

**Minutes of the Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th September 2019 in the Clubroom at 7.30pm.**

Present

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Barber
Cllr. D. Benning
Cllr. B. Lyon
District Cllr. Culver
Mr. David Slack
Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Kettlewell and Cllr. Arnold. Cllr. Lyon arrived late having been to another meeting earlier in the evening.

2. To receive Declaration of Interest.

2.1 Declarations of Interest for the Register.

Some councillors were reminded that their Declarations of Interest forms need to be completed.

2.2 Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes of meetings held on Wednesday 10th July 2019.

The minutes of the Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 were ratified and signed by the Chairman.

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

4.1 Parking at the top of Beechfield Lane.

It was reported that the parking at the top of Beechfield Lane has reduced since the last meeting. The parking situation is not helped by the four Airbnb adverts for one property on Beechfield Lane and Sovereign Housing informing tenants that they can park in the layby at the top of Beechfield if they haven't got parking elsewhere. The area behind the bungalows is for the use of only one property. It was agreed that the parking should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Report from Yattendon Estate.

Mr. Slack reported that the harvest was essentially complete and that whilst yields had been good, the prices were low. A very successful ploughing match was held on Tuesday 10th September. Shooting will begin on the 1st October and go on until the 1st February. Hedge cutting has started and will go on until the bird nesting seasons begin; hedges should be cut in alternate years. Yattendon Estates also cut the verges within the 30mph zone in Yattendon.

Work at the brewery site has begun with the parking in the old silage clamps, the grass areas will be reseeded, and kneeler barriers installed to prevent driving on the grass. The work at the Royal Oak has involved the kitchen being run from generators for 14 months; these will be turned off on Thursday 12th September because the power supply has now been upgraded.

Work at the Pot Kiln is progressing, and the kitchen is on the verge of being commissioned. The kitchen equipment requires three phase power supply which is not

currently available in Frilsham. SSE have therefore been asked to install it. Whilst it is being installed the kitchen will be run from generators. It is due to reopen on Monday 16th September.

There will be three Christmas markets, running on the three weekends from 30th November 2019. A total of 65,000 Christmas trees will be cut.

The Village Store in Yattendon continues to consistently do well with trading up month on month.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning applications for consultation:

6.1.1 19/02247/AGRIC – Homerstead House, Hawkridge Hill.

Timber framed building extension measuring 8.8m wide x 12m long x 2.750m to eaves and 4.050m to ridge. Proposed cladding and timber stock walling to infill open areas on existing building.

It was agreed that FPC **objects** to this application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment for the size of the holding. If WBC is minded to approve the application it was agreed that there should be no lighting.

6.2 Planning Decisions made by WBC:

6.2.1 19/01425/HOUSE – 2 Hawkridge Cottages.

Single storey side, front and rear extensions. Dormer windows, additional windows. Parking area within curtilage with access from lane, gate from highway lane moved. Replacement decking.

FPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

7. Report from West Berkshire District Councillor.

7.1 District Cllr. Culver reported that Greenfest in Hampstead Norreys had gone well, with lots of talks and workshops. She has guidance information from WBC on bonfires which can be passed to residents if necessary.

There is a full meeting of WBC on Thursday 12th September at which the Heathrow expansion plans will be discussed.

Concern has been raised about the transparency of WBC in relation to advisory groups for which the minutes are not made public.

Residents were encouraged to report problems to WBC and if no remedial action occurs to report them to District Cllr. Culver.

There was praise for the tar and chippings laid on the Hermitage Road (Yattendon to Hermitage) but there was a request to repaint the white line in the centre of the road.

8. Playground and Facilities around the Club Room.

8.1 Safety issues noted during visual checks.

Cllr. Allum reported that he had been carrying out the inspections and not identified any issues. Cllr. Lyon will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

The zip wire still needs to be adjusted and the latches on the gates need attention; Cllr Allum and Cllr. Lyon will work on both issues.

8.2 Issues raised by the RoSPA inspection.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact AES Services in Beenham and ask them to quote to repair the support of the toddler swings.

9. The Clubroom and FFIG.

Cllr. Lyon said that there was nothing to report from the Clubroom or FFIG

10. Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust.

Cllr. Lyon reported that a new team from Thatcham have essentially taken over the football pitch; they have painted the changing room and appear to be keen to work with the Trust. Bin emptying around the hall has been good.

11. Clerk's Report.

11.1 Asset inspection report – bus shelter roof and millennium bench.

Cllr. Allum has looked at the bus shelter roof and will replace the felt over the winter.

Cllr. Lyon will identify the location of the Millennium Bench and check its condition.

11.2 Items for the Broadsheet.

The article for this month's Broad sheet for FPC will contain information about the new councillors and use of the grit bins.

11.3 Grit bins.

It was agreed that the grit bin at the top of Dragon Hill be replaced. The Clerk will contact Willis and Ainsworth and ask them to refill all the grit bins and supply the replacement bin. This will be co-ordinated with Bucklebury and Stanford Dingley parishes to ensure maximum discount on the grit can be obtained.

11.4 Planning Training – Monday 7th October at 7.30pm

The Clerk has arranged a planning training session to be given by Bob Dray, a planning officer at WBC. The session will take place on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm in All Saints Church hall, Upper Bucklebury. Cllr. Allum, Cllr. Arnold and Cllr. Lyon will attend.

11.4 Correspondence.

District Parish Conference – Tuesday 22nd October.

No councillors were available to attend the District Parish Conference.

SSE Upgrading of Power lines for the Pot Kiln.

SSE have written to FPC for permission to carry out work on the power lines across the allotment. This is for the upgrade to three phase. It was agreed that FPC would sign and return the necessary paperwork back to SSE and notify the tenant of the work. Cllr. Benning will give the tenants details to the Clerk.

12. Finance.

12.1 Financial Statement.

The Clerk presented a financial statement dated 9th September 2019 showing a balance of £26,489.38 once all transactions have cleared. The bank statement dated the 15th August 2019 showed a balance of £27,664.63.

12.2 Updates to the Bank Mandate.

It was resolved to remove John Goodenough and Dorcas Ward from the bank accounts and add Cllr. Arnold and Cllr. Lyon.

12.3 Maintenance of St. Frideswide Churchyard.

Each year FPC makes a grant for the maintenance of St Frideswide churchyard to Yattendon and Frilsham PCC. It is understood that the maintenance has increased in cost and it has been suggested that FPC might consider increasing the grant. It was agreed that more information would be sought about the cost of the maintenance and how it is managed in conjunction with Yattendon. This information can be used when FPC considers the budget for the next financial year at the November meeting.

13. Round Table Comments

13.1 Cllr. Kettlewell.

Cllr. Allum reported that Cllr. Kettlewell is unwell and has asked to stand down from FPC with immediate effect. Cllr. Kettlewell's resignation was accepted with regret.

13.2 SID Training.

Cllr. Lyon reported that he had attended the SID training run by WBC. The guidelines for the positioning of SID are very strict. Cllr. Lyon has identified some possible locations for Graham Markham at WBC to consider before SID might be used.

13.3 Macmillan Coffee Morning.

There is a Macmillan Coffee morning taking place in the Clubroom on Friday 27th September from 10am until 12noon; everyone is welcome to attend.

13.4 Allotment Footpath.

The footpath adjacent to the School Lane allotment site has been cut back and cleared by WBC.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Dates of future meetings: Wednesday 13th November 2019 –7.30pm.