

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall,  
Skirmett**

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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  
Mrs S. Henson, Clerk

PCSO Bateman and 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr Dr M. Elliott, District  
Cllr R. Emmett

Minute 7551

To confirm and sign the previous minutes

The Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and then were signed.

Minute 7552

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

Cllr Baird declared an interest in the applications for tree works at Varnells.

Progress on items from previous minutes

Mr Hughes gave the latest developments on broadband. Has had a meeting with Mr Goodman and Ofcom. Not going to regulate coverage or price and more likely to go to urban areas. SEEDA and Bucks County Council still have funds to be used but no obvious way forward. Looking at the Vodaphone 3G mobiles services but would be more expensive than broadband and would need further antennae in the area. Three reasons for Open Reach to provide a service – Universal Service obligation – lengthy time scale; roll out obligation with a time obligation and wholesale cost based tariff – highly dependent on the areas where it is provided – probably not an option; longer term option geographically based/averaged tariff.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Mrs Walker Allies asked if the Parish Council would have a media campaign to try to put pressure on the relevant organisations. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bucks Rural Action Group but would not involve the press.

Cllr Mrs Walker Allies attended the Chilterns AONB Conference covering Green Belt and AONB and land usage to meet housing numbers.

Cllr Baird reported that the PCC continue to object to the planning application for another building in the Hambleden Rectory grounds. Oxford Diocese will go to appeal and if successful will then consult local people.

Minute 7553

Correspondence received from 16<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

1. Letter from Simmons & Sons re quad bikes on Common, giving apologies and re-stating that they have instructed the gamekeepers not to use their bikes on this part of the Common.
2. Notification from WDC that they are circulating a questionnaire to 3,500 householders.
3. Standards Board Newsletter
4. Chiltern Views Newsletter
5. Communities and Local Government – the making & enforcement of byelaws – a consultation
6. BALC Document about Indemnities for Members and Officers in connection with Standards Board issues
7. WDC pathfinder no 6 Newsletter – first meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November at Longburrow Hall, Stokenchurch from 7 – 9pm.
8. Note from WDC stating that extension of the Green recycling will not happen for a while and when it does it will be Sands area.
9. Playing Field Magazine
10. WDC Permitted Development changes came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
11. Response from Mr Paul Goodman MP re Broadband
12. In Focus Magazine

13. Chilterns Annual Forum Booking forms – 12<sup>th</sup> November, Green Park Conference Centre – 10 – 2.15pm
14. Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Rural Strategy.
15. WDC Play Partnership criteria for the new Government funds for children's play area.
16. Chalk & Trees and information for landowners on the NERC Act
17. Price from Mr Gomme to cut hedge on the Playing Field at Ellery Rise - £150; clearing the ditch at Frieth Horse Pond – £245; Cutting low branches on the willow tree and trimming shrubs along the ditch -£160. All rubbish will be taken away and is included in the price. It was resolved to proceed with the work.
18. Copy of letter from the residents of 4 Perrin Springs Lane to WDC Planning re 5 Perrin Springs.

Action: Clerk

Minute 7554

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions  
Applications

**PM/08/07040/FUL & 41/LBC – 59/60 Hambleden** – construction of two storey rear extension and conversion of existing dwelling into 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 2 bed dwellings – no objection

**SH/08/07148/FUL & 49/LBC – Lower Woodend House, Fawley** – insertion of new dormer window to rear, removal of chimney to northwest corner of dwelling, increase height of existing chimney adjacent to new dormer and internal alterations – no objection

**DB/08/07175/FUL & 76/LBC – Walnut Tree Cottage, Skirmett** – demolition of existing store, construction of garage extension and alterations and raising of roof in connection with conversion to ancillary accommodation and construction of single storey rear extension linking existing house with proposed conversion – no objection but would ask that WDC conditions suggest that there should not be any on street parking

**PM/08/07250/FUL – Huntsmans Lodge, Hambleden Rise** – construction of part single/part two storey rear extension, reinstatements of habitable room to garage and alterations – out for consultation.

**PECS/08/07256/TPO – Varnells, Hambleden** – reduce height by 30% to 1 lime tree (TPO) – out for consultation.

**PECS/08/07257/CTREE – Varnells, Hambleden** – fell 1 yew tree – out for consultation.

Decisions

**PM/08/06507/FUL – Flints, Pheasants Hill** – construction of three front dormer windows and 8 rooflights to rear roof – permit

Minute 7555

To consider items to be requested under the BCC delegated budget scheme

Clerk reported that the back road into Hambleden will be resurfaced the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> October but it will be weather dependent. There is a total fund of £33,500 to be used in the area we belong to. We will not be making a bid this year

Minute 7556

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

Action: Agenda

Cllrs Mrs Walker Allies and Mrs Mann had spoken to the Village Hall Committees in their villages. Frieth and Skirmett Village Hall Committees have still to meet.

Minute 7557

To consider future action in relation to Ellery Rise Playing Field

Action: Clerk

WDC announced at the Play Partnership meeting that our application for a grant has now been submitted to BCC who are the next county to receive Government funding for play areas. We should know during November if we have been successful. It was resolved to place an order for the hedge to be cut and to have the old chain link fence removed.

Minute 7558 To receive a report on the First Aid Course and Community Speedwatch  
 Community Speedwatch suspended as Thames Valley Police have not been successful in installing their software integration to assist with the issuing of letters. Visibility is having an affect but not having the letters mean it is not acting as complete deterrent.  
 Action: Agenda First Aid course was well attended and well received. Defibrillators to be on the November agenda.

Minute 7559 To approve the accounts for October 2008; Signing of Cheques

Current Account Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September	£ 2033.70
Plus Precept	£ 13500.00
Less September cheques	£ 1079.35
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 14454.35</b>
Investment Account	£ 92.40
Bank of Ireland	£16010.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30557.45</b>

**Cheques for October signature**

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp	£ 68.08
Peter Gomme – hedge cutting by Frieth VH	£ 1380.00
W J Webb – Hambleden Church Yard Wall	£ 2248.41
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 100.05
The Shepherds Garden – footpath clearing*	£ 526.67
H F Nixey & Son – repairs to Skirmett Notice board	£ 152.73
Mrs S Walker Allies – refund for First Aid Course	£ 141.90
Chilterns Conservation Board	£ 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5019.21</b>

\* To be refunded by BCC.

**Transfer to Bank of Ireland - £5000**

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7560 Members Questions

Action: Clerk

1. Cllr Armstrong reported that sewage is leaking in the field opposite Huttons. Clerk will report to BCC/Thames Water.
2. Residents of Pheasants Hill are concerned about the windows at Bussetts. Planning Enforcement is already involved.
3. Cllr Armstrong reported that the recent road sweeping is probably not a good use of tax payer's money in some areas and would have been better to wait until all the leaves had fallen.
4. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that footpath HA15 is now dangerous as people are sliding into the barbed wire which is on the wrong side of the posts
5. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if the cherry tree in the village could be trimmed back
6. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if the footpaths in Hambleden Church Yard could be treated with weed killer.

Action: Clerk

Action: Cllr Baird

Action: Cllr Armstrong

Minute 7561 Date of next meeting  
 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in The Parish Rooms, Hambleden

Date..... Signed.....