

**MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Frieth Village Hall**

PRESENT: Mr J Jackson (Chair), Mr A Armstrong, Mr C Hussey, Cllr S Webb, Mr G Rowley.  
 Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk  
 5 members of the public

**Minute 9599**

**To receive a presentation from Hey! Broadband regarding FTTP broadband in Frieth, and consider any actions needed by the Parish Council**

A representative did not attend, a Frieth resident who has been working with Lane End Parish Council and Hey! Broadband gave an update. 100 residences in Frieth have signed up which means that the government voucher towards FTTP has been applied for in Frieth. However, the cost of bringing fibre to Frieth and onwards in the Hambleden Valley is high, and even with the vouchers Hey! Broadband are unsure if it is commercially viable for them to continue. They have asked for as much support locally as possible, the more people who express an interest the greater the interest from Hey! Broadband is. There is quite a lot of work to get the fibre into homes which they had underestimated. If this does not get over the line with Hey! Broadband then it will be years and years before it happens. The Parish Council will send a letter to DCMS expressing support for the roll out to Frieth and other villages.

**Action: Clerk**

**Minute 9600**

**Public Question Time**

3 members of the public attended to discuss planning application 21/08699/FUL – The Stones, Spurgoave Lane, Frieth. 2 were the applicants, and 1 neighbour lodging an objection. 1 resident attended to discuss litter in the parish, which is continuing to be a problem post pandemic. Henley Town Council have created “Henley Wombles” which is 50 or so volunteers who have been given hi-vis vests, sticks and bags to collect litter. She asked if Hambleden Parish Council can do something similar. It would need volunteers and someone to organise. The PC would be happy to support and receptive to any requests for help but are unlikely to lead on it. Cllr Webb suggests putting something in the parish magazine to try and organise a community group.

**Action:Future agenda item**

**Minute 9601**

**To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Gronmark, Eaton, Goddard and Buckinghamshire Councillor Mark Turner.

**Minute 9602**

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

Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in agenda item 10, quotations for grass cutting contracts and planning application 21/07373/FUL, Lindsey House Pheasants Hill Hambleden.

**Minute 9603**

**To confirm and approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The minutes for the meeting held in January were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Minute 9604**

**Clerk and any Councillors if appropriate to report on matters arising and any updates from previous minutes which are not on the agenda**

- Minute 9542 – the signs have been installed at Pheasants Hill Common.
- Minute 9561.1 – Clerk has chased the LAT again about the resurfacing in Pheasants Hill, no response has been received to date.
- Minute 9574 – Clerk is still drafting a final version of the Accessibility Statement to be placed on the website.
- Minute 9587 – Clerk added the village pound in Fingest to the Heritage List. The Kenricks memorial was already included.
- Minute 9590 – Clerk wrote to the Environment Agency about the Hamble Brook regarding new flood defence barriers and the flood embankment but has had no response.
- Minute 9591 – a letter was sent to Huttons Farm regarding pheasant beating, the Estate Office have responded advising they will speak with the beaters ahead of the next shooting season.

- Minute 9593 – Clerk responded to Buckinghamshire Council regarding the proposed footpath diversion of HA44.
- Minute 9595 – the precept demand was sent to Buckinghamshire Council.
- Minute 9596.1 – the scrub clearance at Fingest took place at the beginning of February, Cllr Jackson will attend to remove the waste.
- Minute 9596.7 – the pothole in Parmoor was reported via Fix My Street and TfB have attended.
- Clerk and Cllr Webb have dealt with filming requests in Hambleden village in February.
- Clerk responded to Buckinghamshire Council regarding historic pension information.
- Works on the clock in Frieth Village Hall are expected to commence this month. There is a donation to be made towards this from the Film Fund.
- Filming is taking place this week in Hambleden, with further filming at the end of March. There will be a road closure for this, but it is subject to approval from Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Webb has clarified with the location manager some concerns from residents over access.
- Clerk has reported various potholes, damaged signs, blocked drains and faded white lines around the parish. This can be done by anyone via [Fix My Street](#).
- Cllr Hussey discussed the ownership of Pheasants Hill Common and Cllr Barnes offer to help discuss with Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Hussey suggests writing to the Head of Legal Services at Buckinghamshire Council who are the custodians to explore a way to formalise the management of Pheasants Hill Common that the PC has been carrying out for many years. **Action: Clerk**

### **Minute 9605**

#### **Correspondence received from 11<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

1. Email re: South West Chilterns Economic Recovery and Regeneration Action Group agenda – for info.
2. Email re: News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England – forwarded to Cllrs.
3. South West Chilterns Community Board – Community Engagement action group meeting notes – for info.
4. The Clerk magazine – for info, will bring to meeting.
5. South West Chilterns Community Board – Community Engagement action group agenda – for info.
6. Email re: Hambleden parking – forwarded to Cllr Webb.
7. Joining instructions for new councillor training – forwarded to Cllr Eaton.
8. South West Chilterns Community Board Transport and Highways action group meeting – for info.
9. JCC minutes – for info.
10. Email from Hambleden Churchwarden re: Yew Trees – forwarded to Cllrs.
11. Councillor induction training slides from BMKALC – forwarded to Cllrs Eaton, Gronmark and Goddard.
12. Update from Buckinghamshire Council for Towns and Parishes – forwarded to Cllrs.
13. Online training session Planning Policy & Compliance Buckinghamshire – forwarded to Cllrs.
14. Planning and Environment Meeting slides – forwarded to Cllrs.
15. South West Chilterns Community Board – Transport and Highways action group agenda – for info.
16. TTRO for filming in Hambleden – forwarded to Cllrs, added to website and Facebook page.
17. Email from Buckinghamshire Council re: Nominate your Bucks Batonbearers for Commonwealth Games – forwarded to Cllrs.
18. South West Chilterns Community Board Transport and Highways Action Group Agenda – for info.
19. South West Chilterns Community Board Community Engagement action group notes – for info.
20. Resignation letter from Cllr Broad – Clerk actioned with Buckinghamshire Council.
21. Clerks Forum meeting notes – for info.
22. Contract re: Deed of Easement, Frieth.
23. South West Chilterns Community Board Environment and Climate Change action group – for info.
24. South West Chilterns Community Board meeting agenda details – for info. Forwarded to Cllr Hussey.

25. Councillor Interests and the Code of Conduct training session – forwarded to Cllrs.
26. Emergency TTRO – Parmoor Lane – forwarded to Cllrs, added to website and Facebook page.
27. TTRO Rockwell End Lane – forwarded to Cllrs, added to website and Facebook page.
28. TTRO Hambleton village – filming 28<sup>th</sup> March – forwarded to Cllrs. To be added to website and Facebook page closer to the closure date.

#### **Minute 9606**

##### **To receive updates if any from meetings attended since the previous ordinary meeting**

Clerk attended the Clerks Forum, Parish Liaison and Planning and Enforcement update virtual meetings. The Community Board meeting is being held later this week.

#### **Minute 9607**

##### **To discuss the casual vacancy in the North Ward following the resignation of Cllr Broad**

Clerk has informed Buckinghamshire Council of the vacancy and displayed the appropriate notice. If no election is called, co-option proceedings can begin after 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Minute 9608**

##### **To consider the quotations for the new grass cutting contract for the north and south wards; to accept one and award the contract to the preferred tender**

Cllr Armstrong left the room.

Cllrs Webb and Rowley re-drafted the existing South Ward cutting schedule, the North Ward stayed as was. Clerk circulated the tender to 7 firms, of which 3 responded with quotations of varying amounts. Cllr Rowley proposed quotation 1, Cllr Hussey seconded. All in agreement, Clerk to inform contractors.

Cllr Armstrong re-entered the room.

**Action:Clerk**

#### **Minute 9609**

##### **To discuss the request for a tree to be planted in Hambleton Churchyard to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; to consider a request for a donation of £1500 to the event being held in Hambleton by Hambleton Sports and Social Club; any other suggestions**

All in agreement to allow a tree to be planted, pending discussions with the Church to make sure the location suggested in the Churchyard is acceptable to them. The beech tree is already grown and ready to be donated.

**Action:Cllr Webb**

For the Jubilee celebrations, Cllr Rowley proposed a donation of £500 from the Film Fund, seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All in agreement. Cheque to be signed at this meeting.

**Action:Clerk**

Cllr Webb suggests a Platinum Jubilee bench – future agenda item.

**Action:Clerk**

#### **Minute 9610**

##### **To consider a request for a donation to Hambleton Cinema, a charity organisation raising funds on behalf of Hambleton Village Hall for £1000 from the Film Fund**

A letter with a thorough background to the project was submitted for the Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Webb proposed £1000, Cllr Jackson seconded. Clerk to clarify who will own the equipment once purchased, as the parish council are assuming the Village Hall will.

**Action:Clerk**

#### **Minute 9611**

##### **To discuss a Deed of Easement agreement over the Common Land in Frieth**

A resident who has moved into the parish has requested confirmation that they are permitted to cross the Common Land to access their driveway and property. Similar has been agreed for other properties in Frieth. Clerk to get legal advice to confirm the documentation sent.

**Action:Clerk**

#### **Minute 9612**

##### **To approve the accounts for February 2022 and signing of cheques;**

The accounts were available at the meeting for inspection.

| <b><u>Accounts to be paid in February 2022</u></b>     |        |
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| Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)           | 622.04 |
| BC Pension Fund (via standing order)                   | 194.83 |
| CJ Armstrong – sign installation Pheasants Hill Common | 720.00 |
| BMKALC – Councillor induction training                 | 38.00  |
| The Chiltern Society – footpath clearance 2021         | 271.40 |
| Vision ICT – website hosting 2022 – 2023               | 342.00 |
| Frieth Village Hall hire (invoice not yet received)    | 33.75  |
| Mrs L Coldwell – expenses                              | 173.43 |

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| CG Balkwell & Sons – Ellery Rise fields hedge cutting | 192.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2587.45</b>  |
| <b>Balance as 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b>         | <b>67567.91</b> |
| Less January payments                                 | (1983.62)       |
| <b>Balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b>     | <b>65584.29</b> |
| Of which CIL Funds                                    | 6618.95         |
| Church Wall reserve                                   | 20000.00        |
| <b>Unrestricted Reserves</b>                          | <b>38965.34</b> |

#### Film Fund Account

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| <b>Total of all funds at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b>  | <b>5925.87</b> |
| Money ring-fenced for Frieth Village Hall clock works     | (1000.00)      |
| <b>Total of all funds at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b> | <b>5925.87</b> |
| Unrestricted reserves                                     | 4925.87        |

Accounts approved.

#### **Minute 9613**

##### **Members questions: including any items for the next agenda**

- 1. **Cllr Armstrong** – last Thursday there was a fire on the hillside behind Bacres in Hambleden. The Culden Faw Estate are aware as landowners. Beer bottles and debris were left behind.
- 2. Following a discussion with Clerk, Cllr Armstrong has been looking into what the PC versus Church can agree to in the closed churchyard at Hambleden and will report further findings.
- 3. **Cllr Webb** – Cllr Armstrong has done a great job of the remedial works in the churchyard.
- 4. A dog being walked in Parmoor, Frieth ingested what the vet said was badger poison which made it very poorly. Cllr Webb will find out exact location.
- 5. **Cllr Rowley** – Pheasants Hill patch and plane. Clerk will chase again with the LAT. **Action:Clerk**

#### **Minute 9614**

**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 between the circulation of the agenda and the meeting if appropriate**

[21/08699/FUL – The Stones Spurgrove Lane Frieth](#) – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of replacement dwelling, creation of swimming pool to rear and widening of the existing vehicular access with associated works – **The parish council object to this application, due to the height of the proposed building which will be higher than the neighbouring properties and it appears to be an overbuild of the site. We have concerns about increasing the footprint and size of the dwelling. Section 6.209 of the Local Plan (which in turn refers to 145a and 145b of the NPPF 2019) identifies appropriate development in the Green Belt and Rural Areas such as Frieth as “the replacement of a building, provided the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces”. This proposed dwelling is substantially larger than the existing one and results in a disproportionate addition to the original building and therefore fails to meet the criteria set out in the Local Plan. A representative from the Parish Council will be prepared to speak should this application be referred to the Planning Committee.**

[22/05032/CTREE – The Cherries Parmoor Lane Frieth](#) – Tree works as per schedule – **no objection**

[21/07373/FUL – Lindsey House Pheasants Hill Hambleden](#) – Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension, garage conversion and fenestration, roof and external material alterations – **Having reviewed the revised application, the parish council still strongly object. It does not conserve or enhance the AONB. Even with the amendments it is still a source of light pollution as per our previous comments submitted on 14/09/21. We would re-iterate as well the impact on wildlife in the vicinity, where it is known owls and bats are present. We note and concur with the comments from the Covenants Officer at the National Trust. Should the Officer be minded to approve, we would still wish to call this application in to the Planning Committee for determination.**

[22/05030/FUL – 3 Hornbeam Close Frieth](#) – Householder application for erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable rooms and extension to front porch with

alterations – **no objection, however the loss of the garage is a concern in a rural area where cars are essential and there is lack of parking.**

[22/05120/ADRC – Land To Rear Of Hambleden Stores And Post Office 58 Hambleden Village Hambleden](#) – Application for approval of details subject to Condition 6 (Arboriculture) of planning ref: 20/07687/FUL – **no objection** (PC not consulted)

[22/05156/FUL – 5 Innings Gate Frieth](#) – Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension – **no objection**

[22/05277/PNP16A – Land Between Horsegroves Plain And Russ Copse Skirmett](#) – Prior notification application (Part 16, Class A) for erection of 15m telecommunications mast with cabinets and associated ancillary development – **No objection. Following the outcome of the planning committee 02/02/21 where the decision for the previous site was deferred, the parish council convened a working group of Councillors and residents and had constructive meetings with the contractors. We agree that this proposed location is the best available in terms of coverage, and minimising visual impact and therefore support this application.**

#### **Planning Application Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since previous meeting**

[21/08614/CTREE – Kiln House Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Dismantle 1 x Ash (T5) and prune x 2 Lime to secondary and tertiary points (G6) by reducing crown height by approximately 3 - 4 metres to enhance natural form and reducing crown spread by approximately 1.5 - 2 metres to enhance natural form respectively including cutting back from the power line by approximately 1 - 1.5metres to 3 maple (G6) – **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

[21/08069/FUL – Eagles Crag Barn Spurgrove Lane Frieth](#) – Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey side extension – **Application Permitted**

[21/08414/REM – Rockwell End House Farm Rockwell End Lane Rockwell End](#) – Submission of details of landscaping pursuant to outline application (including details of access, appearance, layout & scale) for demolition of existing agricultural barn and erection of replacement new agricultural barn granted under pp 18/07555/OUT – **Application Permitted**

[21/08621/CTREE – White Gates Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Removal (felling) of 9 x Leylandii, 2 x Privet, 2 x Cotoneaster, 1 x Birch & 1 x Cherry – **Not to Make a Tree Preservation Order**

[21/08320/FUL – Sheron Spurgrove Lane Frieth](#) – Householder application for construction of single storey side extension, raising of roof and roof alterations to facilitate creation of first floor office accommodation to existing garage – **Application Permitted**

#### **Minute 9615**

##### **To confirm the dates for next meetings as:**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Skirmett Village Hall.  
The meeting was closed at 21.27.

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