

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 15th September 2008 at 8.00pm in The Parish
Rooms, Hambleden**

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

7 members of the public

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

Minute 7539

To confirm and sign the previous minutes

Minute 7524 Cllr White asked that the words 'from the Main Road' be deleted. This was agreed and then they were agreed and signed.

Minute 7540

Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

None declared

Minute 7524

Progress on items from previous minutes

The Clerk had been copied in on an email sent to Frieth Village Society from Mr Alan Druce re the Common Land and has responded. Cllr Mrs Mann was asked by FVS if a 'mound' could be created on the edge of the Common. The new Head teacher has succeeded in stopping parents parking on the left hand side of the Common.

Minute 7537

1. BCC has spoken to a resident of Ferry Lane who had raised certain issues. Patching has been ordered and hedgerow growth has been cut back.
2. BCC only remove ragwort where it's land borders land that is frequently used by animals, otherwise it is left.

Action: Cllr Mrs Walker/Clerk

Cllr Mrs Walker made a report on the latest situation re broadband. Head teacher at Frieth reported that the Dept of Education states that all children should have ready access to broadband however that can be via schools, libraries etc, not necessarily in their homes. The project started in 2003 and the criteria for BT to install a broadband system were met. A local committee was set up to progress the project with SEEDA, BCC and BT Open Reach. BT has stated they will not now pursue installing broadband for our area and that a retail company would have to ask BT to modify the Henley Exchange. The problem was created because BT closed the exchange at Hambleden. If this had not occurred everyone would be able to get broadband. The local committee does not want to ruin relationships by going to the media and putting BT on the spot and wants the Parish Council to take on the project using the school children's needs as well as that of the local population. It was agreed to send a letter to our MP, Mr Paul Goodman.

Minute 7541

Correspondence received from 12th August – 15th September 2008

Action: Clerk

1. BCC Review of Bledlow, Marlow and Stokenchurch Rider bus Service – previously circulated to all members by email.
2. WDALC Minutes, agenda and subscription renewal form. Agenda and Minutes passed to Cllr Mr Nixey.
3. BCC Mobile Library stopping places review – as a result of our request Skirmett has been added to the list, we will however ask for longer time at Hambleden and ask if the timing can be changed at Skirmett as the Car Park may still be full with customer's cars at the specified time of 13.50 – 14.05.
4. BCC – Criteria for Bucks Approved Councils
5. BCC delegated budget scheme request – October agenda
6. JCC Minutes.
7. WDC response re the JCC – will only become involved when a new constitution is produced for consideration.
8. Lottery Bid response
9. Best Kept Village Competition results – passed to FVS
10. Matters Arising Magazine

- Action: Clerk
11. Postwatch – latest information on proposed Post Office closures.
 12. South East England regional Assembly Newsletter, partial Review of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation needs.
 13. Chilterns Conservation Board Annual review
 14. Notification and agenda of next Local Community Partnership meeting (instead of Local Area Committee) 16th September at 7pm in West Wycombe Village Hall and Minutes of previous meeting.
- Action: Clerk
15. Request from Air Ambulance Berks, Oxon, Bucks for help with funding it was agreed to make a donation of £200 from the Hambleden Film Fund.
 16. Mazars, the external auditors have signed off our accounts stating that it the Parish Council's responsibility that appropriate declarations have been made to HM Revenue & Customs in respect of payments to the Clerk. The Clerk has shown the Chairman and Vice Chairman copies of her National Insurance document and her Income tax statement.
 17. BCC Footpath closure order for footpath HA56 for farm access works and pond repairs for 8 weeks duration.
 18. Chilterns AONB Planning Conference – 8th October - £25 per delegate. Passed to Cllr Mrs Walker Allies.
 19. CAA response re Wycombe Air Park JCC – they are only interested and involved in safety issues. Copies issued to Councillors.
 20. Letter from the Dept of Transport re Wycombe Air Park JCC – they are investigating our complaint. Copies issued to Councillors.
 21. Agenda for next JCC meeting – 16th September at 6.30pm. Passed to Cllr White for information only.
 22. Chiltern News
 23. Dept of Environment – Flooding Booklets.
 24. NHS leaflet on Independent sector Treatment Centres

Minute 7542

Planning Report – Applications and Decisions
Applications

JAI/08/06936/FUL – Hatchett Wood, Shogmoor Lane – demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling, staff cottage, swimming pool, pool house and garaging and maintenance workshop with games room over (Alternative to pl 07/05809/FUL) - the Parish Council has not received any representations on this application .We are concerned that a detailed traffic management plan, a detailed landscape plan and detailed floodlight and external lighting plan have not been submitted. We would request a temporary track to help share the load of construction traffic, we would want different times of operation to those suggested by BCC Highways.

PM/08/07001/FUL – 4 Perrin Springs Lane – raising roof and insertion of 2 x front dormer windows in connection with first floor living accommodation and construction of two storey front, side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage to side – the design and access statement does not accurately represent the true position as hedges will have to be removed to allow front access for skips and lorries and the road is so narrow that construction traffic will significantly block the road and pavements. The proposal is contrary to policies G8 in relation to daylight and sunlight, privacy and overlooking, visual intrusion and overshadowing, traffic noise and disturbance and parking and manoeuvring of vehicles, C12 relating to the impact, character and scale and C14 in relation to the size of the proposal, detrimental to the character and appearance of the existing building and would constitute an intrusion into the rural area. We will ask for it to go to Development Control. .

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 – to be considered.

Decisions

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 to former scullery and alterations – permit and grant consent

AEF/08/06533/FUL – Land opposite Greenwood Cottages, Rotten Row – proposed extensions creation hay/field store to side of existing stable block – permit

SH/08/06465/FUL – Rowan Cottage, Innings Road Frieth – construction of side conservatory – permit

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 – grant certificate of proposed use.

DVO/08/06572/FUL – Badgers Holt, Rockwell End – construction of detached double garage with new access – permit

PM/08/06596/FUL & 06597/LBC –Cobs Cottage, Skirmett – const of two storey rear extension – permit and grant consent

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 – permit and grant consent

DVO/08/06690/FUL – Dovers Farm, Frieth – erection of triple garage with accommodation over and building to house oil tank – permit

AEF/08/06422/FUL - Huntsman’s Lodge, 41 Hambleden Rise – withdrawn

- Minute 7543 To consider any responses to our letters re Wycombe Air Park
It was agreed to wait for further correspondence and a report from the Dept of Transport.
- Minute 7544 To consider the review by BCC of the public transport system in the Parish
BCC has stated that due to lack of usage the Hambleden Valley will be losing its bus service from January 09. It was agreed that a letter will be sent stating that every resident pays Council Tax and should receive the same services as urban areas. The overall costs should cover both the profitable and unprofitable services. WDC and BCC are trying to encourage people to use public transport. It was felt that a more regular service may well encourage more people to use buses. Clerk to check that the Frieth service is unaffected.
- Action: Clerk
- Minute 7545 To consider expanding our website to provide a link or facility for local community organisations.
Proposal to allow the three village halls to have three or four pages on our website at a cost of £35 per page for the creation cost. Councillors will contact their relevant village halls to see if they would be interested.
- Action: Councillors
- Minute 7546 To consider future action in relation to Ellery Rise Playing Field
The Lottery Fund application was unsuccessful, the reply was not very informative and WDC will try to find out why we were unsuccessful. It was agreed to investigate a grant from a new Government initiative. Clerk will attend the WDC Play Partnership meeting on 30th September.
- Minute 7547 To discuss the proposed First Aid Course and Community Speedwatch
Cllr Mrs Walker Allies reported that there are now 12 volunteers for Community Speedwatch and that 6 sessions have now taken place. 300 vehicles passed through, 5 licence plates recorded on 37mph or over and these have been forwarded to the police.

7 people have signed up for the First Aid course on 11th October.

Minute 7548

To approve the accounts for September 2008; Signing of Cheques

The Clerk issued a spreadsheet showing the first 6 months expenditure against budget

Current Account Balance as at 1 st August	£ 1104.97
Plus transfer from B of I	£ 6000.00
Less August cheques	£ 5071.27
Balance	£ 2033.70

Investment Account	£ 92.40
Bank of Ireland	£15865.68
Total	£17991.78

Cheques for September signature

Mrs S. Henson (s/o)	£ 376.37
Mrs S. Henson exp and third of new printer cost	£ 143.75
West Wycombe PC – 50% of tel bill	£ 97.35
WDALC Subscription	£ 4.00
Post Office - (300 x 2 nd standard & 100 x 2 nd large)	£ 123.00
Mazars – external audit	£ 334.88
Total	£ 1079.35

The Precept is due in on 25th September

It was resolved to approve the accounts

Minute 7549

Members Questions

1. Cllr Baird was given permission to represent the Parish Council at a PCC meeting where the Oxford Diocesan planning permission for the Rectory will be discussed.
2. Cllr Mrs Walker asked about the grass cutting at Skirmett.
3. Cllr Mrs Robinson asked if better lighting could be installed around Hambleden Church Yard and if the church paths could be widened. – this is a PCC agenda item as a result of the recent quinquennial inspection.
4. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that Marlow Police Station was closed on 9th Sept due to ill health. Clerk will write to the new Inspector.
5. Cllr Mrs Mann reported that vandalism had occurred at Hambleden Tennis Club.

Minute 7550

Date of next meeting

13th October at 8pm in The Village Hall, Skirmett

Date.....

Signed.....