey side & rear extension & detached garage to front – strong objection on the grounds that it will have considerable impact on neighbouring properties. – This has been withdrawn.

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 – no objection as long as the existing screening is retained. We would also like to see a condition to be attached to prevent Rowleys becoming two separate properties in the future.

RH/07/05235/FUL – Former Sculpture Casting Studios – erection of shed to house waster pump equipment – no objection

Decisions

JMB/06/07801/FUL – Rose Briar, Pheasants Hill – demolition of existing side extension and construction of single storey flat roofed side extension - permit

PECS/06/07844/CTREE – Crooked Chimneys, Shogmoor Lane – remove 2 conifer trees – not to make TPO

PECS/06/07926/TPO – Pheasants, Ferry Lane – pollard 4 willow trees – grant consent

KAR/06/07966/FUL – Little Yewden – const of two conservatories to south elevation with erection of orangery within the courtyard and formation of lantern roof to existing flat roof – permit

KAR/06/07988/FUL – Fingest Manor – erection of detached single storey pool building – permit

Minute 7358

To receive verbal reports on the Local Area meeting, the Accessibility meeting and Area 8 Speed Review Chairman's lunch

Cllr Mrs Chanter attended the Local Area Meeting. BCC are reviewing the revised gritting schedule. Trial for 3 years of switching off some street lights to save money and reduce light pollution. Need to save £30,000 pa on grass cutting – parishes will be consulted. Recycling increased from 25% to 40% in one year – plan to install an incinerator to produce electricity. Possibly parking meters in Marlow.

Cllr Mrs Chanter attended the WDC Imagine the Future meeting where the South East Regional plan, the regional spatial strategy, the framework and the core strategy were explained. The current document is site specific showing areas identified for development – what type? housing, light employment etc – most of sites identified, no significant changes to those in the old Local Plan. Plan divided into High Wycombe and Rural Areas. WDC are keen to protect AONB and Green Belt. No major areas identified in our general area. There is an exhibition in Court Gardens Marlow on Monday 26th February 7 – 9pm, and at John Hampden School, High Wycombe on Wednesday 28th February 7 – 9pm. Clerk will study document to see what effect the plans for Stokenchurch will have on through traffic from Ibstone. Affordable Housing - larger percentages in small developments (from 15 houses). Government has just announced that brownfield sites are not to be included in sites for major building. This could have a knock on effect as there is only just enough land in our District by using brownfield sites.

The Clerk attended the BCC Accessibility forum. The Government Funding for the Rider on Call service ran out during the last year and BCC have been heavily subsidising it, therefore from April we will be losing the existing Rider on Call service - alternative methods of transporting residents from the villages to the main transport routes is being looked at. The Parish Council will have to be involved in informing people of the changes once the information/scheme has been created.

08/07

Cllr White and the Clerk attend the BCC Chairman's Area 8 Speed Review lunch – an apology and explanation that the delays were due to budgetary constraints. BCC had learned from Oxfordshire CC's mistakes. We had an opportunity to ask questions of Councillors and Officers. It was very good for meeting fellow Parishes. We stated that we did not like the continual speed limit changes on a stretch of road – BCC said it made drivers more alert. It should go out to public consultation this summer.

Minute 7359

To resolve to approve the accounts for February 2007 and signing of cheques:

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

Current Account Balance as at 1 st January	£ 1541.69
Plus Cllr Emmett donation	£ 255.00
Plus Donate a Gate refund	£ 250.00
Less January cheques	£ 532.63
Balance	£ 1514.06

Investment Account	£ 88.48
Bank of Ireland	£ 16694.07
Total	£ 18296.61

Cheques for signature in February

Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 44.49
Southern Electric Contracting –maintenance	£ 1657.53
Roderick Baird Ltd – tree works -churchyard	£ 752.00
Total	£ 2821.54

Minute 7360

Action: South Ward Councillors

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs O'Leary asked if we could investigate what the new owners of Flints are doing in relation to Pheasants Hill Common.

2. Cllr Dr Elliott was able to report the situation with HA23 – the landowner has a reciprocal arrangement with a horse owner. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the situation had improved lately.

Action: Clerk

3. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if footpath numbers can be put on footpath signs.

Action: Clerk

4. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that pooling was occurring on the resurfacing in Frieth. The Clerk has been in contact with BCC over this and the flooding occurring in front of the Village Hall and will continue to push on this.

Action: Clerk

5. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported problems with the stiles at Whitfield Cottage and Parmoor Lane – this has been passed onto BCC Rights of Way.

6. Cllr Mrs Walker asked if we could some positive reporting on Parish Council activities in the Marlow Times. The Clerk will contact the Bucks Free Press to find out their Local Correspondent Policy.

7. Cllr Baird reported that a relative of the gentleman who carried out the restoration of the Kenrick Memorial in 1951 is helping to complete the grant process forms.

Minute 7361

Date of next meeting

Monday 12th March, 8pm in the Village Hall, Skirmett

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 asked questions about the planned pond/natural swimming pool planned for Bussetts.