

**Minutes of a Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Monday 16th July 2018 in the Clubroom at 7.30pm.**

Present

Cllr. M. Allum
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. B. Lyon
Mr. D. Slack

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 9th May 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 9th May 2018 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda.

5. Yattendon Estate.

Mr. Slack reported the following:

- Harvesting began last Wednesday and should be completed by the end of August.
- There are two new tenants in Frilsham Home Farm; a property development company and Smile Smart Technology.
- A new cattle grid will shortly be installed in the entrance to Harriet House.
- The timescales are being finalised for the building work at the Pot Kiln. Hopefully the work will start in the next month and it will be fully operational by Christmas.
- The work at the Royal Oak is both on schedule and on budget.
- The Christmas Market will run over three weekends this year.
- The Village Store has just had its best month of trading since it opened.
- The options for a larger carpark behind the Village Stores are being explored.
- The Yattendon Classics event enabled a donation of £1,000 to be made to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

6. Playground

6.1 Safety issues noted during visual checks.

There are issues with the bolts which keep both of the gates closed; one has completely broken and the other is falling apart. Mr. Lyon has researched some alternative heavy-duty bolts and requested information about sizes. These are between £11 and £12 each.

Cllr. Allum reported that the part of the centre section of the play unit is loose. Mr. Lyon has tightened the bolts on one section. A discussion determined that this was a different section to that previously discussed and tightened.

Cllr. Allum reported that the bottom “foot” on the climbing wall is loose. Mr. Lyon will investigate this.

6.2 Rotting timber picked up in the RoSPA inspection.

Mr. Lyon has checked the warranty of the equipment and all of the timber is guaranteed for either 10 or 15 years, dependent upon the wood. The Clerk will contact Playground Services.

Cllr. Allum reported that he has fixed the issues with the basket swing.

A new piece of matting needs to be ordered to resolve the issues underneath the basket swing.

Mr. Lyon has tried to move the cover on the zip wire chain, however he can't move it. Cllr.

Allum will look. The instructions to maintain the equipment in the Play area were given to the previous Clerk and should be consulted to check if any extra management should be carried out.

6.3 Status of Mole hills/tunnels.

The Clerk has contacted Philip Halpin, who has been used by WBC. He has offered a three-phase treatment for £120 (reduced for Local Authorities from £150). This includes three visits; one to identify the runs and set five or six traps, one to come out and check the traps, possibly re-site the traps and reset them and a final visit to come out and retrieve the traps. It was agreed that if/when the moles become active over the coming year, the Clerk should contact Mr. Halpin and ask him to come out.

7. Planning

7.1 To consider WBC Planning decisions:

7.1.1 **18/00765/HOUSE – Meadows, Beechfield Lane.**

Single storey side/rear extension. Extension to raise terrace.

Frilsham Parish Council had **no objection** to this application which was **approved** by WBC.

7.1.2 **18/00910/HOUSE – Gamekeepers Lodge Farm, Hawkridge Hill.**

Demolish existing outbuilding, construction of house extension and garden store.

Frilsham Parish Council had **no objection** to this application, but it has been **refused** by WBC.

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.

Frilsham Parish Council had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

7.1.4 **18/00035/FULMAJ – Frilsham Lime Quarry.**

Proposed new house of exceptional quality and design, landscape enhancements and associated works.

Frilsham Parish Council had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

8. Report from West Berkshire District Councillors.

District Cllr. Webb commented that a significant number of road warning signs are becoming seriously overgrown. He asked that these be reported to WBC and details be sent to him.

There are a number of repairs to roads being carried out in the area.

The Corporate Director for Communities, Rachel Wardel has resigned and so far no suitable replacement has been found.

A question was asked about whether residents will be charged for green bins. It is likely that the charge will be introduced in September. It was noted that residents can still put green waste into grey bins, the contents of which are understood to be sorted.

It was questioned whether two workers are required to read the permits of cars dropping off rubbish at the tip; surely this could be done more cost effectively by machine. District Cllr. Webb commented that two people are required in order to ensure that no unauthorised vehicles dump materials at the site.

Comments were made about the verge cutting and district councillors were asked if anyone ever checks up on how well the work is done. The verges should be cut to a depth of 1.5m.

9. Thames Water.

Cllr. Benning reported that on the 16th June there were 52 homes without water in Frilsham. Cllr. Benning had previously reported low pressure to his property on three separate occasions; after the third call, Thames Water admitted that there was a problem.

Historically, Frilsham has suffered from low water pressure because there is only 28m in height difference between Frilsham and the reservoir in Cold Ash. Providing the reservoir in Cold Ash is kept full and there are no leaks, the pressure is acceptable.

It was reported that whilst the water main in School Lane has been replaced, the more vulnerable pipe is the plastic pipe in the valley around Parsonage Farm, where the water pressure is much greater; Thames Water are understood to have identified this pipe as vulnerable.

It was agreed that the Clerk will draft a letter to be sent to the Managing Director of Thames Water and copy it to Kay Lacey (Thames Water Customer Challenge Group) and BALC.

10. Assets.

10.1 The War Memorial.

Cllr. Ward and the Clerk have met with A.B. Walker memorials department to inspect the war memorial and determine what action should be taken. It was suggested that the face containing the memorial to those lost in WW2 be cleaned and the letters painted. The quote for this work is for £312 including VAT. It was agreed that the quote from A.B. Walker be accepted. Given that the letters have been painted before, a faculty from the dioceses will not be required.

Whilst inspecting the war memorial, it was noted that the faces containing the names of those lost in WW1, whilst still legible are crumbling. It was agreed not to touch these faces. Cllr. Ward will raise the matter with the PCC and ensure they are supportive of the work.

10.2 The Well.

Cllr. Barber reported that he had his family had worked hard to tidy up the well and the area surrounding it. He reported that it now looked good, however there is a build-up of moss on the bricks and the wooden edging of the path will need replacing at some stage in the future.

11. Frilsham Future Implementation Group (FFIG).

Mr. Lyon reported that the the Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust have funded repairs to the carpark at the Club Room.

Unfortunately, there has been more vandalism and a large branch has been pulled off a tree at the far end of the car park.

There has been no contact from GigaClear about the connection for the Club Room. In the meantime, progress is being made with the CCTV installation and the locations for the cameras have been identified. The Clerk will chase this up with GigaClear.

12. Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Club.

The Annual Fete was very successful and made a profit of £21,896 the second best recorded. These profits will be distributed to charities who are determined by the committee.

It is possible that there will be no football club using the pitch at Frilsham this coming season. Previously, the football club have always cut the grass on the pitch, but it hasn't been cut this year.

13. Clerk's Report.

13.1 Items for the Broadsheet.

It was agreed that Cllr. Ward would write an article on the work to be carried out on the war memorial and also a little about the impact of the World Wars on the population of Frilsham.

13.2 30mph wheelie bin stickers.

The Clerk had identified prices for wheelie bin stickers of various designs from Smartwheelie; 50 x A4 stickers are £62.50 and 100 x A4 stickers are £89. These prices are for stickers all of the same design which have a white background. It was suggested that it would be useful to know if a mixed pack of stickers was available that could be used both in and out of the 30mph speed limit area.

14. Finance.

14.1 Financial Statement.

The financial statement dated 16th July 2018, showing a balance of £23,825.05 once all credits and debits have cleared. This was considered and approved. Of the balance, £12,000 is ringfenced for building work at the Club Room, this excludes any contribution for this financial year.

15. Round Table Comments

15.1 Hedges and Beechfield Lane.

During the early hours of the morning, the hedge of a property at the top of Beechfield Lane was cut by unknown persons. The cuttings were left in a pile on the grass belonging to WBC. It is understood that it has been reported to WBC and will be removed as fly tipping.

The issue of the growth of hedges into Beechfield Lane from properties was felt to be an issue for the Residents Association to deal with.

15.2 Tree Bough on Rectory Hill.

It was noted that a tree has dropped a large bough on Rectory Hill. This has currently been moved to the side of the road.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Dates of future meetings:

Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 7.30pm – Planning meeting if required.

Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7.30pm