

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 14th July 2008 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,
Skirmett**

Present: Cllrs Mr R. Baird (Vice Chairman), Mrs S. Walker Allies,
Mrs L. Mann, Mr A. Armstrong, Mr J. Jackson, Dr. M. Elliott
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

1 member of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Cllrs Mr T. Nixey, Mr. D. White, Mrs E. Robinson,
District Cllr R. Emmett

- Minute 7519 To confirm and sign the previous minutes
The Minutes for June Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- Minute 7520 Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests
Cllr Baird declared an interest in the Planning Application for The Cottage, Hambleden and Hambleden Village Hall.
Cllr Dr Elliott declared an interest on the item relating to the JCC.
- Minute 7514 Progress on items from previous minutes
1. The Clerk has ordered the Speedwatch kit and it should be delivered during this week
2. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies had circulated information to Councillors on the First Aid course and defibrillators. Cllr Mrs Mann has written a piece for the September Frieth Village Society Newsletter advertising the course. The first course is on 11th October in Skirmett Village Hall. Arrhythmia Association will give a talk at the First Aid Course.
- Action: Clerk Cllr Mrs Walker Allies gave a short report on the NAG. Thames Valley Police have carried out speed checks in Ibstone and Skirmett and are waiting to see how Speedwatch goes. Clerk will contact Cllrs Woollard and Emmett asking for a donation from their Community Leaders Fund towards the cost of the Speedwatch kit. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended the last Local Area Committee meeting which has now been broken down into 16 smaller committees. Bucks County Council are offering a free home Library service. Clerk will advertise this in the local magazines.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7517 All items have been reported to Bucks County Council Area Technician
- Minute 7521 Correspondence received from 10th June – 14th July 2008
 1. BCC Consultation on the new Safety Signs
 2. Thank you letters from Hambleden Tennis Club, Hambleden Medical Charity, Pheasants Hill Pre-school and Lane End Day Centre
 3. Countryside Voice magazine
 4. WDC Notification and consultation on a TPO at Varnells
 5. WDC Notification that the hearing for the appeal for the land adjacent to Murrage Farm is on 29th July.
 6. BCC Notification of changes to the household waste permit scheme – Clerk will publish the information in the local newsletters/magazines.
 7. Copy of a letter sent to the CAA by Susan Pratt re the JCC – circulated prior to the meeting
 8. BCC Notification of Traffic Prohibition orders for the C98 Frieth to Marlow Road and Chalkpit Lane and the C87 Hambleden to Skirmett road to carry out resurfacing 28 July to 1st August inclusive.
 9. Postwatch – information about the proposed closure of Post offices – Hambleden should be safe according to Martin Ford.
 10. BCC/Bucks NHS Trust consultation on Joint Commissioning Strategy for Physical and Sensory Disability.
 11. Email from Cllr David White re Frieth School Travel Plan – circulated prior to the meeting.
 12. Cheque for £150 from Midsomer Murders for filming in Frieth.
- Action: Clerk

13. Notification of receipt of our Big Lottery Fund Application.
14. Chilterns Conservation Board AONB Management Plan 2008 -2013 consultation – comments by 22nd September.
15. Email from Mr M Shepherd re footpaths in our Parish which are not passable – HAM23/1, HAM29/1, HAM26/4, HAM25/1, HAM21/1, HAM24/1, HAM 29/5. He has also offered to clear the paths at a cost of £20 per hour. Clerk will write to the landowners asking them to clear the footpaths.
16. Request from Mrs Jenny Taylor for permission for a seat to be placed in memory of her mother Mrs Elna Clarke in Hambleden Church Yard. It was agreed to give permission and advise Hambleden PCC.
17. In Focus magazine and The Playing Field
18. Letter from Mr M Blanksby as Chairman of the JCC: agenda and papers for the JCC meeting to be held on 23rd July

Action: Clerk

Action: Clerk

Minute 7522

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions

Applications

AEF/08/06422/FUL – Huntsmans Lodge, Hambleden Rise –

construction of single storey side and two storey rear extensions and re-instatement of habitable room to garage – no objection

PM/08/06366/FUL – Hillside, Fingest – construction of single storey rear extension– no objection.

DAK/08/06333/FUL – Meadow View, Pheasants Hill – erection of detached garage and store with room over – we object on the grounds of the building being too large for the site and its height will be far too dominant and a have a significant detrimental effect on Corner House. A single storey garage would be acceptable. We object to the style of the windows and feel that the staircase should be external no internal. We feel that the current drawing show a garage which is too small for parking a car. We question the need for a toilet ins store room. If approved we would want a condition that this could not be used as a separate dwelling.

AEF/08/06409/FUL/06410/LBC – Varnells, Hambleden –

construction of two storey side extension, insertion of window into front elevation, insertion of 2 x ground floor windows too former scullery and alterations – no objection

PM/08/06401/FUL – Challoners, Frieth – insertion of dormer window in south east elevation in connection with extension of loft accommodation – no objection however the Chilterns Building design Guide for dormer windows should be applied

DAK/08/06492/FUL – Hambleden Village Hall – construction of single storey side/rear extension – no objection.

PM/08/06507/FUL – Flints, Pheasants Hill – construction of three front dormer windows and 8 rooflights to rear roof – no objection

AEF/08/06533/FUL – Land opposite Greenwood Cottages, Rotten Row – proposed extensions creation hay/field store to side of existing stable block – no objection.

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 – no objection.

SH/08/06465/FUL – Rowan Cottage, Innings Road Frieth – construction of side conservatory – no objection

DVO/08/06572/FUL – Badgers Holt, Rockwell End – construction of detached double garage with new access – to be considered.

PM/08/06596/FUL & 06597/LBC –Cobs Cottage,Skirmett – const of two storey rear extension – to be considered.

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 – to be considered

DNG/08/0668/CLP – Pheasants, Ferry Lane – Certificate of Proposed lawfulness for the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, detached garden pavilion and pumphouse pursuant to planning permission 04/08300/FUL – no objection.

Decisions

AEF/08/6114/FUL & 06115/LBC – Fingest House – re-instatement of chimney stack – permit and grant consent

PM/08/06138/FUL & 06139/LBC – The Cottage, Frieth – constr of two storey rear extension with cellar. Re-alignment of side/rear boundary wall – permit and grant consent.

AEF/08/06157/FUL – The New House, Frieth – installation of 3 rear velux rooflights - permit

AEF/08/06165/FUL – Faylands, Colstrop Lane – constr of two storey side extension and porch. Rear orangery – permit

PECS/08/-6332/CTREE – Varnells, Hambleton - application for removal of 1 Lawson cypress, 2 yew trees, 2 sycamore trees, 1 prunus, 1 laburnum. Reduce height by 30% and tidy stem to 1 yew. Reduce by 30% to 1 lime tree- not to make a TPO on all but the the lime.

DAK/08/05983/Ful – Springfield Farm –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 dormer – permit

DVO/08/0603/FUL – Dovers Farm – erection of detached triple garage with accommodation over and building to house oil tank (alt scheme to 06/06863/FUL) – refused

PM/08/06024/FUL – 7 Ellery Rise –construction of two storey side/rear extension. Front and side dormers – permit.

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

Minute 7523

To adopt a Child Protection Policy in connection with the Playfulldeas application

The Clerk had issued a Child Protection Policy prior to the meeting. It was resolved to accept the document as circulated.

Minute 7524

To make a decision regarding improving the appearance of Common Land in front of the school in Frieth.

Mr Nixey provided a price of £700 to erect 10 posts from kerbside to The Gables with 2 of the posts in sockets and painted as required.

The Clerk had asked Mr Nixey to also supply a price for a chain with hooks to go over the road entrance - £70 as another option.

Cllr White, as he was unable to attend had submitted a comment stating that he felt that the Parish Council should take very firm action to restore the Common.

Bearing in mind the discussions which took place in July 2005 and the current issues a thorough discussion followed. It was unanimously resolved that no further posts would be erected on the Common.

This item will not be considered again for the duration of this Parish Council.

A new Head teacher is to be appointed and we will work with them to dissuade parents from parking on the grass.

Action:Clerk

The Clerk will write a piece for the next FVS Newsletter.

Minute 7525

Action: Clerk

To consider any items to be raised at the forthcoming JCC

The Clerk and the Chairman had received a letter from Mr Blanksby as Chairman of the JCC stating that Cllr White's presence as our representative was having a negative effect on the JCC and that the JCC would like another Councillor to represent the Parish Council. All Councillors had received a copy of the letter prior to the meeting and Cllr White ,who could not attend the Parish Council meeting, had given a response which was read out by Cllr Baird. Councillors felt that they should support Cllr White but as there are many issues relating to the JCC it was agreed to respond to the letter stating that we are considering our position and that in the short term no one will attend the meeting on the 23rd July.

The item will appear on the August agenda before a long term decision is made.

Minute 7526

To approve the accounts for July 2008; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 st June	£ 2249.92
Less June cheques & transfer	£ 714.36
Balance	£ 1535.56

Investment Account	£ 92.40
Bank of Ireland	£21779.76
Total	£23407.72

Cheques for July signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 65.20
Susan Walker – Chilterns Building design guide	£ 5.00
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 106.02
CPRE subscription	£ 28.00
Total	£ 580.59

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7527

Members Questions

1. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended the Chiltern Conservation Board Planning Training – it was well attended but covered a very large amount of material. Worked through some case studies which were very interesting and informative. Design was a strong part of the event.

Action: Cllr Baird

2. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies asked about the future of Hambleden Village Stores.
3. Cllr Baird will speak to Hambleden Estate about the above and the appearance of painted gates in the Hambleden Valley.
4. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that there will be a further meeting on the future of broadband with BT.
5. Cllr Mrs Mann reported local resident’s concerns about the positioning of speed signs at Frieth Crossroads and the top of the village. There will be a review after 6 months of the new limits being in place where all our comments can be made.
6. All Councillors reported that the speed limit signs cannot be read due to hedgerow growth.
7. Cllr Baird has received a letter enquiring about the making of Chitty Bang Bang.

Minute 7528

Date of next meeting
11th August at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth

Date.....

Signed.....