

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 11th February 2008 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,
Frieth**

Present: Cllrs Mr R. Baird in the Chair, Mrs E. Robinson, Dr M. Elliott,
Mr J. Jackson (8.10pm), Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllrs Mr T Nixey,
Mr D. White, Mrs S. Walker Allies, Mrs L. Mann

- Minute 7474 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting
Councillors agreed the Minutes and the Chairman signed them off.
- Minute 7475 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in the planning application for
Pheasants Coombe House and Cllr Baird declared an interest in the
application for Cobs Cottage
- Minute 7458 Progress on items from previous minutes
The Clerk, Cllr White and Cllr Nixey have had site visits with some
play equipment companies and will be visiting a variety of play areas
in order to complete the grant application forms.
- Minute 7461 Cllr White met with Ms Smithin, Frieth School Head teacher and had a
constructive meeting. He suggested a letter be sent to BCC as they
Action: Clerk closed the other valley schools; other options to reduce the amount of
parents cars are not viable and it was felt that one solution was to
investigate home to school transport from Lane End - Councillors
agreed that a letter would be sent to BCC and to Cllr Woollard.
- Minute 7472 1,2,4,9 – reported to BCC Highways on Call
5 – Cllr Armstrong has replaced three of the posts.
3 – Cllr Baird is dealing with this
7 – the Clerk will take the papers to Aylesbury on the 19th February
8,10 - BCC Rights of Way are investigating
- Minute 7476 Correspondence received from 15th January – 11th February 2008
Action: Clerk 1. Agenda and papers for Local Area Committee – looking for
volunteer leaders and new walks for the Simply Walk Scheme.
Indicated that road maintenance work may not happen
through the Local Area Schemes.
2. Email from Mr Wilson of Perrin Springs re the Play Area – the
Clerk had responded and Councillors felt that at this stage no
further response was required.
3. Report on the BT fibre trial for Hambleden Valley – circulated
with the January Minutes.
4. Thank you letter from Lane End Day Centre
5. Email from Bradenham Parish Council stating that they could
not currently commit public money to a SID
6. Email from Ibstone Parish Council stating that they would not
currently put aside money for the SID project.
7. BCC Winter Driving leaflet
8. BCC 2 update on the Bucks CC Municipal Waste
Procurement Project
9. Rural Social Enterprise booklet
10. BCC Minerals & Waste core strategy development plan
document – preferred options consultation at different venues.
11. Communities and Local Government – consultation on orders
and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority
members.
12. BCC School Travel Newsletter – pass to Cllr White
13. Notification of a SLCC Training Conference in Bracknell on
15th April – cost £45 divided by 3 i.e. £15.00
14. Invitation to a Play Partnership training session at WDC on
Monday 25th February at 6pm – Cllr White & Clerk will attend
15. WDC Illegal Dumping/fly tipping kit.
16. Invitation from Bucks Community Action to the launch an
Affordable Housing Film

17. Notification that the new auditors will be Mazars LP
 18. Notification of staff changes at Bucks CC – our Area Technician has been promoted, the proposed replacement is known to the Clerk.
 19. The Playing Field magazine – pass to Cllr White
 20. Notification that the Local Area Forum planned for 26th February has been cancelled.
 21. War Memorial Newsletter – passed to Cllr Baird
 22. Invitation to attend a training course on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 as it applies to Parish Councils – 6th May - Clerk will attend
 23. The Clerk had been contacted by Frieth School re the area in front of the Village Hall – the clerk and Cllr Nixey carried out a site visit and confirmed that an immediate repair/replacement is required on three paving slabs – the possibility of extending the tarmac was considered and a price of £500 was supplied by John Lee. HF Nixey & Son quoted a price of £120 plus VAT to dig out the relevant section to a depth of two inches, and replace with concrete and two new slabs. The third slab needs concrete underneath it. This work could be carried out in half term.
- Action: Clerk
- Action: Clerk to place order

Minute 7477

Planning Report – Applications and DecisionsApplications

DVO/08/05026/FUL – Frieth C of E Combined school – construction of extension to existing school hall and one classroom – no objection

DVO/08/05023/LBC – 2 Yewden Manor, Hambleden – replacement of ground floor hall windows – no objection

DAK/08/05031/FUL – Land adj The Rectory, Hambleden – erection of 4 bed detached dwelling with detached double garage – concerns over design of windows and materials for windows, bricks and hanging tiles. We would prefer that the garden wall is not removed and if absolutely necessary that only the top layer of bricks is removed. Suggest that the beech hedge is removed, the building set further back and then a new hedge planted. Would prefer a shingle drive. A supplementary comment will be added asking that should permission be granted then we would want the property to be used specifically by Oxford Diocese for the housing of an incumbent. If this not part of the consent we would strongly object to this application. We would also question that the existing Rectory could be used for anything other than ecclesiastical purposes. Statements in the planning papers were not accurate as the Hambleden church community has not been consulted.

DVO/08/05032/FUL – Whitsun, Innings Road, Frieth – construction of conservatory to rear – no objection

AHC/08/05077/CTREE – The Old Coach House, Skirmett Rd – fell 2 taxus baccata trees – no objection

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 – no objection

AHC/08/05154/CTREE – Cobs Cottage, Skirmett Road – fell 2 sycamores and 1 poplar tree – no objection

DAK/08/05095/FUL – Rockwell End Farm – erection of glass house to replace existing polytunnels – no objection

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.)

Decisions

DVO/07/07580/FUL/ amended – Fingest Manor – demolition of existing workshops & erection of replacement 5 bay workshop & erection of single storey side extension to existing stables/staff accommodation building; construction of replacement/new front boundary – permit with conditions.

DAK/07/08018/LBC – Crooked Chimney Cottage, Shogmoor Lane – insertion of one velux window to rear and replacement window – grant consent
DAK/07/08066/FUL – Springfield Farm, Rotten Row –erection of timber framed outbuilding – permit
SVWC/07/08044/CONSA – Overhead lines – Moor End Common – consultation under Dept of Environment Circular 14/90 regarding refurbishment of overhead lines across the district – permit
DVO/07/08095/FUL & 07/08096/LBC – 4 Old Crown Cottages, Skirmett – demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension – permit and grant consent

Minute 7478

To approve the accounts and sign the February cheques and to receive a report on expenditure to date

Current Account Balance as at 1 st January	£ 3403.09
Less January cheques	£ 1311.92
Balance	£ 2091.17
Investment Account	£ 91.12
Bank of Ireland	£13511.69
Total	£15693.98
Cheques for February signature	
Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson expenses	£ 58.92
Angus Armstrong	£ 734.39
Skirmett Village Hall	£ 15.00
West Wycombe PC – 1/3 of SLCC training	£ 15.00
Total	£ 1199.68

It was resolved to approve the accounts

The Clerk /RFO had previously issued a spreadsheet showing expenditure to date. We will end our financial year on the figure projected at the budget discussions in November i.e. £15,000 including the VAT refund. Of this £9030 is allocated to the Hambleden Church Yard Wall Fund.

Minute 7479

Action: Clerk

Action: Cllr Dr Elliott

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Members Questions

1. Cllr Armstrong asked if there had been any action in relation to the lorries at Mill End. Clerk will make contact with BCC Highways
2. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if footpath HA 24 could be tidied up.
3. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported a severe pothole outside Little Parmoor Farm.
4. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported a pothole near Russell's Farmhouse.
5. Cllr Mrs Robinson reported a pothole at the corner of the junction with Rectory Hill
6. Cllr Dr Elliott raised concerns over the back road in to Hambleden and a raised drain cover near the rear church yard gate. Clerk reported that it is on the bid list for Local Area Committee – we should know in March/April if it is going to be repaired with this budget
7. Cllr Armstrong reported that the Hambleden sign on the entrance from Pheasants Hill has been broken as the posts are rotten.
8. Cllr Armstrong reported that the Mill End sign opposite the WDC Car Park is still 'down'.

Minute 7480

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th March at 8pm, The Parish Rooms, Hambleden

Date.....

Signed.....