

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN
HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HAMBLEDEN

Present: Cllrs Mr A Armstrong – Chair, Cllr S Webb, Mrs A Hopkins, Mr C Hussey, Mr R Ashcroft, Mr G Hartley Russell, Mr W Holmes, Mr S Taylor.

Clerk: Mrs L Coldwell

2 members of the public

Buckinghamshire Councillor Mark Turner

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Cllr David House sent his apologies.

Hambleden Parish Council – Chairman's Report 2024/25

I would like to start by thanking James Jackson for his long service to this parish council, both as a councillor and as chairman. He chose not to stand for re-election this May, and both he and his level headedness, along with knowledge of most people and properties throughout the valley will be surely missed.

We also lose Julian Lidstone and Risto Gronmark, and for what they have done I thank them very much too.

This now leads me to congratulate Amanda and Gus on their re-election and to welcome our three new North Ward Councillors to their role of representing all the parishioners of Fingest, Frieth, Skirmett, Rockwell End and Rotten Row. We once again start the year with a full compliment of parish councillors, with the South Ward being uncontested.

I was also very pleased to see Mark Turner re-elected as he has provided cheerful and determined help and support to us in our roles as representatives of the communities within our parish.

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 next to the play area at Ellery Rise as a wildlife and biodiversity site and continue with our objective of promoting biodiversity and wildlife within the parish.

One year on from having taken over the lease for the upper dene car parking area in Hambleden we have certainly alleviated the congestive parking issue in the village, especially at weekends whilst events are being held locally, but there is still more to do.

We continue to support our parishioners 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 we are 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 also oversee the "Film Fund", with which we can support many local groups, charities and events.

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

Open Forum

A member of the public asked about future filming in Hambleden, following filming last year.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Mark Turner gave his thanks to everyone who voted for him in the election.

The meeting was closed at 19.42.

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