

MINUTES OF THE HAMBLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 8th June 2026, Hambleden Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr A Armstrong – Chair, Cllr S Webb, Mr C Hussey, Mr R Ashcroft, Mr D House, Mrs A Hopkins.

Mrs L Coldwell – Clerk

1 member of the public (part)

Buckinghamshire Councillor Mark Turner

Minute 10351

Public Question Time

A resident attended to pass thanks on for the works being carried out in Rockwell End to remove the excess surface water. He asked if the PC are in the loop as to what more permanent works will be carried out in September. Clerk and Cllr Turner will continue to liaise with Buckinghamshire Highways. He also enquired as to the telephone mast in Hambleden; there has been no correspondence since 2024, Clerk will chase.

Minute 10352

To receive any apologies for absence

Cllrs Taylor, Lilley and Hartley Russell.

Minute 10353

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

None declared.

Minute 10354

To confirm and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and ordinary Parish Council meetings held 11th May 2026

The minutes of the meetings held in May were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Minute 10355

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

- Minute 10328 – Clerk forwarded the letter about traffic and pedestrian safety to Buckinghamshire Highways, copying in various Buckinghamshire Councillors. A response has been received to say that the traffic report from October 2024 should be made available ASAP. Emma Reynolds MP has offered to chase for a response to the other parts of the letter that have not been answered.
- Minute 10334.2 – Vision ICT offered a discount on the renewal amount, for a 6 month period. Clerk has actioned. Clerk is investigating alternative email and website providers.
- Minute 10341 – Clerk has ordered the 2 outstanding noticeboards, the lead time is 6-7 weeks for delivery.
- Minute 10346 – Cllr House ordered and has installed the advisory signs.
- Minute 10347 – the AGAR has been sent to the external auditor and notices displayed as required.
- Minute 10348.1 – Clerk instructed the contractor to install an additional post.
- Rights of Way at Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed that works to create a ramp in Hambleden for residents will be commencing imminently. It is imagined that temporary traffic lights will be needed.
- Clerk has spoken with the LAT, work is expected to be carried out in September to alleviate the problems with the corner that floods in Rockwell End.
- Clerk received and forwarded an email regarding the highways sign at Moor End that was previously discussed. All agreed that the PC are not responsible for Highways, and therefore the original decision not to purchase the sign at a cost of over £4000 remains, however the PC will support the resident should they contact Buckinghamshire Highways. Cllr House will organise a larger 20 advisory speed limit sign to be placed in this vicinity.
- AED machines have been checked and reported to The Circle. Clerk has ordered 2 additional sets of pads, which are still on back order for the Frieth and Skirmett machines which will need replacing before the end of the year.
- Road closures have been placed on the website and Facebook page.
- 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](#).

Minute 10356

To receive updates if any from meetings attended since the previous ordinary meeting by Clerk and Councillors

Clerk has attended none in the period between meetings.

- Cllr Hussey attended training for extended Riverfly monitoring. There are now 2 sets of volunteers taking monthly surveys of the Hamble brook near Colstrop, with hopes to have an additional survey taking place at Mill End too.
- Cllr House has had 2 meetings with the MVAS volunteer group. Mill End residents are very happy to see the unit there, and are interested in the data to pass on the Thames Valley Police. Thanks were given to Cllr House for the work carried out with MVAS and the organisation of the volunteers.

Minute 10357

To receive any updates from the Climate Change Working Party; to discuss any other matters relating including the visit by Emma Reynolds, MP to the parish

Cllr Hopkins reported that the visit was a great success, with our MP remaining considerably longer than originally planned. A large and diverse group of residents attended, representing a range of ages, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees felt that the MP listened carefully to their concerns and showed a genuine interest in the issues raised.

The MP's aide has since provided a list of follow-up actions, including support for a 20mph speed limit, writing to the Department for Transport regarding HGV traffic and verge damage, arranging a visit to the Lady Ryder Memorial Garden, and organising a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Chilterns National Landscape. The Working Group will prepare an article for both the FVS newsletter and Hambleden Valley Magazine. The MP and her aides also expressed how much they had enjoyed the visit and commented on the wide range of activities taking place across the valley, which they had not fully appreciated beforehand. The Clerk will also publish an item on the parish website and Facebook page.

Action: Climate Change Working Group/Clerk

Minute 10358

To discuss problems with vandalism and flytipping in the parish

It was noted by councillors that NO2 canisters have not been seen around the parish, including at the sub station in Frieth following putting signs up and potential visits from the police. No further action to be taken at this time.

Minute 10359

To consider erecting a sign on the green in Hambleden advising of parking behind the pub

Cllr Webb reported that residents have asked again for a sign to avoid an excess of cars parking in the centre of the village. After a discussion all agreed to source a small heritage style sign to be placed on the area next to the pump to direct traffic to the car park.

Action: Clerk

Minute 10360

To consider discuss the 20 is Plenty scheme launching in Buckinghamshire and any actions to be taken

Cllr Hopkins attended a Zoom meeting with the 20 is Plenty team, and reported that a co-ordinated approach across Buckinghamshire is being implemented. All are in agreement that a 20mph limit would be better in the residential villages/hamlets where there are no pavements in the parish. Cllr Hopkins will contact the school to ask them for support, and Clerk will write to neighbouring parishes to ask them for support as well. The next meeting is scheduled for July.

Action: Cllr Hopkins/Clerk

Minute 10361

To consider the Risk Register and any amendments needed

A few amendments are to be made; the inclusion of failure of electronic communications and updates to the MVAS following the purchase of new units. The register will be reviewed every 6 months going forward to make sure it is being utilised effectively.

Action: Clerk

Minute 10362

Finance:

- a) To approve the accounts for May 2026 – *Approved and noted*
- b) To approve payments for June – *Approved*

Mrs L Coldwell – salary (via standing order)	1022.96
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BC Pension Fund (via standing order)	283.63
Vision ICT – email hosting (already paid)	240.00
Mrs L Coldwell – expenses	40.29
Parish Online – mapping service	108.00
The Chiltern Society – annual subs	30.00
CPRE – annual subs	36.00
Hambleden Village Hall – hire	36.00
ACL Armstrong – lengthsman work Feb/Mar/Apr	5227.91
M Tuddenham – Hambleden toilet clean and open/close	129.35
Cllr D House – advisory speed limit signs	97.93
Lloyds Bank – account charges	4.25
Playsafety Limited – Ellery Rise Play area inspection	118.80
Total	7375.12
Balance as 1st May 2026	55891.46
Less May payments	(9065.49)
Income – FVS reimbursement for MVAS	2837.89
Income – BC Devolved Services payment	2316.59
Balance as of 31st May 2026	51980.45
Of which CIL Funds – ringfenced for Frieth car park resurfacing	3653.95
Church Wall reserve	20000.00
Other Earmarked reserves inc. ringfenced for Frieth car park resurfacing	7200.00
Hambleden Parking fund	696.39
Unrestricted Reserves	20430.11

Film Fund

Total of all funds at 1 st May 2026	19315.07
Lloyds – account charges	(4.25)
Total of all funds at 31st May 2026	19310.82

Savings Account

Total of all funds at 1 st May 2026	30040.29
Interest	13.17
Total of all funds at 31st May 2026	30053.46

Ringfenced for Frieth Car Park Resurfacing – Quotation £23800

CIL fund	3653.95
Savings Account	11000.00
Film fund	5500.00
Budget line moved from Elections	3700.00
Total	23853.95

c) Cllr Ashcroft checked and confirmed the bank reconciliation for May.

It was agreed that the invoices to be paid by the Clerk via BACS.

Minute 10363

Members questions: including any items for the next agenda

- 1. **Cllr Webb** – advised that there will be a total power cut in Hambleden on 23rd June by SSE for tree works to be carried out.
- 2. **Cllr Hussey** – a resident wrote to him and Cllr Ashcroft concerned about a planning application in a neighbouring parish which was allowed on appeal. The application is in Oxfordshire but raised for awareness.
- 3. He had circulated to all Cllrs the proposed plans for further works to be carried out on the Hamble Brook via the Chilterns National Landscape. All in agreement in principle to write a letter of support for assistance with a grant funding application to the National Lottery and a donation towards the works – future agenda item.

Action: Clerk

- 4. **Cllr Hopkins** – discussed the planning application for an access road in Frieth which was refused by Buckinghamshire Council but allowed on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. This is the way that the planning legislation is set out, and there is no challenge to be made.

- 5. **Cllr House** – advised that the work to the car park in Frieth are scheduled to take place in the first weeks of the summer holidays. He will ask the contractor for confirmed dates, and Clerk will advise the immediate neighbours and the school.

Minute 10364

Planning

To consider all recent applications received from Buckinghamshire Council detailed and any other planning applications submitted and published on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal between the circulation of the agenda and the meeting:

[PL/26/03220/FA – Thamesfield Ferry Lane Hambleden](#) – Two storey extension and new open porch – **no objection**

[PL/26/02955/FA & PL/26/02956/HB](#) – Flint Hall Skirmett Road Hambleden – Addition of a black metal flue to the roofscape of existing barns – **no objection**

[PL/26/04132/KA – Lynton Villa Pheasants Hill Hambleden](#) – Various tree surgery, as shown on the application form. (Pheasants Hill Conservation Area) – **no objection**

Planning Application Decisions made since the date of the last Parish Council meeting – for information only:

[PL/26/02499/TP – Barlows Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Crown reduction by reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2 metres, removing any dead or damaged branches to 1 x Flase Acacia (T4) to reduce the risk of branches failing – **Conditional Permission**

[PL/26/02391/TP – St Johns Church Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Common Yew 920 - Reduce lateral branches on the east side by a maximum approximately 3m to re-balance crown – **Conditional Permission**

[PL/26/03415/KA - St Johns Church Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Irish Yew 917 - Prune away from lychgate to give 500mm clearance, reduce in height by 1m, Irish Yew 918 - Prune away from lychgate to give 500mm clearance, reduce in height by 1m, Common Yew 919 - Reduce lateral branches on north, east and west sides by a maximum approximately 1.5m to re-balance crown – **TPO shall not be made**

[PL/26/02557/KA – Cherry Tree Cottage Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – Apple Tree – Remove – **TPO shall not be made**

[PL/26/01900/TP – Land Adjacent Frieth Cricket Club Parmoor Lane Frieth](#) – Various tree surgery. (02/1975/HW) – **Trees allowed in part**

[PL/26/01676/FA – Greyholme Spurgrove Lane Frieth](#) – Erection of a single-storey side extension – **Conditional Permission**

[PL/26/00090/FA – Skirmett Village Hall Scotchy Lane Skirmett](#) – Installation of an air-to-air heat pump unit on the front elevation incorporating a wooden guard covering – **Conditional Permission**

[PL/26/02738/KA – The New House Frieth Hill Frieth](#) – T1 Willow – Fell, T2 Sycamore – Pollard by 7 metres (down to 13m) – **TPO shall not be made**

Minute 10365

To confirm the date for the next meeting as:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th July – Frieth Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 21.49.

Signed Date