

**Minutes of Frilsham Parish Council meeting held in the Clubroom on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Present**

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)  
Cllr. G. Barber  
Cllr. D. Benning  
Cllr. J. Goodenough  
Cllr. C. Kettlewell  
Cllr. D. Ward  
Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)  
District Cllr. G. Pask  
District Cllr. Q. Webb  
Mr. D. Slack  
Mr. B. Lyon

**1. To receive Apologies for Absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. To receive Declaration of Interest.**

**2.1 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.**

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

**2.2 Changes to the Register of Interests.**

There were no changes to the Register of Interests.

**3. Approval of minutes of the previous meetings:**

**3.1 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

**3.2 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes (not mentioned elsewhere and for information only).**

**4.1 Flooding of the road near the Pot Kiln.**

WBC has considered the flooding of the road near the Pot Kiln and taken it into consideration for maintenance during the next financial year.

**4.2 Tree opposite Eling Farm.**

WBC has determined that the tree in question does not pose sufficient risk to require action. It was noted that a number of other trees along this stretch of road are leaning.

**5. Yattendon Estate.**

Mr. Slack reported that the hedges are all cut, and the crops have been sewn.

Work on the extension and conversion of the outbuildings at the Pot Kiln is scheduled to start in June, once the planning conditions have been met.

The ground work for the extensions at the Royal Oak are due to start at the end of March.

Trade in the Village Store is continuing to improve. Parcels from Amazon can now be

collected there. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, there will be a wine evening. All the trees on the 54 miles of public rights of way and roads on the Estate have been inspected. There are only 4 which are red and need to be felled, and 20 which are amber. There's been a small amount of fly tipping. Off road scramble bikes are a bit of problem.

## 6. **Playground.**

Cllr. Benning reported that the top rung of the short ladder on the multi-play unit (facing the zip wire) moves if pulled on the left-hand side. Mr. Lyon agreed to investigate this further. It was noted that the latch was missing on the gate into the field. Cllr. Allum agreed to investigate this.

Uneven ground caused by mole tunnels and hills is continuing to cause a problem. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Stuart Souden at WBC who must have dealt with the same problem elsewhere.

Cllr. Kettlewell agreed to carry out the weekly inspections until the next meeting.

## 7. **Planning**

### 7.1 **To review decisions of WBC:**

#### 7.1.1 **18/00286/HOUSE – Old School, School Lane.**

*Installation of an in ground domestic swimming pool complete with high quality automatic safety cover, surrounded by Indian Sandstone paving with pool filtration sited with existing building and heated by an air source heat pump.*

Concern was raised about the noise of the heat pumps and the impact this might have on the neighbours. It was suggested that they be located at the opposite end of the outbuilding. A noise assessment and acoustic barriers were suggested.

It was agreed that Frilsham Parish Council **object** to this application on the grounds of the noise. A condition on external lighting was suggested. Concern was also raised about root protection for the tree in the Old School House.

#### 7.1.2 **18/00409/FULD – Mallards Haven.**

*Section 73: Variation of condition 2 'approved drawings' of previously approved application 16/02604/FULD: Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacement dwelling with associated parking, turning and landscape works.*

It was agreed that Frilsham Parish Council has **no objection** to this application, but conditions should be applied to restrict lighting and to prevent permitted development in the roof space.

#### 7.1.3 **18/00322/FUL – Land Adjacent to Motorway.**

*Installation of 36m high tree mast supporting 3 no. proposed antennas and 2 no. dish antennas of 600mm dia. Installation of 2 no. equipment cabinets, plus minor ancillary apparatus within a fenced compound.*

It was agreed that Frilsham Parish Council has **no objection** to this application.

Councillors were disappointed that the residents of Frilsham are very unlikely to benefit from the proposed mast.

#### 7.1.4 **18/00418/HOUSE – The Coach House, Hawkridge Hill.**

*Single storey extension to link the existing house and the existing studio/store building; removal of an existing rear extension; & new window openings to east elevation.*

Frilsham Parish Council has **no objection** to this application.

### 7.2 **To consider WBC Planning decisions:**

#### 7.2.1 **18/00218/CERTP – Middlewood, School Lane.**

*Formation of habitable rooms in the roofspace with front and rear velux rooflights.*

Frilsham Parish Council had **no comments** to make on this application which WBC has determined to be **lawful**.

**8. Report from West Berkshire District Councillors.**

The roads have suffered from the snow and bad weather. There is £5,000,000 in the pot hole fund, but for pot holes to be repaired, they must be reported. A budget of £50,000,000 has been approved for road improvements over the next 5 years.

Cllr. Goodenough commented that the verges are deteriorating at an alarming rate due to vehicles driving on them to pass other road users.

It was also noted that a lot of temporary road signs have been left around the parish. It was thought that these were from Highways England.

**9. Assets.**

**9.1 Grit Bins and refilling.**

Cllr. Allum has checked all of the grit bins and they are at least half full.

**9.2 Repairs to the telephone box.**

Cllr. Kettlewell will give the red paint, used previously on the telephone box, to David Cullip.

**9.3 The War Memorial.**

The Clerk will contact M. J. Sly about the possible ways to remember those who fell during WW2 on the war memorial in the Church yard.

Cllr. Ward updated the council on the repairs required after the chestnut tree fell on the railings and wall around the Church yard. The replacement railings have been made and the low brick work on which they are installed had been rebuilt, however the lime mortar is not holding, so it has been decided to redo the wall again in the Spring and then install the railings.

**10. Frilsham Future Implementation Group (FFIG).**

The service provided by a WBC contractor, to empty the bins around the Clubroom has started to deteriorate again. The Clerk will report this to WBC.

The tree behind the Clubroom which has been causing damage to the drainage system has been felled and much of it has been cleared. Once the remainder has dried out, it will be burnt.

The Gigaclear connection for the Clubroom has not progressed and Mr. Lyon has not been updated with any news from Gigaclear.

A light, to replace the one above the front door, which was damaged during the vandalism has been purchased. This will be installed at the same time as the CCTV equipment when the weather is warmer.

The AGM of the Clubroom will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**11. Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Club.**

Yattendon Village Hall was flooded during the recent cold weather and is currently out of use. Frilsham Clubroom is being used where and when it is appropriate/available.

The Brew House Music event scheduled for the end of the month will be in the Tap Room at the Brewery.

Preparations for the fete are well underway. Any help would be gratefully received, and anyone interested should contact Alison Gillespie.

**12. Clerk's Report.**

**12.1 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.**

District Councillors commented that this date clashes with an Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Magistrates Association and invite a Magistrate to speak about their role.

The order of the meeting was discussed, and it was felt that having the business first and then the speaker works well as it enables the guest speaker to talk to parishioners in an informal way after the meeting.

Fliers will be delivered to each house in the parish after the next parish council meeting.

**12.2 Assets update.**

Cllr. Benning reported that the defibrillator was in good condition. He identified that one corner of the telephone box is a bit soft.

Cllr. Kettlewell reported that the bus shelter is off its footings but having discussed it with Cllr. Allum it was not felt to be viable to move it back to its original position.

Cllr. Benning reported that he had inspected the well and that the brickwork and metalwork was in good condition, although covered in leaves. The timber edging strips along the path have deteriorated and possibly need replacing. Cllr. Allum agreed to identify what may be required.

**12.3 Items for the Broadsheet.**

It was agreed that the date of the Assembly should be advertised in the Broadsheet.

**12.4 30mph wheelie bin stickers.**

The Clerk has received information about 30mph wheelie bin stickers, but there had been a suggestion from WBC that these made it more difficult for the police to prosecute anyone caught speeding. The position has now been clarified and they can be used without hindering the work of the police. It was agreed that parishioners be asked at the parish meeting for their opinion.

**12.5 New General Data Protection Regulations.**

NALC has now produced a toolkit which the Clerk will work through for the Council to be compliant.

Mr. Lyon commented that he is attending a course on the subject.

**13. Finance.**

**13.3 Financial Statement.**

The financial statement, circulated prior to the meeting was approved.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Dates of future meetings:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm (Planning if required).

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting