

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN  
HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FRIETH

Present: Cllrs Mr A Armstrong – Chair, Cllr S Webb, Mrs A Hopkins, Mr C Hussey, Mr R Gronmark, Mr J Jackson, Mr R Ashcroft, Mr G Hartley Russell, Mr J Lidstone.  
Clerk: Mrs L Coldwell

5 members of the public

None.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

No apologies were received.

**Hambleden Parish Council – Chairman’s Report 2023/24**

During the past year Guy Rowley and Teresa Eaton left the council, and we co-opted three new members – Gus Hartley Russell, Julian Lidstone and Richard Ashcroft. Pleasingly, we now start this year with a full complement of parish councillors.

The Parish council has continued to oversee the management of Pheasants Hill Common and remains committed to finding a permanent solution to the ownership of the land, and the process of achieving this remains ongoing with Buckinghamshire Council as we seek a resolution.

We have formulated a contract with Frieth Village Society to run the land at Ellery Rise as a wildlife and biodiversity site and written our own biodiversity and wildlife policy for the parish.

Having taken over the lease for the upper dene car parking area in Hambleden, in an attempt to better manage the parking facilities in the village, so far we have noticed an improvement, especially at weekends whilst events are being held locally.

We continue to support our parish by trying to improve road safety, by both working with residents regarding speeding vehicles, and Buckinghamshire Highways regarding repairs and improved signage. Meanwhile behind the scenes representing the community regarding planning applications, we maintain churchyards, open spaces, toilets, defibrillators, a playground, streetlighting, bus shelters, road verges and drainage gullies, footpaths, bins and many other often overlooked services within the community.

We as a Parish council could not do this without the support of Lorna, our Clerk, Thank you Lorna.

Angus Armstrong  
Chairman

**Annual Accounts**

Hard copies of the end of year accounts, receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation were approved. Copies are attached and available on the Parish Council website [www.hambleden.org.uk](http://www.hambleden.org.uk)

**Open Forum – to include a presentation about Frieth Village Hall Clock**

Mr Marshall explained to all present the current status of the Thomas West clock, which received funding towards its refurbishment from the Parish Council. Fundraising has been going on for several years, from various sources and is now in the final stretch with the clock being returned to the hall in the next few months. Cllr Armstrong thanked Mr Jolyon for his efforts and explanation of the status of the clock.

The meeting was closed at 19.47.

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