

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 8th January 2007 at 8pm in The Parish Rooms,
Hambleton**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr J. Jackson, Mrs E. Robinson,
Mrs A. Chanter, Mrs J. O'Leary, Mr D. White Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllrs Mrs S. Walker (Allies), Mr R. Baird
Dist Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7343 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting
Those Councillors present confirmed the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7344 Declaration of pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests
None declared
- Minute 7341 Progress on items from the previous minutes
Cllr Nixey reported that Frieth School is using the Parish Council cones to stop parents parking on the Common.
- Minute 7345 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 12th December – 8th January
- 0. Letter from Mr Packer re protection of Frieth Common with oak posts.
 - 0. WDC request for our precept figure by 19th January – our provisional tax base will be £816.17
 - 0. Letter from WDC re the lease for Ellery Rise
 - 0. Letter from Cllr Woollard, Chairman of BCC inviting the Chairman and Clerk to attend a lunch relating to the Area 8 Area Speed Review.
 - 0. Southern Electric Contracting – prices for maintenance and repairs for 2007.
 - 0. Confirmation of an agreement for wooden kissing gates on HA14.
 - 0. Programme for 'The Future of Rural Housing and Regeneration Conference' – 7th February, Dunchurch, Rugby.
 - 0. WDC – Imagine the Future – stakeholder meeting on Tuesday 6th February at WDC offices and regional consultation events in February
 - 0. BCC Area 8 speed review update – public consultation should take place during the summer of 2007 and asking us for any additional roads where we want speed limits – we will respond stating we are concerned that our original requests have not been taken on board and ask for: Skirmett to Fingest - 30mph, Lane End to Frieth crossroads – 40mph, Mill End to Varnells Terrace – 40mph, Frieth to Pheasants Hill – 40mph. State that now winter salting route has been reduced these lower speeds are even more important.
 - 0. SLCC annual subscription (Society of Local Council Clerks) - a third share would be £40 – Parish Council agreed to pay this.
 - 0. WDC confirmed that the Mobile telephone mast for 02 at Mill End is the one we have responded to already.
 - 0. Thank you letter from Thames Valley Air Ambulance
 - 0. Thank you letter from Frieth Village Society
 - 0. Announcement for nominations for Chilterns Building Design Awards 2007.
 - 0. WDC announcement of Big Lottery Bid portfolio.
- Action: Clerk/Cllr White
- Action: Clerk/Cllr Mrs Chanter

- Action: Clerk/Clr
Nixey
16. BCC have provided a figure of £768 for 2 days work for gully emptying and £170 for half a day for new grips to be dug out.
 17. BCC Travel Plan Newsletter
 18. Matters Arising Newsletter
 19. Module Three of the Councillors Training issued at meeting.
 20. Notification of next WDALC meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 29th March, Room 1, WDC Offices.

Minute 7346

Planning ReportApplications

PECS/06/07844/CTREE – Crooked Chimneys, Shogmoor Lane – remove 2 conifer trees – no objection.

PECS/06/07926/TPO – Pheasants, Ferry Lane – pollard 4 willow trees – no objection

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 – on circulation

KAR/06/07988/FUL – Fingest Manor – erection of detached single storey pool building – no objection to this particular application but continued concern over the amount of development on this site and the overall effect on the AONB.

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 – on circulation

Decisions

PECS/06/07651/CTREE – Tedders, Frieth Hill – reduce crown and thin by 30 -40% to 1 cherry tree. Fell 2 x yew trees. Crown thin and reduce by 20%, crown lift by 1.5 m including cutting back overhanging branches to 1 yew tree – not to make a TPO

JMB/06/07605/FUL & 0760/LBC – Chisbridge Farm – erection of timber framed swimming pool building adjoining the southern end of Dairy Cottage and the construction of single storey extension connecting Chisbridge Farmhouse to the north end of Dairy Cottage and the insertion of two dormers in the roof slope of the South Elevation of the main farmhouse – permit and grant consent.

Minute 7347

To discuss the possible need for oak posts along the edge of the Common Land in Frieth.

Action: Clerk

After a full and open discussion on the subject it was agreed that we would add 2 or 3 extra posts to create a straight line to edge the Common near Mr Barksfield's house but the general consensus was not to extend beyond this. If the verges are damaged by future construction traffic we will ensure that they reinstate and make good and reconsider the decision

Minute 7348

To receive information relating to the Ellery Rise lease with Wycombe District Council

Action: Clerk

The District Council has indicated that the new rent would be in the region of £100pa. Clerk will ascertain the length of lease, Councillors would like to continue with 10 years from now and up to £100pa is an acceptable per annum rent as long as nothing is backdated.

Minute 7349

To agree on a process for dealing with the high volume of correspondence received

Clerk will continue to list all correspondence on the back of the agenda and bring it to the meeting. However only those items of direct concern and action will be referred to at the meeting. Councillors will ask to see papers if they want any of the listed items discussed at the meeting. After the meeting those papers not referred to will be destroyed.

Minute 7350 To consider projects and a request for help with the purchase of a lawn mower for Frieth Village Society and selecting the Grass Cutting Contractors for the period 2007 – 2010 prior to setting the Precept for 2007/2008

Hambleden and Skirmett Grass Cutting –
R.J. Symes & Sons, D. Macleod and Angus Armstrong have submitted quotations. Councillors considered these.
Action: Clerk It was resolved to place the contract with Mr Armstrong.

Frieth Grass Cutting – per annum price
P. Gomme and D. Macleod have submitted quotations for cutting the grass in Frieth. Councillors considered these.
It was resolved that we place the contract with Mr Gomme.

Frieth Village Society has requested help with the purchase of a new mower. It was resolved to make a donation of £200.

The Precept
We should start the year with approximately £9000 in the bank (this is the allocated fund for the Church Wall. Our annual running costs for existing activity - £19,600 and it was agreed that we would contribute £700 towards new computer hardware and an A3 printer, £200 -FVS, £300 – Hambleden War Memorial,£900 – gullies and grips, £1200 – election costs. This would take the planned expenditure to £22,900. Cllr Mrs Chanter proposed and Cllr Mrs O’Leary seconded a precept of £25,000, this was not supported. Cllr White proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded a precept of £23,000 this was supported. It was resolved to set the precept at £23,000.
Action: Clerk

Minute 7351 To resolve to approve the accounts for January 2007and signing of cheques:
The accounts for January were presented and it was resolved to accept them.

Current Account Balance as at 1 st December	£ 3345.55
Less December cheques	£ 1803.86
Balance	£ 1541.69
Investment Account	£ 87.97
Bank of Ireland	£16629.34
Total	£18259.00
Cheques for signature in January	
Mrs S. Henson salary s/o	£ 367.52
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 26.73
Southern Electric Contracting –maintenance	£ 88.38
Cllr Susan Walker – training course refund	£ 10.00
SLCC Subscription	£ 40.00
Total	£ 532.63

Minute 7352 Members Questions
Action: Clerk on all matters

1. Cllr Mrs Robinson, supported by other Councillors raised concerns over flooding at Mill End. Clerk will contact BCC.
2. Cllr Mrs O’Leary asked if anyone knew the date of the closure of Hambleden Church Yard – 1890 ish.
3. Cllr Mrs O’Leary asked if the ground water level is increasing. It is but we need another wet winter. The well level is moving but it is still extremely low.
4. Cllr Mrs Chanter raised local concern about the future of The Firm.
5. Cllr Mrs Chanter reported that rubble had been left on Mr Connell’s land in the wood. Cllr White was able to report that he is making a track onto the Moor End Road.
6. Cllr Mrs Chanter asked if we could find our from BCC if there are any gates left from the Donated Gates for HA12 accessing Mr Handford’s field.

7. Local residents had asked Cllr White about the piece of land opposite Astrea as it is now having rubbish placed on it.
8. Cllr Jackson reported flooding in Fingest leaving a great deal of mud. Clerk will report this and ask what is happening about the footway.
9. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked about progress on the wooden kissing gates on HA39. BCC have made the arrangements with the landowners and the gates should be erected soon.
10. Cllr Mrs Robinson raised concerns over the state of the Skirmett Road. BCC has advised the Parish Council that they will be putting in a bid for major resurfacing in the new financial year.
11. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the gully at the dip in Shogmoor Lane needed clearing again.
12. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that footpath HA 23 is being used as a bridleway
13. Cllr Mrs Robinson thanked the Parish Council for the donation to the Parish Rooms

Minute 7353

Date of next meeting

Monday 12th February 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 Cusden gave an update on the footpath in the land belonging to Fingest Manor. Open Spaces Society have written. Chilterns Society have been written to but no reply to date. As everything is legal residents are not sure if there is anything that can be done. At the moment only one side is being fenced.
Parish Councillors agreed that we would write to Mr & Mrs Woodford and the Chiltern Society.