

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 8th February 2021 via Zoom

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

6 members of the public (part)

Minute 9433 **Public Question Time**
 None.

Minute 9434 **Apologies for Absence**
 None received.

Minute 9435 **Declaration of disclosable pecuniary and personal interests by Members relating to items on the agenda**
 Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in planning application 20/08400/FUL – 66 Hambleden Village, Hambleden.

Minute 9436 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 11th January 2021 via Zoom**
 The minutes for the meeting held in January were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman when possible.

Minute 9437 **To Report on Matters Arising from Previous Minutes which are not on the Agenda**
 Minute 9339 When installing the white posts in Frieth the contractor ran into some unexpected issues. The initial cost for galvanisation increased, and due to the difficulty in removing the old and installing the new posts extra man power had to be hired for extra days. The cost from the initial quote has increased by approximately £1000. All in agreement to pay the increased invoice, which is still cheaper than the alternative quotation received during the tender process. Clerk to speak with the contractor to advise that the extra costs as per the email received this week will be paid once the work has been completed.

Action:Clerk
 Minute 9415

1. Jet patching was scheduled to take place in January at the top of Frieth Hill. Clerk has contacted the LAT who is finding out the new date for these works. Re-surfacing to Spurgo Lane, Frieth is taking place this week.

Minute 9358

Action:

Future

agenda item

Minute 9429

Minute 9430

Minute 9395

Clerk received a quotation from FM Conway to clean and de-silt the gullies in the parish as per the records on Parish Online at a cost of £2055 +VAT. Clerk has spoken with TfB who have said that they will look into increasing the cleansing programme in the parish, but no dates have been given for this as of yet.

Clerk sent the precept demand to Buckinghamshire Council.

5. Clerk reported the broken services cover to Buckinghamshire Council.

Hedges at Ellery Rise should be cut in the next week or so.

Clerk reported over flowing man holes in a field between Hambleden and Mill End to Thames Water, who attended but had to refer to a Technical Specialist for review. It has now stopped.

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

Minute 9438 **Correspondence received from 12th January to 8th February 2021**

1. TfB Parish Portal – forwarded to Cllrs.
2. Email from Culden Faw Estate manager re: various issues – forwarded to Cllrs.
3. Email from resident re: Cherries Corner – for info.
4. Email from Secretary of Frieth Natural History Society re: Ellery Rise meadow – forwarded to Cllrs.
5. Email from BMKALC re: confirmation of elections in May – forwarded to Cllrs.
6. Email re: burst tyre from a pothole at Parmoor, Frieth – forwarded details of Buckinghamshire Council.
7. HS2 e-update – forwarded to Cllrs.
8. Email Planning and Environment newsletter – forwarded to Cllrs.
9. Email re: Consultation about move to academy status for Frieth school – forwarded to Cllrs.
10. Fingest and Skirmett traffic data – forwarded to Cllrs.
11. Parish Charter timeline – forwarded to Cllrs.

12. Lobby Day email from BMKALC – forwarded to Cllrs.
13. Email re: Developing Buckinghamshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Webinar Invitation – forwarded to Cllrs.
14. Invitations to Rural associated Webinars – forwarded to Cllrs.
15. Parish Charter and survey message emails – forwarded to Cllrs.
16. Rural Forum meeting date – forwarded to Cllrs.
17. Email from BMKALC re: elections – forwarded to Cllrs.
18. Various emails from Frieth resident re: parish boundaries.
19. Email from Mill End resident re: sandbags – Clerk responded.
20. Email from Mill End resident re: sewage issues – for info.
21. Flood warning email – forwarded to Cllrs.
22. Flooding information sheet from BC – forwarded to Cllrs.
23. Parish Charter questions – forwarded to Cllrs.
24. Election Campaigning information email from BMKALC – forwarded to Cllrs.
25. War Memorials Trust Bulletin – for info.
26. Email re: mountain bikes on footpaths – Clerk referred to Buckinghamshire Council for additional signage to be erected.

Minute 9439 To receive updates from any meetings attended since the previous ordinary meeting including any sub-committees

Cllr Hussey spoke at the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Committee meeting held by Buckinghamshire Council regarding planning application 20/07885/FUL. The planning committee deferred a decision until further more meaningful consultation was carried out with various stakeholders. Following this, he attended a Zoom call about the outcome with the residents and Buckinghamshire Councillor Chris Whitehead. Cllr Hussey gave a brief report of both meetings and suggestions for going forward. All in agreement to write to those proposed who include the Head of Planning at Buckinghamshire Council, EE, and the company who owns the Chisbridge mast. Cllr Mann volunteered to join a working group along with Cllr Hussey and residents with meetings held via Zoom. A local resident thanked Cllr Hussey for his summation and the PC for the support given to the residents. Cllr Hussey and Clerk attended a webinar about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Cllr Hussey will forward the slides and a brief report to Councillors. Clerk attended the virtual Parish Liaison meeting and the Clerks meeting, and will be attending the Community Board Forum later this month.

Cllr Mann attended a virtual meeting about Frieth CEC School becoming an academy school as part of the Oxford Diocesan Bucks Trust.

Action:
Cllrs Hussey,
Mann and
Clerk

Minute 9440 To agree to make a donation to Frieth Church for £150 for the light over the winter period

It was resolved to make the above donation to assist with electricity charges to ensure that there is some light in the centre of Frieth during the winter months from sunset until 10.30pm. This payment is being made later than previous years. All in agreement.

Action:Clerk

Minute 9441 To consider purchasing a maintenance contract for the MYSI at a cost of either £344.98 including VAT for Gold Level cover, or £147.60 including VAT for Silver Level cover

Cllr Jackson proposed purchasing the Gold level cover, Cllr Nixey seconded. All in agreement, Clerk to action.

Action:Clerk

Minute 9442 To discuss rural broadband and consider the prospect of a Community Partnership

Mr Turner has contacted to advise that BT Openreach are now only working on existing builds as they have been instructed to wait and see what new Government guidance is come April. He will keep in touch with updates. Clerk to alter the copy submitted for inclusion in the Hambleton Valley magazine and Frieth village newsletter advising that any scheme is subject to Government go ahead.

Action:Clerk

Minute 9443 To consider and draft a response to the consultation for the draft Parish Charter by Buckinghamshire Council

A copy of the draft charter and questions has been previously circulated. Clerk to respond.

Action:Clerk

Minute 9444 To discuss the vacancy in the North Ward and co-option proceedings
 Clerk has received 2 forms of interest in the vacancy. A third resident who is interested is currently ineligible but will stand at the May elections. Clerk to forward interest forms to all Councillors for a co-option decision at the March meeting.

Action:Clerk

Minute 9445 To discuss and receive any updates about the bridge in Hambleton village
 Cllr Webb did not feel this was an essential trip for the contractor to make during lockdown bringing more people to the village. She will contact after restrictions are lifted. Clerk to speak with Culden Faw Estate regarding the allotment wall in Hambleton village.

Action:Cllr Webb

Action:Clerk

Minute 9446 To approve the accounts for February 2021
Accounts paid in February 2021

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	622.04
BC Pension Fund (via standing order)	194.83
The Chiltern Society – footpath clearance	155.54
Mrs L Coldwell – reimbursement for expenses – November 2020	128.64
Mrs L Coldwell – reimbursement for expenses – December 2020	94.89
Mrs L Coldwell – reimbursement for expenses – January 2021	933.37
Vision ICT – annual website hosting charges	342.00
SWARCO Ltd – MYSI maintenance contract	344.98
Hambleton PCC – donation for Frieth light over winter	150.00
Total	2966.29
Balance as at 1st January 2021	71790.85
Less January payments	(1658.97)
Balance as 31st January 2021	70131.88
Of which CIL Funds	15865.38
Church Wall reserve	10000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	*44266.50*

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1st January 2021	6075.87
Money ring-fenced for Frieth Village Hall clock works	(1000.00)
Balance as at 31st January 2021	6075.87
Unrestricted Reserves	5075.87

Minute 9447 Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

- Cllr Mann** – would like a discussion regarding the white posts that are located at the bottom of Frieth hill by the pond, and also at the top of the hill at Cherries Corner and suggestions as to what to do with them.
- Cllr Webb** – there has been sewage leaking from manhole covers in fields due to the recent rainfall. A resident cleared wire gauze from a drain which was not allowing the water to flow away in Mill End.
- Cllr Hussey** – the Code of Conduct for Pheasants Hill was previously developed, small noticeboards could be erected at the entrance to the Common listing the expectations for visitors. Future agenda item for signage and dealing with the increase in litter that is being found locally.
- There was an initiative for a co-ordinated deer cull for the estates in the parish. Some landowners would like to continue this, it is likely to take place later this month at dawn or dusk. Cllr Jackson said that safety is paramount in this situation and is the responsibility of the landowners to ensure all measures are taken.

Minute 9448 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:

Planning was moved up the agenda and discussions took place between items 7 and 8.
20/08400/FUL – 66 Hambleton Village Hambleton – Householder application for construction of a part single/part 2 storey rear extension following demolition existing single storey lean-to and garden shed – **objection. Comments to be finalised and then submitted.** It is an over development of the site and the PC agree with concerns from the neighbours about loss of amenity and light. It would be overbearing and the other properties would suffer a sense on enclosure if permitted.

20/08484/FUL – Creighton Cottage Innings Road Frieth – Householder application for construction part single, part two storey side extension with side entrance and covered walkway – **no objection**

20/08492/CTREE – The Old Parsonage Frieth Hill Frieth – Remove lower limb x 1 Horse Chestnut (1), prune by 2 metres and re-shape x 1 Whitebeam (2), re-shape/re-balance, reducing some extended limbs by up to 3 m x 1 Yew (3), re-shape/re-balance, reducing some extended limbs by up to 2 m x 1 Yew (4), prune by approx 2-3 m and re-shape x 1 Sycamore (5), re-shape x 1 Cypress (6), fell 2 x unidentified tree (7, 8) and reduce height by 0.5 metres and re-shape x 1 Holly (9) – **no objection**

20/08477/LBC - Kenricks Rectory Hill Hambleton – Listed building application for replacement roof due to water ingress damage (part retrospective) – **no objection**

21/05027/FUL – Parmoor Park Farm Parmoor Lane Frieth – Erection of Agricultural Grain Store – **no objection**

21/05106/FUL – Burrow Farm Hollow Lane Rotten Row Hambleton – Engineering operation to upgrade an existing farm track (from the farm to sheep dip area) and laying of a new track (from that point onward) to, and the improvement of the existing field exits – **no objection but we would ask for a condition that only the minimum amount of vegetation is removed to allow for the vision splay and that the hedges are properly managed afterwards.**

Planning Application Decisions

20/08293/ADRC - Monkey Lodge Skirmett Road Hambleton – Application for approval of details subject to condition 10 (ECO and Enhancement) of planning approval ref: 20/06669/FUL – **Permit – detail reserved by condition** – PC not consulted

20/07868/CLP – Valentine Farm House Shogmoor Lane Skirmett – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement windows – **Grant Certificate – Proposed Development** – PC not consulted

20/07768/FUL – Ridgewood Spurgrove Lane Frieth – Removal of existing dwelling and erection of two storey 4-bed dwelling with integral double garage and creation of new driveway (alternative scheme to 19/05155/FUL) – **Application Permitted**

Minute 9449 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th March 2021, via Zoom. The meeting was closed at 20.47

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