

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 15th September 2008 at 8.00pm in The Parish
Rooms, Hambleden**

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

10 members of the public

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- Minute 7529 To confirm and sign the previous minutes
The Minutes for the July Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7530 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Mr Nixey declared an interest in any discussions which may take place relating to Frieth Common as he is a Governor of the school and parents park on the Common land.
- Minute 7521 Progress on items from previous minutes
16. Clerk has written to all landowners asking them to check the state of their footpaths. In one case the land is owner by the Forestry Commission.
17. Hambleden PCC has been advised of the request to place a memorial seat and is checking if any permission is required.
- Minute 7524 The Parish Council has received an email from Frieth Village Society asking for the Parish Council to reconsider their decision; questioning the legality of the Parish Council making a decision and ignoring the views of FVS. Cllr White questioned the validity of continuing to accept the views of the meeting held in 2005. Cllrs Baird and Jackson restated that the meeting held in 2005 ended amicably and represented many residents from the Main Road and that it was agreed that no further posts would be erected .Cllr Mrs Mann fully represented the view of the FVS at the June meeting . The Parish Council owns the land therefore it can make a decision about is own land. Cllr Mrs Mann felt that the temporary cones are doing a good job.The Gables and the School can maintain the drive if they choose to do so. It was felt that 11 people in favour was too small a number to be representative of the village.
- Minute 7527 2. It is believed that Hambleden Village Stores will be retained
3. No planning permission is required for the new painted gates appearing in the Hambleden Valley.
- Minute 7531 Correspondence received from 15th July – 11th August 2008
1. BCC notification of change of date for road closures – these have been put on all the notice boards.
 2. Letter from Wycombe Air Park JCC asking the Clerk to publicise the 'in camera' decision for the July meeting.
 3. Letters from Susan Pratt, Mr & Mrs Rendel, Keith Chanter, Michael King, Russell Chambers, David Shufflebotham, Mr & Mrs Scott, Graham Wheeler, Mike Detsiny, Peter Jennings, Anna Bacon, Jim Clarke, Robert Rendel and Judith Barber supporting Cllr White's attendance and behaviour at the JCC and concerned about the decision to hold the July meeting 'in camera'.
 4. Email forwarded by Anna Bacon, produced by Mike King about the legality of the 'in camera' decision.
 5. Email from Susan Pratt asking that the Parish Council withdraw from the JCC.
 6. Statement from Cllr David White and Cllr Detsiny of Lane End Parish Council explaining their position and reasoning behind the recommended withdrawal from the JCC until changes to the structure are made – issued to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

7. Thank you letters from Hambleden Wasps for the Film Fund donation
 8. Southern Electricity notification of price increase from 1st August. Clerk has fixed the prices for two years.
 9. Chiltern Woodlands Project newsletter
 10. WDC Notification that the hearing for the appeal for the land adjacent to Murrage Farm has been withdrawn.
 11. Notification of future NAG meetings and a request for help at Henley Show from Thames Valley Police
 12. Best Kept Village Competition results – Frieth were not mentioned.
 13. Letter from Peter Steward re the Kenrick Memorial with an offer for some financial help when the Parish Council can reconsider the project and making a suggestion to cut down the four juniper trees on each corner of the memorial. Cllr Baird is already looking at this issue.
- Action: Circulate
14. Secretary of States proposed changes to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East.
 15. Notice and agenda for the CPRE annual general meeting on 23rd August.
 16. Allianz Insurance – confirmation that the Speedwatch kit is covered on the policy.
- Action: Circulate
17. BCC Campaign on Speed.
 18. Email from Mike Detsiny on behalf of Lane End PC on their view on the JCC – they will withdraw if Hambleden will withdraw. Issued to all Councillors
 19. Email from Frieth Village Society –questioning the decision made by the Parish Council on the management of the Common land in Frieth - issued to all Councillors.
- Action: Cllr White
20. War Memorials Trust magazine. Passed to Cllr Baird
 21. Invitation from Amy Ryan, WDC Play partnership meeting on 30th September at 18.15 in Committee Room 1. Passed to Cllr White
- Action: Circulate
22. BCC booklet on Activities for Young People
 23. BCC A New Deal for Buckinghamshire. A model for the working relationship between BCC and WDC and Town and Parish Councils.
 24. BCC update on the Energy from Waste initiative
 25. Email from John Scott, Gerry Morris and Jim Clark supporting withdrawal from the JCC.
 26. English Rural Housing Association Newsletter. Passed to Cllr Mrs Robinson.
- Action: Circulate
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27. BCC Marlow Area Newsletter
 28. Bucks CC Community Care Guide
 29. Buckinghamshire Hospitals - Foundations for the Future – Consultation meeting – Wycombe Hospital 19th August 7pm – 8pm – Lecture Theatre.
- Action: Clerk
30. Request to replace the 'No cyclists' signs at either end of Hayles Field footpath. Signs will be ordered.

Minute 7532

Planning Report – Applications and DecisionsApplications

DVO/08/06572/FUL – Badgers Holt, Rockwell End – construction of detached double garage with new access – no objection

PM/08/06596/FUL & 06597/LBC –Cobs Cottage, Skirmett – const of two storey rear extension – we have no objection to the application but would question the use and need for brick and flint as a third building material in a non brick and flint building.

PM/08/06605/FUL & 08/06606/LBC – Crooked Chimney Cottage, Shogmoor Lane – demolition of existing extension and constr of single storey side/rear extension. Erection of detached single garage – no objection to demolition of existing extension, however we feel that the addition of this extension , taking into account the previous application, creates a property which is increased by 75%, which seems excessive. We note that the original garage has already been removed. We consider that a landscaping plan is extremely important as the original hedge on the eastern boundary has been totally

removed thereby opening up the property to the road. We cannot see why the beautiful copper beech, which is the last remaining tree on the property has to be removed.

DVO/08/06690/FUL – Dovers Farm, Frieth – erection of triple garage with accommodation over and building to house oil tank – no objection
Decisions

PM/08/06366/FUL – Hillside, Fingest – construction of single storey rear extension– permit

DAK/08/06333/FUL – Meadow View, Pheasants Hill – erection of detached garage and store with room over – refused

PM/08/06401/FUL – Challoners, Frieth – insertion of dormer window in south east elevation in connection with extension of loft accommodation – permit

DAK/08/06492/FUL – Hambleden Village Hall – construction of single storey side/rear extension – permit

AHC/08/06455/CTREE – The Cottage, Hambleden – fell 2 sycamores. Reduce height by 6m to 1 yew tree and by 4m to 1 holly tree – not to make TPO

07/07809/FUL -Frieth Cricket Club – erection of new cricket pavilion/community hall - permit with many conditions.

Minute 7533

To consider a recommendation to withdraw from the Wycombe Air Park JCC until significant improvements are made.

The Chairman read out a statement jointly produced by Cllr White and Cllr Detsiny of Lane End Parish Council regarding their view on the current structure and running of the JCC and recommending that the two Parish Councils suspend their membership until a meeting can be called where all the concerns can be discussed and hopefully a new structure can be created. All Councillors received a copy of this statement.

The Chairman read out a letter from Lane End Parish Council which stated their view and decision to suspend their membership if Hambleden Parish Council took the same action. All Councillors received a copy of this letter.

It was felt that WDC is aware of the current situation.

Some Councillors were concerned that residents would not be represented. If the meetings continue to be held 'in camera' then only the Parish Councils would be allowed to attend and therefore the public would not be represented. Due to the geographical areas most affected these representatives are in the minority and therefore cannot always achieve any positive or beneficial change.

Some Councillors were concerned that only two Committee members deciding to suspend their attendance may not be effective.

Some Councillors felt that the Parish Council should take a firm stand to try to create a democratically run JCC.

It is understood that in the future there are plans to review the Constitution and if the Parish Council suspends its membership then we would not be involved.

Cllr Mrs Walker proposed that the Parish Council remain in the JCC and write to the CAA, the Department of Transport and Wycombe District Council. Cllrs Mrs Robinson seconded the proposal.

Cllr White proposed that the Parish Council suspends its membership and at the same time write to Wycombe District Council, the CAA and the Dept of Transport seeking their help in facilitating a meeting, Cllr Baird seconded the proposal – four Councillors voted for the proposal, three against. The proposal was carried

Action: Clerk

A letter will be drawn up to be sent to WDC, the CAA and the Department of Transport and circulated to all Councillors for approval and agreement and distribution prior to the September meeting.

Minute 7534 To consider the use of the Community Speedwatch Scheme within our parish and to discuss the possibility of 'hiring' it out to other parishes and to attend Henley Show.

The Speedwatch kit has been delivered and insured and an initial training session has been held. Mr Allies is still going through the police vetting process. Councillors from Lane End and Turville Parish Councils also attended the training and could be interested in hiring the system from us. Clerk has written to Cllrs Woollard and Emmett asking for financial support from their Community Leaders Funds. It was proposed to hire it out for a fee of £200 for 4 weeks use per year, they must insure it and be responsible for any losses/repairs. There is a need for more volunteers.

Minute 7535 To consider expanding our website to provide a link or facility for local community organisations.

This would involve a one off cost in the region of £35 for setting up a single page. There could be some extra cost if the main menu had to be altered. The Parish Council would need to decide exactly what they wanted and then the webmaster would be able to cost it accurately. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies and the Clerk will create a 'needs list' for costing

Action: Cllr Mrs Walker Allies/Clerk

Minute 7536 To approve the accounts for August 2008; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st July	£ 1535.56
Plus cheque from Midsomer Murders	£ 150.00
Less July cheques & transfer	£ 580.59
Balance	£ 1104.97
Investment Account	£ 92.40
Bank of Ireland	£21865.68
Total	£23063.05
Cheques for August signature	
Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 61.15
Hambleden Film Fund (Midsomer Murders)	£ 150.00
Angus Armstrong – grass cutting (1/3 of contract)	£ 1331.66
Angus Armstrong – clearing ivy off churchyard wall	£ 590.45
Traffic Technology Ltd – Speedwatch kit	£ 2397.01
WDC – Ellery Rise rent	£ 100.00
H.F. Nixey & Son – post repairs	£ 64.63
Total	£ 5071.27

Transfer from Bank of Ireland £6000

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7537 Members Questions

Action: Clerk

1. Cllr Baird reported that the 30mph sign near Ferry Lane is obscured by undergrowth and is too close to the junction.

No white lines or STOP signs at Ferry Lane onto an A class road. The more recent repairs i.e. in the last two years are not lasting.

Action: Clerk

2. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies asked if BCC had a responsibility for removing ragwort. Clerk will write to BCC.

3. Cllr Mrs Mann raised a request for a new No Cycling sign for Hayles Field

4. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that on footpath HA25 there was a tree across it 50m up from The Stag and Huntsman. HA52 needs cutting. HA26 by the side of Kenricks is overgrown in some parts.

5. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported that the trees at the end of Ridgewood were overhanging. The resident will be advised to contact ERHA.

6. Cllr Mr Nixey reported that the white beam tree near the Village Hall could be dead or dying.

Minute 7538 Date of next meeting

15th September at 8pm in The Parish Rooms, Hambleden
The Clerk will be on holiday from 19th August to 9th September inclusive

Date.....

Signed.....