

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 8.00pm in The Parish  
Rooms, Hambleden**

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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 J. Jackson, Mr A. Armstrong,  
Dr M. Elliott  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

Richard Tracey, Community Defibrillator Responder, South Central  
Ambulance NHS Trust, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire  
PCSO Jon Bateman and 1 member of the public

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

- Minute 7562      To confirm and sign the previous minutes  
The Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and then were signed by  
the Chairman.
- Minute 7563      Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests  
Cllr Baird declared a pecuniary interest in the applications for tree  
works at Varnells.  
Cllr Armstrong declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to the  
Quinquennial Inspection.  
Cllr Dr Elliott declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to the  
JCC
- Progress on items from previous minutes  
Hambleden Rectory – the appeal was withdrawn by the Diocese. The  
community will meet to discuss any possible future application.
- Minute 7553      11. Mr Goodman will work within the parliamentary system.  
14. Letter from BCC on behalf of BRAG stating that they are  
investigating the broadband issue.  
17. Mr Gomme has completed the work at Ellery Rise and the Horse  
Pond.
- Minute 7555      The resurfacing of the back road into Hambleden has been  
completed.
- Minute 7560      1. Thames Water cleared the sewage.  
4. Clerk has reported footpath HA15 to BCC Rights of Way.  
5. The cherry tree has been trimmed.
- Minute 7564      Correspondence received from 14<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November  
1. Revised Freedom of Information Act issued to Councillors prior to  
meeting.  
2. Information on defibrillators  
Action: Agenda      3. Thames Valley Police information re Community Speedwatch  
4. Letter from Hambleden PCC referring to the Churchyards in the  
Parish and an extract from the Quinquennial Inspection for St  
Mary the Virgin, Hambleden with items relating to the Parish  
Council  
Action: Cllr Nixey      5. Bucks Rural Action Group report  
6. Invitation to the first Pathfinder Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm  
in Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch.  
7. Notification of the new Mobile Library Timetable  
8. Open Spaces Newsletter  
9. South West Chilterns Area Newsletter (GC2C BCC)  
10. Invitation to BALC AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Judges  
Lodgings at 7.30pm  
Action: Agenda      11. NALC Clerks Interim Pay rise and mileage rates which have  
increased to 58.7p per mile.  
12. Dates for 2009  
13. £400 for the Film Fund from Midsomer Murders filming in  
Hambleden.

- Action: Clerk
14. Email from Mr Packer re the High Street in Frieth, Frieth Common and use of Highways on Call – copy issued to each Councillor. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would respond stating that there had not been a promise to have granite setts for the road from the Village Hall to the Church (June, July and Sept 06 Minutes) and that the Common land in the village is only occasionally parked on now and that the school restricts parents use to the area closest to the school front parking area and that the land has returned to its usual state and that we will continue to monitor the situation. We have erected extra signs to advise people where parking is available. We are continually using Highways on Call and find them as efficient as Mr Packer stated.
- Action: Future agenda
15. Email from Frieth Village Society asking for help/suggestions for providing a Christmas tree in future years.
16. Notification from English Rural Housing that 1, Ridgewood is up for sale – Clerk has put Notices up in Parish. Plus Annual Report
17. War Memorials Trust Newsletter
18. Reply from BCC (BRAG) re Broadband in the Hambleton Valley – they are making enquiries.
- Minute 7565
- Planning Report – Applications and Decisions  
Applications  
**PM/08/07250/FUL – Huntsman’s Lodge, Hambleton Rise** – construction of part single/part two storey rear extension, reinstatements of habitable room to garage and alterations – no objection.  
**PECS/08/07256/TPO – Varnells, Hambleton** – reduce height by 30% to 1 lime tree (TPO) – no objection  
**PECS/08/07257/CTREE – Varnells, Hambleton** – fell 1 yew tree – no objection  
**DBRAS/08/07315/FUL & 07316/LBC – Bagmoor, Bagmoor Lane, Hambleton** – demolition of existing building; erection of 3 bay cart shed style garage with annexe accommodation within roof space, associated parking and turning; erection of single storey sun room extension to existing barn conversion – no objection  
**PM/08/07311/FUL – 71 Hambleton Village** – creation of new access and on site parking area, insertion of 1.2 metre 5 bar gate into brick and flint boundary wall and infilling of existing parking space onto Skirmett Road by the addition of new hedge and 1.8m temporary fence behind wall - -no objection  
**PECS/08/07345/CTREE – Hambleton 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 – no objection  
Decisions  
**PM/08/07040/FUL & 41/LBC – 59/60 Hambleton** – construction of two storey rear extension and conversion of existing dwelling into 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 2 bed dwellings – permit and grant consent  
**SH/08/07148/FUL & 49/LBC – Lower Woodend House, Fawley** – withdrawn  
**PM/08/07001/FUL – 4 Perrin Springs Lane** – withdrawn  
**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 - refused
- Action: Clerk
- The Clerk will write to WDC re the demolition of Little Martins, Skirmett as the planning application, which we objected to did not state that this was the intention.
- Minute 7566
- To consider the purchase of a copy of the 1845 Parish Tithe Map  
Cllr Baird had found an old map 8’ x 8’ which he believes may be the 1845 Tithe map.  
Clerk and Chairman will take the map to Aylesbury to ascertain whether it is the above map and if it is then Clerk will ask for a price for a copy from the National Archive.
- Action:Clerk/Chairman

- Minute 7567  
Action: Clerk
- To consider the requirements of the revised Freedom of Information Act and to formerly adopt the scheme as per the information issued  
It was resolved to adopt the revised Freedom of Information Act and in order to provide the information as easily as possible it was resolved to add a further three pages to the website at a cost of £35 per page. We would charge 20p per A4 side of paper for information supplied on request to the Clerk
- Minute 7568  
Action: Clerk
- To consider the purchase of a community defibrillator as per report issued  
Having received an excellent demonstration and information from Richard Tracey who was able to answer Councillors questions and address concerns, it was felt that we have 5 communities (the villages plus Mill End) to consider for this scheme.  
It was agreed that this was a project that the Parish Council would support and promote, however the cost will be £2000 per kit.  
It was resolved that we would look to purchasing 5 however we will be looking for shared voluntary funding. Clerk will write an item for the Notice boards, shops and local magazines and write to local people. We have already had a promise from County Cllr Woollard for £2000 from his Community Leaders Fund to be shared equally between the parish.  
Cllr Mrs Walker Allies was thanked for her hard work on this project.
- Minute 7569
- To consider expanding our website to provide a link or facility for local community organisations.  
Each village hall has a different requirement. The majority of Councillors felt that the information should be brief and to the point as the Parish Council is responsible for the content of the website. After a full discussion Cllr Mrs Walker Allies proposed that each village hall would have a page. This was not seconded. Cllr Mr Jackson proposed, Cllr Mrs Mann seconded, to create a single page covering the three village halls providing basic information. It was resolved to proceed with this option.
- Minute 7570  
Action: Clerk/Cllrs
- To consider the Quinquennial Report on Hambleden Church Yard  
Councillors had received a copy of the letter and relevant pages of the Report. The Clerk will make contact with the Church Warden to organise a Saturday morning meeting with the Clerk, Chairman and South Ward Councillors.
- Minute 7571  
Action: Clerk
- To receive any information relating to the JCC  
Cllr White reported that Lane End Parish Council had received a copy of the latest Minutes. Hambleden Parish Council had not received a copy. The Minutes stated that our two parishes criticisms on the constitution and actions of the JCC were unfounded and that our District Councillors had not appeared to support the Parish Councils' views. The Minutes also stated that we had withdrawn, when in fact what we advised the JCC that we wanted to suspend our membership of the JCC until matters were resolved. Clerk will write asking for this item to be clarified  
Councillors discussed Cllr Emmett's position and some Councillors felt that as he was not elected by the Parish Council but all residents he was not obliged to take the Parish Councils stance and this was supported by the District Solicitor.  
To date we have not received a response from the Department of Transport
- Minute 7572
- To consider the budget prior to setting the precept for 2009/10  
The Clerk issued spreadsheets showing year to date figures and projected year end figures as well as suggestions for next year's budget and precept. With the addition of the defibrillator project where we would contribute a figure for each of the 5 machines, it was agreed that the suggestions would cover activity for all areas of the community, without increasing our current precept of £27,000. Clerk will obtain costs for work on the Hambleden War Memorial.

Minute 7573

To approve the accounts for November 2008; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> October	£ 14454.35
Plus Wayleave from Scottish & Southern Energy	£ 95.28
Less October cheques and transfers	£ 10019.21
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 4530.42</b>

Investment Account	£ 92.99
Bank of Ireland	£ 21071.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 25695.29</b>

**Cheques for November signature**

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 46.99
Angus Armstrong – grass cutting July/Aug/Sept	£ 1997.49
Stocksigns – no cycling sign	£ 29.92
Hambleton PCC – Frieth light	£ 150.00
War Memorials Trust	£ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2650.77</b>

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7574

Members Question

1. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if there were any policy about controlling bracken on the Commons.
- Action: Clerk 2. Cllr Mrs Walker Allies asked if we had any further information on the proposed changes to the bus routes. Nothing has been received to date.
- Action: Clerk 3. Cllr Armstrong reported that the setts in the centre of Hambleton Village are loose.
4. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that no action had been taken re HA15.
5. Cllr White asked if there was anything that could be done about the volume of water running along the Fingest Road during heavy rain. Cllrs Nixey and Jackson who have or currently farm that area reported that there was nothing that could be done to improve the situation.

Minute 7575

Date of next meeting and those for 2009

12th	January	Skirmett
9th	February	Hambleton
9th	March	Frieth
6th	April	Skirmett
11th	May	Hambleton – Annual Parish & Annual Parish Council Meeting
8th	June	Frieth
13th	July	Skirmett
10th	August	Hambleton
14th	September	Frieth
12th	October	Skirmett
9th	November	Frieth
14th	December	Hambleton

The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in The Village Hall, Frieth

Date.....

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