

## Chairman's Report 2020 8th May

We are currently in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic. This has resulted in the cancellation of the April Parish Council Meeting and the May Annual Parish Meeting. Following Government Guidelines the current Chairman and Vice Chairman will continue in office for another year. The Parish Council will continue to operate but will be unlikely to hold meetings in the foreseeable future. There is advice and helpful links regarding the crisis on the Parish Council's excellent website.

This is the 36th year that the Parish Council have been overseeing Pheasants Hill Common; we have undertaken a tree survey and paid for work to be carried out. A code of conduct has been introduced for the enjoyment of the common.

Within the past 12 months we have completed the purchase of land at Ellery Rise, Frieth. This includes the playground and the adjoining field, which is intended to become a wildlife meadow. I note that every month's minutes in the past year mentions the white posts in Frieth, we were very close to a decision on action when lockdown intervened!

The Parish Council has been liaising with local residents and Transport for Bucks over improvement to the junction of Cobstone Hill in Fingest after repeated accidents over many years. Following prolonged winter rainfall the Hamble brook is flowing strongly. This combined with high ground water levels and poorly maintained sewage pipes has caused flooding problems in Mill End and Hambleton Village. The Parish Council has been lobbying Thames Water for improvements to be made. Through our role in the planning process we have been able to protect the special character of our local area.

Recently Buckinghamshire County Council and Wycombe District Council ceased to exist to be replaced by the new unitary authority of the Buckinghamshire Council.

In the short term little will change but longer term how the Parish Council and the new authority interact may alter.

Stay Home and Stay Safe.