

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 11th January 2021 via Zoom

PRESENT: Mr J Jackson (Chair), Mrs L Mann, Mr C Hussey, Mr A Armstrong, Cllr S Webb, Mrs J Nixey, Mr D Broad, Mr G Rowley.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

3 members of the public (part)

Minute 9418 A short presentation from Fawley Parish Meeting Chairman regarding rural broadband

Mr Turner also sits on the broadband sub-committee for the South West Community Board and has been tasked with providing the opportunity to install fibre direct to premises for all premises in the region. Fawley parish have set up a successful community partnership with BT Openreach. Whilst some properties that are close to a cabinet may consider they already have good speeds, FTTP will future proof internet speeds for many years to come. The Community Board want to make sure that rural communities are not left behind. Mr Turner is working with Lane End Parish Council currently too.

Minute 9419 Public Question Time

The Chair of Frieth Village Society attended to ask for an update to the current situation regarding the white posts on the Common Land. Clerk advised that they are due to be installed on 29th January and it should take between 1 and 2 days. Clerk to make Frieth CEC School aware.

A Frieth resident asked for permission for access to her field via the Parish Council's newer field at Ellery Rise to cut back her hedge – permission given. Clerk to ask contractor to cut back the PC hedges at the same time.

Minute 9420 Apologies for Absence

None received.

Minute 9421 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda

None declared.

Minute 9422 To confirm and approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 14th December 2020 via Zoom

The minutes for the meeting held in December were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman when possible.

Minute 9423 To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda

Minute 9409 Clerk forwarded the donation cheque to the Lady Ryder Memorial Garden, who have passed on their thanks. Clerk put the Chairman in touch with the Community Board co-ordinator to discuss the possibility further funding.

Minute 9410 Clerk forwarded the cheque to Fingest Church who passed on their thanks.

Minute 9413 Clerk confirmed with the resident to proceed with the removal and installation of the bench outside the village hall in Frieth and forwarded details of contractors who may be able to assist.

Minute 9415 1. Jet patching is scheduled to take place in January at the top of Frieth Hill.

Minute 9395 Frieth Natural History Society have visited the newer Ellery Rise field and found some undergrowth. Whilst not needed immediately, some attention will need to be paid in the future. Any working parties obviously cannot occur in the current climate. Clerk to ask Balkwell to put the hedge cutter on the ground in this area. Clerk and Cllr Webb organised before Christmas for Public Health England posters to be displayed in Hambleden village following a large amount of visitors during tier 4 restrictions.

All AED checks have taken place.

The JCC have requested comments relating to planning application 20/08255/R9FUL – Construction of glider track (Regulation 3 application) at Wycombe Air Park Clay Lane Booker. This will move training flights away from flying over the parish and is a positive step for the residents in the Hambleden Valley.

Clerk has reported various potholes, blocked drains and faded lines around the parish. This can be done via www.fixmystreet.com by anyone.

Minute 9424 Correspondence received from to 15th December 2020 to 11th January 2021

1. Email from Fawley resident re: broadband in the parish – forwarded to Cllrs, to be discussed at January meeting.
2. Email from Buckinghamshire Council - Keeping High Wycombe residents informed about COVID-19 – forwarded to Cllrs, added to Facebook page.
3. Christmas cards from BMKALC (virtual) and Culden Faw Estate – for info.
4. Update from Martin Tett following move to Tier 3 – forwarded to Cllrs, added to website and Facebook page.
5. Planning and Enforcement meeting paper and video – forwarded to Cllrs.
6. Email from resident re: tourists in Hambleden village and Covid-19 Tier 4 restrictions – forwarded to Cllrs.
7. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. The Clerk magazine – for info.
9. Response from MP re: letter about trees sent February 2021 – forwarded to Cllrs.
10. TTRO Pheasants Hill – forwarded to Cllrs.
11. Response from Culden Faw re: toilet – forwarded to Cllrs.
12. TTRO Rockwell End – forwarded to Cllrs, added to website and Facebook page.
13. Wycombe Air Park planning application from JCC – forwarded to Cllrs.
14. Invite to Community Board meeting – forwarded to Cllrs.
15. Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – for info.
16. Thank you from Lady Ryder Memorial Garden for donation – forwarded to Cllrs.

Minute 9425 To receive updates from any meetings attended since the previous ordinary meeting including any sub-committees

Clerk attended an online Planning Enforcement meeting run by Buckinghamshire Council, slides and a link to the recorded session were forwarded to Cllrs. Clerk also attended the WDALC online meeting.

Minute 9426 To discuss a request by Hambleden Parish Hall to take over the management and maintenance of the public toilet by the village hall

When approached, Culden Faw Estate have said that Hambleden Stores do not give out the code for the toilet and in fact are unaware of what it is. The Parish Council do not wish to take over the responsibility for this facility, and will advise the Village Hall Committee to keep it locked if they do not wish to continue with it. There could be an occasional need for them to be used when an event is on in the village.
 Action:Clerk The toilets in the car park in Mill End have now been opened by Culden Faw Estate, there are no charges in place for using the toilets.

Minute 9427 To discuss the parking in Hambleden village and the recent charging system introduced in the car park by the landowners

Culden Faw Estate have said that the car park is full on a daily basis so do not think that the charges have dissuaded people from using it. Cllr Rowley disputes this and says it is often empty during the week. As of yet there has been no formal agreement between any of the groups who use the car park and Culden Faw Estate. There has been a large increase in visitors to Hambleden, there is just not enough parking in the village for the amount of visitors. Situation to be monitored.

Minute 9428 To discuss the vacancy in the North Ward and the upcoming elections in May 2021

The Parish Council has a casual vacancy since the resignation of Cllr Walker-Allies. Elections are currently scheduled to take place in May having been deferred in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Anyone who is interested in becoming a parish councillor can contact the Clerk for a chat. Clerk to advertise in the parish magazine, Facebook page and the Frieth Village newsletter.
 Action:Clerk

**Minute 9429 To approve the accounts for January 2021; To approve the budget for 2021/2022; To set the precept demand to Buckinghamshire Council
Accounts paid in January 2021**

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| Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order) | 622.04 |
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| BC Pension Fund (via standing order) | 194.83 |
| Mrs Lorna Coldwell – working from home annual allowance | 500.00 |
| Hambleden Valley Group – magazine subs | 26.00 |
| C G Balkwell and Son – hedge trimming at Pheasants Hill | 81.60 |
| SSE Southern Electric – supply charges | 194.50 |
| ICO – renewal fee | 40.00 |
| Total | 1658.97 |
| Balance as at 1st December 2020 | 76521.84 |
| Less December payments | (4730.99) |
| Balance as 31st December 2020 | 71790.85 |
| Of which CIL Funds | 15865.38 |
| Church Wall reserve | 10000.00 |
| Unrestricted Reserves | *45925.47* |

Film Fund

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| Total of all funds at 1 st December 2020 | 8575.87 |
| Fingest Church donation towards gates | 2500.00 |
| Money ring-fenced for Frieth Village Hall clock works | (1000.00) |
| Balance as at 31 st December 2020 | 6075.87 |
| Unrestricted Reserves | 5075.87 |

The budget for 2021/2022 was approved. The precept demand to Buckinghamshire Council was set at £32,000, the same as the previous year. For a Band D property this will mean a 0.68% increase from last year.

Minute 9430 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

1. **Cllr Hussey** – a Frieth Natural History Society meeting was held and there are the remains of last years scrub clearance to be collected at Fingest Lane – Cllr Jackson will collect at some point.
 2. Cherries Corner in Frieth, which was left uncut to encourage wildflower growth will need an early cut in the spring time.
 3. Lots of visitors to Hambleden has meant that there has been an increase in the amount of litter left, Cllr Hussey takes a bag and collects on his daily walk. Actions are limited with the current restrictions, but to revisit later in the year to see if there is something that can be done.
 4. **Cllr Mann** – would like to follow up on the broadband presentation earlier in the meeting. Agenda item for February.
- Agenda Item
5. **Cllr Armstrong** – has been made aware of a broken services cover next to the pavement near to the Mill End car park. A cone has been put on it. Cllr Armstrong will visit to try to rectify.
 6. **Cllr Rowley** – suggests to put something on the parish website about broadband asking for feedback. Clerk to put something on the Frieth Village Facebook page also.
- Action: Clerk

Minute 9431 To consider all recent applications received from Buckinghamshire Council detailed below and any other planning applications submitted and published on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal:

20/07688/LBC – Land To Rear of Hambleden Stores and Post Office – Listed building con for demolition of fire-damaged outbuilding and erection of detached 1-bed cottage with associated works, parking and amenity space – **no objection**

20/08098/FUL – Greenlands Henley Road Hambleden – Installation of new sewage pumping station including two tanks and pump and associated drainage connections located below ground, new concrete access track, new meter box and vent pipework located above ground – **no objection**

20/08368/FUL – Elmdown Farm Skirmett Road Skirmett – Householder application for relocation of existing swimming pool and reinstate natural landscape – **no objection**

Planning Application Decisions

20/06913/FUL – Howe Farm Skirmett Road Hambleden – Householder application for construction of a single storey pool and plant building – **Application Permitted**

20/06914/FUL - Howe Farm Skirmett Road Hambleden – Householder application for construction of single-storey garage and store with new parking arrangements – **Application Permitted**

20/07781/ADRC – **The Hyde Bagmoor Lane Hambleden** – Application for the approval of details subject to condition 7 (surface water drainage scheme) of planning approval 18/06795/FUL – **Application for the approval of details subject to condition 7 (surface water drainage scheme)** (PC not consulted)

20/07311/FUL – Yewden Manor Farm Skirmett Road Hambleden – Householder application for replacement LPG tank, construction of bin store, fenestrations, internal and external alterations, installation of skylight and chimney flue to front roof slope – **Application Permitted**

20/08065/CTREE – Marlstone Frieth Hill Frieth – Canopy lift to approximately 4.5 metres from ground level to 1 x Lime tree (T1) in the rear garden – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

20/08066/CTREE – Kiln House Frieth Hill Frieth – Fell 1 x Cherry tree (T1) to ground level, remove co-dominate lime stem (T2), fell 1 x large Sycamore (T3) to ground level and fell 1 x semi-mature Lime tree (T4) to ground level – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

20/08004/CTREE – Copper Beeches Pheasants Hill Hambleden – Fell x 1 Pine (T1) – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

Minute 9432 **Date of Next Meeting**

The dates for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th February 2021, via Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 20.44.

Signed Date