

Chairman's Report May 10th 2021

This Parish Council did not hold its Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Following Government guidance the sitting Chairman and Vice-Chairman continued in office.

Hambleden Parish Council (HPC) held its first meeting on 13th July virtually via zoom and then monthly via zoom from September until the 2021 Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held in person on 10th May.

This is the 37th year that the HPC has been overseeing Pheasants Hill Common. It has been determined that where there is no obvious or registered owner of common land it defaults to the local authority ownership. Buckinghamshire Council has been approached regarding the possibility of ownership being transferred to HPC.

Following the purchase of the land at Ellery Rise, we have continued to maintain the playground and have carried out some work on the wildlife meadow. New metal white posts have been installed by the Parish Council on the common land in Frieth. Flooding problems in Hambleden reported on in last years Chairman's report have largely been resolved but continue in Mill End. Thames Water need to do more to fix the problem.

Through our role in the planning process we have been able to protect the special character of our local area, a working group was formed to help identify a more suitable site for a mobile phone mast.

During the pandemic our villages have seen a large increase in visitor numbers causing parking and litter issues. We urge the public to act responsibly and take their rubbish home.

In September, Susan Walker-Allies moved out of the area and therefore resigned from the Parish Council. Jane Nixey and Lyndsey Mann have not stood for re-election. I wish to thank all three for their contribution to this council.

James Jackson.

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