# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HAMBLEDEN

Present: Cllrs Mr J. Jackson, Mr A. Armstrong, Mrs L. Mann, Cllr S. Webb, Mr C Hussey, Mr D Broad, Mrs J Nixey, Mr G Rowley.

Clerk: Mrs L Coldwell

0 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Walker-Allies, County Councillor Teesdale – apologies accepted.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### Parish Chairman's Report 2019

During the year Guy Rowley was co-opted onto the Parish Council. He is a welcome addition to the team of councillors.

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year that the Parish Council have been overseeing Pheasant Hill common. During the year advice has been taken on the management of the common and botanical surveys are likely to be undertaken.

This council continues to maintain the play equipment at Ellery Rise. In addition, we are considering the best use of the adjoining field that we also rent.

In July, 2 new bus shelters were erected on the A4155 outside Henley Management College, jointly paid for by this Council and the College. Also on the A4155 at Mill End bollards were placed along the wall, part funded by Hambleden Parish Council.

We are currently considering quotes for replacing existing street lights with more attractive and efficient LED versions.

The Parish Council has paid for ivy to be removed from Hambleden Churchyard wall. We have also accepted a quote for other maintenance work to be carried out in the churchyard.

I note that in June 2018 it was minuted that resurfacing work would take place in Hambleden in 2 weeks' time using heritage style road dressing. The work was finally carried out this April in black asphalt. Since my last Report, the Secretary of State has decided that Buckinghamshire will have a new Unitary Authority taking responsibility for services currently supplied by both Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council. How this will affect Parish Councils is yet to be determined.

At the end of March, our new and impressive website was launched. I would like to thank the website sub-committee and in particular Councillor Charles Hussey for the huge amount of time and effort spent on this project.

### 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 <u>www.hambleden.org.uk</u>

# **District Councillors Report**

District Councillor Whitehead said that he spends the majority of his time on planning applications, and will always support the views of the Parish Council regarding applications. Another item he spends a lot of his time dealing with is the Wycombe Air Park and issues that residents have with the aircraft, particularly in Frieth, to which he cannot see a satisfactory solution for all. He mentioned the Lightsfest festival that was successfully cancelled following fears for safety last year.

# Thames Valley Police Report

A representative was unable to attend, but information was passed to Clerk that the Hambleden Valley as a whole remains a very low crime area. A new PCSO has been appointed to the team. The best way to contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team is via their email address:

MarlowsouthwestruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

There is also an online reporting form on the Thames Valley Police website, but always use 999 in case of an emergency. District Councillor Whitehead commented that a real nuisance in the local area is travellers and unlawful entry, he suggests having a plan in place should this happen.

The meeting was closed at 19.45.