

**Minutes of a Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Monday 12th September 2018 in the Clubroom at 7.30pm.**

Present

Cllr. M. Allum
Cllr. D. Benning
Cllr. J. Goodenough
Cllr. C. Kettlewell
Cllr. D. Ward
Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)
District Cllr. G. Pask
Mr. B. Lyon (latter part of the meeting)
Mr. D. Slack
Mr and Mrs. Wilson (Frilsham Woodhouse).

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. G. Barber. Mr. Lyon sent apologies that he would be late due to another meeting.

2. To receive Declaration of Interest.

2.1 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

Cllr. Goodenough declared an interest in planning application 18/02311/HOUSE for Parsonage Farm.

Cllr. Allum declared an interest in the drainage issues as owner of some of the land involved.

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 Monday 16th July 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th July 2018 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Wednesday 8th August 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th August 2018 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

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

4.1 Thames Water.

The Clerk will chase up Thames Water about the lack of response to loss of pressure and ensure that Kay Lacey, who is on the Consumer Council for Water is aware of the situation.

4.2 Green Bins.

WBC is now charging residents who wish to have their green bins emptied. District Cllr. Pask commented that WBC is now having to reluctantly charge for non-statutory services (emptying of grey bins is a statutory service). It was reported that of the 50,000 bins, there was an expected uptake of 25,000 and to date the uptake has reached 21,000. It was noted that Frilsham Parish Council is unhappy with WBC's decision to charge for this service.

5. Yattendon Estate.

Mr. Slack reported the following:

- An average harvest was completed on the 23rd August.

- The building work at the Royal Oak should be complete by the 20th November. The ground work is complete, and the project is on budget and schedule.
- The Village Store has had another good month of trading. A new manager has been appointed.
- Hedges are being cut across the estate.
- Marking of Christmas trees has started in preparation for the Christmas markets which will be running on three weekends this year.
- The development work at the Pot Kiln is still under discussion.

Mr. Slack was asked whether there were any plans to cull the muntjac deer. There are five stalking syndicates on the estate, but he acknowledged that the numbers of muntjac are currently high.

One of the shoots on the estate was attacked during the early hours of Saturday morning, with feeders and fencing being damaged and a significant number of birds destroyed.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue.

6. Planning

6.1 To consider WBC Planning decisions:

6.1.1 **18/02107/COMIND – Frilsham Home Farm Dairy.**

Section 73: Variation of condition 5 'Limit on use – classic car storage of previously approved application 16/01690/COMIND: Change of use of a former Dairy building to a microbrewery (B2) and classic car storage (B8) with associated external and internal works.

Mr. Slack clarified that this application is to enable the Brewery to utilise most of the building as they have run out of space. It was noted that there are no CIL payments due on the proposal.

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

6.1.2 **18/02311/HOUSE – Parsonage Farm.**

Construction of a small single storey stable block on a concrete base.

Whilst Frilsham Parish Council agreed to have **no objection** to this application, it was noted that the stable block will be visible from the road, there is no lighting plan and the stable block will be within the curtilage of a listed building.

6.1.3 **18/02330/FUL – Manderley.**

Creation of an all-weather 20 x 30.8m outdoor riding arena.

Mr. Wilson commented that he and his family strongly object to this application; the white surface to the school will be an intrusion in the landscape, directly in the site line from Frilsham Woodhouse. This proposal is seen as being no different to the previous application for an outdoor riding arena and will spoil the natural contours of undulating parkland which have probably never been ploughed. Manderley also has the benefit of a grass ménage in the field below the proposed site for the riding arena, so the need for it is not understood.

Councillors commented that this application is for a much smaller riding arena than the previous (it's just under half the size) and the proposed site is within the domestic curtilage of Manderley within the AONB. It was suggested that a dark surface material could be used, but it was proposed a site meeting take place on Saturday 29th September.

6.2 Planning Decisions made by WBC:

6.2.1 **18/01574/FULD – The Coach House, Hawkridge Hill.**

Demolish existing dwelling and erect new dwelling.

Frilsham Parish Council **objected** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

7. Report from West Berkshire District Councillors.

7.1 Bins around the Club Room.

District Cllr. Pask reported that he has spoken to Paul Hendry (responsible for Countryside at WBC) about the situation with the emptying of the two litter bins and the dog bin around the Club Room. This is a service provided by WBC which is paid for by the Parish Council. Essentially, the bins have not been emptied on a weekly basis since the beginning of the year and recently the bins have not been emptied for a number of weeks. The situation will be investigated by WBC.

7.2 Harts Hill Road.

Harts Hill Road, between Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury, is due to reopen on Monday, having been closed since May for a replacement watermain. However, two of the roads around the junction of Harts Hill Road, the Ridge (Burdens Heath) and Broad Lane will be closed for a maximum of five days, once Harts Hill Road has been opened.

7.3 Boundary Commission and Parliamentary Constituencies.

Last year, the Boundary Commission consulted local parish councils on the possibility of the current Bucklebury ward (Frilsham, Bucklebury, Stanford Dingley, Bradfield and Hemitage) being moved from the Newbury Constituency into the Reading West Constituency. It was thought that this proposal was absurd and there was no further news; however, it is understood that this proposal has now been put before MPs.

7.4 Verge Cutting.

Questions were asked about when there will be a second cut of the verges.

8. Drainage Issues.

8.1 Beechfield and Holly Cottage.

There are issues with the land drains in the proximity of 9 and 10 Beechfield. Some of the water from Beechfield should flow into two separate drains which go underneath 9 and 10 Beechfield before flowing into a culvert behind their gardens. The drains themselves are partially blocked, but the culvert is also blocked which causes water to flood onto Holly Cottage land. Mr. Slack agreed to talk to Cllr. Allum as some of the land in this area belongs to Yattendon Estate.

8.2 Dragon Hill.

Water currently runs down Dragon Hill taking gravel with it, which is then deposited in the middle of Brocks Lane at the cross roads. The water should run into a drain opposite Dragon Cottage, but it's believed that the drain needs unblocking. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with Stuart Clarke at WBC.

8.3 Culvert near Nutwood.

The culvert under the road near Nutwood is breaking down on the south side. The Clerk will report this to WBC.

8.4 Road near the Pot Kiln.

No work has taken place to prevent flooding of the road just to the north of the Pot Kiln. The Clerk will report this to WBC again.

9. Dog Fouling.

Prior to the meeting, an issue was raised with dogs fouling on footpath FRIL 6/1 between Beechfield and School Lane. The Clerk provided WBC notices, to be put up on the path advising people that it is an offence not to clear up the mess of their animals.

10. Playground and Facilities around the Club Room.

10.1 Safety issues noted during visual checks.

Cllr. Kettlewell reported that she had not identified any issues. Cllr. Benning agreed to carry out inspections until the next meeting.

10.2 Warranty on the timber of the Playpark.

The Clerk reported that she had tried, without success, to contact Playground Services in Hungerford who installed the Playground. As a result, contact has been made with the company who supplied the equipment and provided the warrant; a response is awaited from their sales team.

10.3 Bin Emptying Service.

This was discussed under the District Councillors report.

11. Assets.

11.3 The War Memorial.

Cllr. Ward has written an article for the Broadsheet about Frilsham War Memorial and the work which is being carried out. In the article Cllr. Ward has asked whether there are any men or women from Frilsham who have been killed in wars since 1945 and, if there are, whether now is the time to add their names to the War Memorial.

11.4 Grit Bins.

Cllr. Allum reported that most of the grit bins are at least 50% full. It was agreed that the grit bin near the Old Rectory would be moved to replace the bin at the top of Dragon Hill which was damaged last year. A new bin will be purchased to go on Coach Road Hill on the top bend.

12. Frilsham Future Implementation Group (FFIG).

Mr. Lyon reported that the Community Council for Berkshire (CCB) wish to change their name to Connecting Communities in Berkshire, but to do this they need approval from 75% of their members. Frilsham Parish Council agreed to this name change.

There will be no football on the Club Room field this season as there is no local team and therefore no income. This means that there are no funds to cut the grass. Mr. Lyon has approached the Yattendon and Frilsham Trust about getting the grass cut. Concerns were raised about the facilities in the changing rooms and the risk of pipes freezing.

13. Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Club.

Grant allocations will be made at the next meeting. There were fewer grant applications than usual, and each application will be successful. Surplus funds will be carried forwards.

14. Clerk's Report.

14.1 Gigaclear Connection for the Club Room.

There are two options for a GigaClear connection to the Club Room:

1. A 50Mbps connection, which will cost £41.30 per month (inc. VAT), plus the connection fee (which is £299.99 for 30 - 100m).
2. A 100Mbps connection, which will cost £46.85 per month (inc. VAT), with free connection.

Both of these options will incur a one of £100 initial payment. It was agreed that Frilsham Parish Council would cover the cost of the higher speed option and free installation. The Club Room Committee will refund Frilsham Parish Council for the £100 initial payment.

14.2 Wheelie Bin stickers.

Smart Wheelie do a selection pack of wheelie bin stickers containing 40 x 30 Please Drive Slowly, 30 x Speed Kills Please Slow Down and 30 x Polite Notice Slow Down. This pack costs £95. It was agreed that one selection pack of stickers be ordered.

14.3 Items for the Broadsheet.

It was agreed that any planning applications which Frilsham Parish Council is notified of would be submitted to The Broadsheet. Mention should also be made of the dog fouling problem and details of the grit bins, including the new bin and the fact that the grit is for the highways only and not for private drives.

15. Finance.

15.1 Financial Statement.

The financial statement dated 12th September 2018, showed a balance of £23,056.95 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, excluding any contribution for this financial year.

16. Round Table Comments

16.1 CCTV.

Mr. Lyon commented that progress has been slow to date. There has been issues co-ordinating the availability of the people needed and the Club Room.

16.2 Club Room.

Future plans for the Club Room are progressing. It is planned to have a drop-in session in October/November to display possible plans and engage with the community.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Dates of future meetings:

Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7.30pm – Planning meeting if required.

Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm