

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 10th March 2008 at 8.00pm in The Parish Rooms,
Hambleton**

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

3 members of the public and PCSO Jon Bateman

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr Dr M. Elliott
Dist Cllr R. Emmett.

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| Minute 7481 | <u>Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting</u>
Councillors agreed the Minutes and the Chairman signed them off. |
| Minute 7482 | <u>Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests</u>
Cllr Jackson declared an interest in the item relating to Fingest Manor. |
| Minute 7476 | <u>Progress on items from previous minutes</u>
23. The area in front of Frieth Village Hall has been repaired.
Cllr White felt that our swift response should be matched by the school in relation to the erosion of Common Land in front of the school. |
| Minute 7479 | Items 1, 3 – 7 have all been reported to BCC Highways on Call. |
| Minute 7483 | <u>Correspondence received from 12th February – 10th March 2008</u>
1. BCC acknowledgement of receipt of Hambleton Parochial Charity papers.
2. Notification from The Pilgrim Trust that we are being considered for a grant towards restoration of the Kenrick Memorial; we will also have to look to other charities for support for the work as the maximum they are likely to provide is £18,000 and the total bill would be in the region of £91,000. Wycombe District Council has had the Memorial placed on the Buildings at Risk Register which may help gain grants.
3. WDC Notification that TPO's are being applied for on trees at The Old Coach House, Mill End.
4. WDC Consultation of the Governments new planning application documents/process – Cllrs Mrs Mann and Mrs Walker Allies will study the document.
5. Copy of letter to WDC re the planning application for land adj to The Rectory from Mr Alan Armstrong.
6. Best Kept Village Application – entries to be made by 30 th April. Cllr Mrs Mann will check with Frieth Village Society
7. Information leaflet on Community Speed Watch.
8. Playdale scheme and quotation for Ellery Rise playing field.
9. BCC – Consultation on a Partnership Approach & Establishing Local Area Forums.
10. WDC consultation on Strategic Housing Land Availability methodology.
11. WDALC Agenda for 27 th March (after the Rural Forum) – Cllr Mrs Walker Allies will try to attend.
12. Southern Electric street lighting charges for 2008/09
13. Buckinghamshire Fire Service Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation.
14. Letter from WDC Property Services Dept stating that in principal they have no objection to play equipment being erected on the land at Ellery Rise.
15. Email from David Gibbon stating that as long as nothing is higher than 4m there is no need for planning permission for play equipment at Ellery Rise.
16. Email and photos from Mr Allies showing the water from Watery Lane on the road and the potential 'skid' risk when it freezes.
17. Information leaflet on BCC Local Area Technicians. |
| Action: Cllrs Mrs Mann and Mrs Walker Allies | |
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18. Leaflet on how an allocation of extra money to BCC will be spent according to GC2C areas – issued to each Councillor.
 19. Buckinghamshire Fire Service issuing information for Village Halls – passed to Councillors for handing on to their relevant Village Hall Committees.
 20. Email from BCC advising that the Area 8 Speed Review comes into force on the 21st March.
 21. Notification from BCC of road closures in April. The road from Frieth crossroads to Marlow will be closed for repair work preparatory to resurfacing from 7th – 18th April and the road from Shogmoor Lane, Skirmett to Mill End (Hollow Lane junction) will be closed in two phases from 14th April to 25th April by BT. Some small works will also be carried out from Shogmoor Lane to Fingest. Diversions will be marked but for residents local knowledge will be more valuable. Also been advised that the Skirmett Road is down for repair and resurfacing in the same way during April/May. This may be carried out in conjunction with BT but is more likely to be carried out at a separate time using a traffic light system.
 22. Open Spaces magazine
 23. Chiltern News
 24. Email of letter from the Chilterns Conference re their objection to the planning application for permission for fencing at Fingest Manor.
 25. BALC subscription renewal for £197.60 (includes Local Council Review Magazine) – to be paid in April.
 26. The Film Fund has received a donation of £4000 from the current filming of 'A Bunch of Amateurs' in Hambleden.
 27. Email from the Environment Agency advising us that they will be clearing out the renuculas reeds further down in the river bed and this should help with the flood by The Bakery. Concerns over the possible damage to the brick and flint wall.
 28. Papers from Hambleden PCC requesting permission to fix a heritage light to the metal arch on the gate opposite The Manor House all at no cost to the Parish Council. Councillors have no objection for this project.
 29. Luton Airport revised flight paths are out for consultation. Aircraft will go over our parish at 7000ft.

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions

Minute 7484

Applications

- DVO/08/05228/FUL – Treveans, Frieth Road** – demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement 3 bed chalet bungalow, creation of first floor balcony to side and single storey rear extension with detached garage/car port (alternative scheme to 07/07844/FUL.) – no objection but concerns about the first floor balcony and the accuracy of the statements on 'one for one' and 'replacement' dwelling due to the increase in size compared to the original building.
- PM/08/05312/FUL – The Barn, Hambleden** – insertion of 2 x conservation roof lights in the front roof slope – revision to planning permission 03/07033/FUL – no objection
- DAK/08/05345/FUL – Springfield Farm, Rotten Row** – erection of one and a half store side extension, new front porch and bay window to ground floor with first floor extension over creating new gable, first floor balcony to rear, erection of chimney to side and insertion of two side dormers, creation of new access and erection of new front wall, gate and piers (alt scheme to 03/07772/FUL) – no objection.
- DVO/08/05379/FUL – Fingest Manor** – erection of 1.9 metre boundary fence to lbstone Road frontage – we object to this application and generally support the views of the Chiltern Society.
- DAK/08/05394/FUL – Little Martins, Skirmett** – re-modelling of existing property with a two storey extension and new gable treatment – site visit.
- PECS/08/05449/CTREE – Mallards, Frieth** – reduce the height by 33% of 1 beech tree.
- DAK/08/05581/FUL – The Bell House, Skirmett Road** – erection of replacement detached garage/store/study building.

Decisions

DVO/08/05026/FUL – Frieth C of E Combined school – construction of extension to existing school hall and one classroom – permit

DVO/08/05023/LBC – 2 Yewden Manor, Hambleden – replacement of ground floor hall windows – grant consent to allow custom made double glazed windows.

DVO/08/05032/FUL – Whitsun, Innings Road, Frieth – construction of conservatory to rear – permit

AHC/08/05077/CTREE – The Old Coach House, Skirmett Rd– fell 2 taxus baccata trees – TPO's will be applied for.

DVO/08/05073/FUL – Pheasants Coombe House, Pheasants Hill – demolition of existing detached garage and store, erection of replacement detached three bay garage with studio over and creation of external staircase – permit

AHC/08/05154/CTREE – Cobs Cottage, Skirmett Road – fell 2 sycamores and 1 poplar tree – not to make a TPO.

DAK/08/05095/FUL – Rockwell End Farm – erection of glass house to replace existing polytunnels – permit

Minute 7485

To discuss the PlayIdeas Grant and the WDC Play Areas Meeting

Cllr Nixey and the Clerk went to 4 play area sites to look at equipment options and quality. The scheme at Ardington by Caledonia Play would meet our requirements with a slight modification and the equipment would blend in well. The one at Juniper Hill School was a much bigger scheme and was less natural in appearance.

Action: Clerk

Cllr White and the Clerk attended a meeting at WDC where completion of the Grant Forms was explained. We will have to create a management structure for the submission. We are still waiting for 2 more quotations. We will approach some of the people who volunteered on the questionnaire to join a Management Committee.

Minute 7486

To receive information from the pre NAG meeting; the BCC Transport Conference; the WDC Emergency Plan Meeting and the BCC/SLCC Conference

Cllr Mrs Walker Allies and the Clerk attended the first Thames Valley NAG meeting. It was attended by Hambleden, Turville and Ibstone Parish Councils, Danesfield School, a resident from Hambleden and County Cllr Woollard as well as representatives from BCC and Thames Valley Police. Fawley and Medmenham would also be included. The priority for all areas is speeding.

Cllr Nixey and the Clerk attended the BCC Transport Conference which mainly covered High Wycombe and its environs. We did have the opportunity to talk about rural transport or the lack of it. However for the first time in 12 years the Clerk began to feel that there was some joined up thinking. Some budgets are going to be reduced this year; however BCC have won an extra £3.25 million for Highways works some of which will be allocated through the Local Area Forums which will replace the Local Area Committee and will represent the GC2C Groups.

The Clerk attended the WDC Emergency Planning Meeting. Once the Play area grant work has been completed, Councillors with members of the Community will need to create an Emergency Plan for each of their villages. This will be a Government requirement as part of the process of handing 'powers' to the lowest tier of Local Government.

Cllrs White and Mrs Walker Allies and the Clerk attended the SLCC/BCC Conference where Pathfinder was discussed as well as the state of the Clerks professions and devolution of powers to Quality Councils. The most interesting talk was from ROSPA who explained the need for children to learn to take risk.

Minute 7487

To receive an update on broadband in the Hambleden Valley

Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that meetings with BT are ongoing.

Minute 7488

To approve the accounts and sign the March cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st February	£ 2091.17
Less February cheques	£ 1199.68
Balance	£ 891.49
Investment Account	£ 91.12
Bank of Ireland	£13565.36
Total	£14547.97

Cheques for March signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 187.15
H.F. Nixey & Son – oak posts and paving repair	£ 317.25
West Wycombe PC – 40% of phone bill	£ 41.16
Total	£ 921.93

Transfer from Bank of Ireland - £2000

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7489

Members Questions

All items: Clerk

Cllr Armstrong asked about a new light at Varnells Terrace.
 Cllr White asked about the appearance of white oak posts at Hayles Field. This is privately owned land and they want to protect it from buses and coaches which use the area for turning.
 Cllr White raised concerns about the volume of traffic parked in the centre of Hambleden. Local Councillors agreed it was an ongoing issue but as no one wanted double yellow lines there was very little which could be done about it.
 Cllr Mrs Mann reported that nothing has so far happened about the barbed wire on HA15.
 Cllr Mrs Mann reported that the drains are still overflowing at Innings Road.
 Cllr Armstrong reported that Mr Keene would like to add two public footpaths. Clerk will find out information on the process.
 Cllr Baird asked if a further clear up of ivy on wall and gravestones in Hambleden Church Yard could take place – the grass cutting contractor will supply a price for consideration by Councillors and due to time constraints due to contractors work schedule, Councillors will make comments by email before an order is placed.
 Cllr Baird asked for the Rectory application to go to committee.
 Cllr Baird asked that the issue of filming in the parish become an agenda item asking: Do we have a right to obtain donations from film companies and how we should be distributing it throughout the community.
 Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if all the works at Bussetts had been approved.
 Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the hedge at 91 Ridgewood was still uncut.

Action: Agenda

Minute 7490

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th April at 8pm, The Village Hall, Skirmett.
 Clerk advised that the September meeting will need to be moved to the following week – 15th September.

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