

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,  
Skirmett**

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

Mrs Carole Burslem – BCC - GC2C Sgt Emma Leigh

1 member of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:  
Cllr J. Jackson, Dist Cllr R. Emmett.

- Minute 7491 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting  
Minute 7489 - 91 Ridgewood should read 91 Coombe Terrace.  
Councillors then agreed the Minutes and the Chairman signed them off.
- Minute 7492 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests  
Cllr Mrs Walker Allies declared a Prejudicial Interest in the planning application for Isabel Cottage. Cllrs Mrs Robinson and Mr Baird declared a personal interest on the planning application for Hambleden Village Hall.
- Minute 7483 Progress on items from previous minutes  
2. We have advised The Pilgrim Trust that at this stage we are unable to undertake the work necessary to apply for grants for the remaining £71,000 and therefore to withdraw our current application.  
6. Frieth would like to be entered into the Best Kept Village competition.  
11. WDALC – Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended – Pathfinder is trying to find ways of streamlining the work stream between five District Councils and the County Council. As a Parish Council we have far fewer issues than many other parishes.
- Minute 7489 BCC and Jacobs have no knowledge of the light at Varnells Terrace. It may have been installed by Wycombe District Council. Handrails now seem to be appearing. Carole Burslem will investigate.  
Rights of Way are dealing with HA15  
BCC have placed an order for the gullies to be cleared at the end of Innings Road  
Clerk has spoken to Rights of Way re new footpaths. Cllr Armstrong is acting as liaison with Mr Keene.  
  
Angus Armstrong has supplied a price of £500 for clearing ivy from gravestones and Hambleden Churchyard wall. Councillors agreed that work to that value could start.  
  
The Clerk reported that the screen on the Dell Laptop purchased in 2001 had died and could not be repaired. It will be taken off our assets and insurance list. It was resolved by a majority vote to pay £150 for the purchase of a second hand laptop. The laptop is only used at meetings and this would be sufficient. The Clerk has a suitable machine for sale.
- Minute 7493 Correspondence received from 11th March – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008
1. BCC – review of Mobile library stopping places – Councillors to visit the Mobile library in their area in order to provide feedback on usage asking the drivers for their opinions. Consultation closes 15<sup>th</sup> May.
  2. BCC acknowledgement of our letter re School Transport from Lane End
  3. BCC – Road closure order for Skirmett Road in connection with BT works from 21<sup>st</sup> April.
  4. BCC Cultivation Licence Application Form for Skirmett to plant two memorial trees.

5. BCC - Because every Adult Matters – Our Vision booklet
6. Allianz Cornhill insurance renewal – £867.28 -add Skirmett seat and remover laptop
7. Planning Appeal Decision for Dovers Farm – Appeal refused
8. Southern Electric Contracting – lighting charges
9. In Focus Magazine
10. Town and Parish Standards newsletter
11. BCC Area 8 Speed Limit orders
12. CPRE Magazines
13. Chilterns Woodlands Project Newsletters
14. The Wycombe Partnership – Spring Conference – May 13<sup>th</sup> 10 – 3 Adams Park
15. BCC Timetable for maintenance gangs in our area. – Clerk has submitted list of work to be carried out.
16. Buckinghamshire Rural Affairs group – Draft Strategy Consultation
17. Call for audit by 31<sup>st</sup> July by Mazars.
18. Chiltern Society Newsletter
19. SEERA Regional Housing Strategy
20. WDC Community Voice – should be issued to all households by 30<sup>th</sup> April
21. Chilterns Conservation Board – Planning Training for Parish Councils – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Lewknor Village Hall – free
22. Bucks Strategic Partnership – ‘ Calling Time’ document on the harm caused by alcohol in Bucks
23. BCC Cultivation Licence for Skirmett
24. Area 8 Speed Review – the Clerk has received correspondence from Mr & Mrs Chanter with a request to reconsider the positioning of signs and the limits and derestrictions and asking for the Parish Councils support on their issues. Sharon McCullough and Ngairey Palin have also sent emails on the subject and are corresponding with BCC. Hambleden Parish Council will raise any issues when BCC do a review.
25. Letter from Mr Ashcroft re suburbanisation of Hambleden Valley.

#### Planning Report – Applications and Decisions

##### Applications

Minute 7494

**DAK/08/05394/FUL – Little Martins, Skirmett** – re-modelling of existing property with a two storey extension and new gable treatment – concern about the design being appropriate for the village setting and asking for a reduction in height to the proposed gables. Concern about the removal of some hedgerow.

**PECS/08/05449/CTREE – Mallards, Frieth** – reduce the height by 33% of 1 beech tree – no objection

**DAK/08/05581/FUL – The Bell House, Skirmett Road** – erection of replacement detached garage/store/study building – no objection

**PM/08/05623/AGI – Little Parmoor Farm** –agricultural notification for the resurfacing of two existing tracks and one gateway to be firmed up with hardcore – no objection

**SH/08/05642/CONSA, 08/05643/CONSA, 08/05644/CONSA – overhead lines Fingest** – consultation under DoE circular 14/90 regarding refurbishment of overhead lines across the district – no objection

**DVO/08/05622/FUL – land adjacent Fingest Manor** – erection of new stables building – this Parish Council strongly objects on the size of the proposed structure and no proven need.

**SH/08/05664/FUL – Isabel Cottage, Skirmett** – constr of 1 metre high hoped rail black fencing to front of property (retrospective) – no objection

**PM/08/05809/FUL & 05810/LBC – Little Parmoor** –construction of single storey side extension

**DAK/08/05909/FUL – Rockwell End House Farm** – erection of polytunnels for horticultural use

**DAK/08/05914/FUL – Meadow View, Pheasants Hill** – construction of a new two storey dwelling to replace existing

**JAI/08/05904/FUL – Stud Farm, Shogmoor Lane** – demolition of existing dwelling and former farm buildings; erection of replacement 5 bed dwelling with associated outbuildings including garages, stables, storage together with manege

**DAK/08/05939/FUL – Hambleton Village Hall** – const of single storey side and rear extension, conservatory and pergola area

It was agreed to have a full Parish Council site visit for Hambleton Village Hall and Stud Farm. An open morning will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April for residents to view the Stud Farm plans

#### Decisions

**PM/08/05312/FUL – The Barn, Hambleton**– insertion of 2 x conservation roof lights in the front roof slope – revision to planning permission 03/07033/FUL – permit

Secretary of State Appeal Decision for Dovers Farm - refused

#### To consider creating a committee, and stating its terms of reference to progress the PlayIdeas Lottery Grant for Play Equipment at Ellery Rise

Minute 7495

Cllrs Nixey, White and the Clerk have had onsite meetings with four companies to obtain ideas for the play area and each has submitted a scheme for consideration. Cllr White has spoken to several residents who offered to sit on a Working Party to progress the grant application – John Sandeman, Samantha Joyce, Sarah Broad, and Lisa Sanderson. This group cover a wide range of children's ages and a good mix between boys and girls as well as a resident from Ellery Rise as well as experience in the play industry for many years. Our time scale is for the Working Party to meet by the end of April to discuss the options suggested, negotiate with the companies and finalise a scheme by end of May and then complete application forms during June for end of June submission.

Action: Cllr White/Clerk

The Working Party will be given the responsibility of devising a scheme and considering the issues raised. The final scheme will be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration and final approval prior to submitting the application forms. If we are awarded a grant the Parish Council will control the expenditure. The Working Party will submit a suggested Management Scheme for approval by the Parish Council.

#### To discuss the Hambleton Film Fund

Minute 7496

The Parish Council has negotiated a fee from film companies for an extremely long time. The aim of this has always been to be compensated for the inconvenience they often cause. We have no powers to stop them filming. The film companies also bring a large amount of trade with them which has generated an income for local businesses. The money never goes into the Parish Council finances it is kept entirely separately and is purely administered by the Parish Council. The money is distributed in the communities where the filming takes place unless, as in the case of the school, it is an organisation which provides a service for the whole community. It has been used to help with maintenance in the village as well as distributed to local organisations e.g. Pheasants Hill Playgroup, Library books for Frieth School, maintenance for Hambleton Village Hall, the Hambleton Surgery Fund, the Youth Group, Hambleton WI, the United Reformed Church, Celebration 2000, the Guides, the Rainbows, Hambleton Community Group, Hambleton Senior Citizens Tea Club. We will continue to negotiate this charge on behalf of the community.

Action: Agenda/Clerk

The account currently stands at £4507.53 as we have received £4000 from the recent film. Councillors to suggest projects/groups for the May meeting. We have had suggestions for the Tennis Club, the Under 13 Hambleton Football Club and Rectors Discretionary Fund. Clerk to put an article in Hambleton Valley Magazine and Notice boards

Minute 7497

To approve the Accounts for the year ending March 2008; to approve the accounts for April 2008; Signing of Cheques

The Clerk/RFO issued draft end of year accounts prior to the meeting. Councillors accepted the accounts and it was resolved to accept them. The Chairman and RFO signed them off.

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> March	£ 891.49
Plus Vat refund	£ 1253.06
Plus transfer from B of I	£ 2000.00
Less February cheques	£ 921.93
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 3222.62</b>
Investment Account	£ 91.80
Bank of Ireland	£11616.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14931.25</b>

**Cheques for April signature**

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp & 88.75hrs o/time (Jan-Dec)	£ 1130.88
Best Kept Village Competition	£ 8.00
Frieth Village Hall Committee	£ 36.00
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 101.76
Southern Electric	£ 325.85
Mike Henson Presentations	£ 669.75
BALC subscription	£ 197.60

**Total** £ 2846.21

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7498

Members Questions

All items: Clerk

1. Cllr Mrs Walker had attended the NAG for SW Rural. Three key priorities – speeding, burglary and theft and HGV's through narrow country lanes. The latter problem made worse by satellite navigation equipment. BCC and other counties are working on this issue. We are lucky that our issues are all police related. The Clerk will investigate the insurance liability for Community Speedwatch. Possibility that we could share with other parishes as long as they also have insurance cover. Try to enlist volunteers through Neighbourhood Watch and NAG.

Thames Valley Police are having the parish assessed for a police speed campaign. Sgt Gill Fox will be taking over Sgt Leigh's role as she takes a 3 year career break.

2. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported a pothole on the bend opposite the Garage in Hambleden

3. Cllr Mrs Robinson pointed out that one of the reasons for extra traffic through Fingest could be the closure of Watery Lane.

4. Cllr Armstrong reported that gamekeepers are driving over the footpaths on Pheasants Hill Common on their quad bikes. There have been several witnesses to this.

5. Cllr Armstrong reported that full size plastic windows are being installed in Bussetts on the roadside whereas wooden ones are being installed on the valley side.

6. Cllr Armstrong reported that the flood water at Old Bakery had been pumped out over the Easter Weekend. The stream is very high. Weeds need removing along the bottom end of the stream.

7. Cllr Armstrong asked if Yew Tree Cottage could have part of the verge cut out opposite their entrance. They need to contact BCC Area Office.

8. Cllr White reported that the next JCC is on 30<sup>th</sup> April – requested a discussion on the complaints system.

9. Cllr White reported that Lane End Parish Council has received a letter from a resident suggesting that they withdraw from the JCC. Lane End Parish Council said they would consider doing this if Hambleden Parish Council would do the same. The general feeling was that we would not do this.

10. Cllr White reported that a channel is forming between the road and the verge outside Barlows and a pothole has formed near the post box by the old dairy on Frieth Hill.

Action: Cllrs Baird/Dr Elliott

11. Cllr Dr Elliott asked if we could investigate off road routes for children on ponies. The Clerk will contact Mr Sarikhani and Rights of Way as a Bridleway would need to be created. Cllrs Baird and Dr Elliott will meet and mark routes on a map.

Action: Mrs Burslem

12. Concerns raised by several Councillors over the materials used by BCC for patching, particularly on the bridge in Hambleton Village and the entrance to the village – we understood that matching gravel tarmac should be used not black.

Minute 7499

Date of next meeting

12<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Council Meeting, May Meeting starting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at Frieth Village Hall

Date.....

Signed.....