

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 8th December 2008 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,
Frieth**

Present: Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr R. Baird, Mrs E. Robinson, Mr D White,
Mrs S. Walker Allies, Mrs L. Mann, Mr J. Jackson, Mr A. Armstrong,
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk
Insp Ray Wilks, PC Claire Marchant 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: District Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7576 To confirm and sign the previous minutes
The Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and then were signed by the Chairman.
- Minute 7577 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared a pecuniary interest in the planning applications for The Barn, Varnells and Little Colstrove
- Minute 7560 Progress on items from previous minutes
Bucks County Council Rights of Way will be cutting HA15. The wire cannot be removed.
- Minute 7566 Cllr Nixey and the Clerk took map to the County Archivist who confirmed that it was the 1845 Tythe Map and they have a copy of it and the apportionment list. They approved of its method of storage. The map is no use without the apportionment document. Pheasants Common had no owner in 1845 and was occupied by the Scott Murrays in 1910 (does not say owned). Clerk will find out costs for a copy of the map and the apportionment.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7568 The Clerk has written to 10 local people and put an article in the Hambleton Valley Magazine and the Frieth Village Society newsletter. Cllr Woollard has contributed £2225 for the project from his Community Leaders Fund. Clerk will write to say thank you.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7570 Councillors and Clerk met with the Church Warden and discussed the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection. We need to cut back the paths to their original width, maintain the new yew hedge to be planted round the oil tank and work on the side lych gate to make it easier to open.
- Action: Agenda item
- Minute 7571 To date we still have not received any correspondence re the JCC from the Dept of Transport. Clerk will write to Dept of Transport and Leader of WDC saying that the September minutes indicating that there are no plans to make any changes to the constitution and we would appreciate some consideration of our issues.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7574 Cllr Mrs Walker Allies and the Clerk have attended meetings to produce a solution to the cessation of bus services in the Hambleton Valley and are looking at Dial a Ride.
- Minute 7578 Correspondence received from 9th – 29th November 2008
1. Email response from WDC re Little Martins
 2. Chilterns News Magazine
 3. Chilterns Woodlands Project – News of the Woods newsletter
 4. CPRE Newsletter
 5. Buckinghamshire Pathfinder Newsletter No 8 – circulated by email
 6. Chilterns AONB Management Plan 2008 -2013
 7. BCC Winter Salting Routes – why has the school route apparently been missed off?
 8. English Rural Housing has provided a list of three people who have made an application. The Parish Council can confirm the information supplied.
- Action: Clerk

Minute 7579

Planning Report – Applications and DecisionsApplications

PM/08/07593/Ful and PM/08/7602/LBC – The Cottage, Frieth – Construction of two storey rear extension with cellar. Re-alignment of side/rear boundary wall (alt to 08/06138/FUL & 6139/LBC) – site visit.
PECS/08/07587/CTREE – The Barn, Colliers Farm, Frieth – lift lower crown of field maple to gutter height and prune back branches overhanging the road. Remove dead wood to 1 field maple.
TP/08/07567/LBC – Varnells, Hambleden – Listed building consent for creation of corridor through existing chimney breast – no objection.
PM/08/07526/FUL – Bramblings, Moor End – erection of 2.75m chain link fence around tennis court – no objection
PM/08/07617/FUL - Little Colstrop – installation of new 12,300 litre capacity steel oil storage tank to replace existing internal storage facility currently within an adjacent building.

Decisions

PECS/08/07256/TPO – Varnells, Hambleden – reduce height by 30% to 1 lime tree (TPO) – not to make a TPO
PECS/08/07257/CTREE – Varnells, Hambleden – fell 1 yew tree – not to make a TPO
PECS/08/07345/CTREE – Hambleden Village and Store and The Dene – fell 1 robinia and scrub ash and cherry stems. Crown thin/reduce by 25-30% to 1 sycamore tree. Crown reduce by 30% to 1 horse chestnut – not to make a TPO

Minute 7580

To receive an update on Community Speedwatch

The data base software is about to be updated and the police check/vetting process is nearly complete. Thames Valley Police in our area will be purchasing one of the machines. The Parish Council system will be in operation again.
 Insp Wilks has given a commitment that if local people are regularly recorded speeding in the area, once the first two letters have been issued and they are still speeding then the police will have direct contact.

Minute 7581

To consider the recommended NALC pay rise for the Clerk

Councillors had received the interim recommendations prior to the November Parish Council meeting. The increase will be £9.45 per month, backdated to April 08, making a total of £85.05 to be paid in January.
 Mileage rates have increased to 58.7p. It was resolved to pay the proposed interim increase

Minute 7582

Action: Agenda

To set the precept for 2009/10

Shepphards have supplied a price of £721 plus VAT to clean and repair the War Memorial. The names are still quite deeply etched or raised and they do not think any further work will be required.
 The money allocated to this project will be used for the defibrillators. Cllr White proposed a precept of £27,000 this was seconded by Cllr Nixey. It was resolved to set a precept of £27,000.

Minute 7583

To approve the accounts for December 2008; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st November	£ 4530.42
Less November cheques	£ 2650.77
Plus Cllr Woollard's contribution	£ 2225.00
Plus Mrs Taylor – donation for seat	£ 1183.73
Balance	£ 5288.38

Investment Account	£ 92.99
Bank of Ireland	£ 21131.95
Total	£ 26513.32

Cheques for December signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 67.44
Frieth Village Hall	£ 36.00
Piddington & Wheeler End PC (60% bulk paper)	£ 29.94
West Wycombe PC – 50% of tel bill	£ 62.95
SLCC subscription - 1/3 of total	£ 44.33
C & G Balkwell (hedge cutting Pheasants Hill)	£ 59.93
Peter Gomme (Frieth Horsepond and Ellery Rise)	£ 555.00
Total	£ 1231.96

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7584

Action: Clerk on all items

Members Questions

1. Cllr Jackson reported that Hatchmans Hedge, Colstrope Lane on right hand side is too far out into the road.
2. Cllr White reported that the drain at Parmoor is blocked.
3. Cllr Baird reported the number of lorries turning in Ridgewood.
4. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that the drain at Innings Road is still blocked.
5. Cllr Armstrong reported seeing a mini digger clearing grips on the Skirmett Road but they had not gone through into the field.
6. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended the BRAG Conference – not brilliant but useful contact for rural funding.
7. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported an ivy ‘tree’ jutting out into the road at Pheasants Hill.
8. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked about any possible new legislation on trees – nothing that anyone is aware of.
9. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if anything could be done about the barn at Featherbed Lane. Clerk will write to The National Trust as we believe it is on Covenanted Land.

Minute 7585

Date of next meeting

12th January 2009 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett.

Date.....

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