

**Minutes of a virtual Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Wednesday 8th July 2020 (via Zoom).**

Present

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)

Cllr. G. Barber

Cllr. D. Benning

Cllr. B. Lyon

Cllr. A. Arnold

Cllr. M. Goodenough

Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)

Mr. David Slack

1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr. C. Culver.

2 To receive declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

Cllr. Benning reported that he has retired from the Frilsham Allotment Trust.

3 To approve minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2020.

The minutes of the meeting of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) held on Wednesday 20th May 2020 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by Cllr. Allum.

4 Matters arising from the minutes.

4.1 Electricity supply.

Cllr. Benning commented that when FPC next meets in the Clubroom, he would like a further discussion about three-phase power in Frilsham. With increased use of electric cars and the need for charging points the power consumption of Frilsham could increase dramatically.

4.2 Drainage.

The outflow of the drains behind Beechfield has not yet been dug out. WBC committed to doing this work before the end of the summer.

5 Covid-19.

5.1 Support for Parishioners during the Pandemic.

As the lockdown is easing, a number of the support mechanisms are winding down; the Downland Surgery is no longer delivering prescriptions and the Friday conference calls for volunteer co-ordinators within the Ridgeway Ward have stopped. A letter has been sent to the Newbury Weekly News thanking Carloyne Culver for all the work she has done to support the parishes.

A number of people in Frilsham are not on "WhatsApp", but neighbours are in touch with them and supporting them where necessary.

6 Thames Water and the mains water supply.

A letter was sent to Thames Water on the 2nd July, quoting the reference numbers for various leaks in the parish. This was copied to Kay Lacey who is on the Consumer council for water for information.

It was reported that the leak by 18 Beechfield appears to have been fixed, but water is still running from the leak near Five Oaks.

7 Report from Yattendon Estate.

The Royal Oak is now open again for lunch and dinner from Thursdays through to Sundays. The Pot Kiln is due to open for lunch and dinner from 9th July for Thursdays through to Sundays.

The Village Store is going from strength to strength; custom has not diminished with the

easing of lockdown.

The community is requiring less and less support as the lockdown measures are easing. The Pantry is open from Thursday to Sunday for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea and the hairdressers has opened.

Mr. Slack reported that this last day on the Estate will be the 14th August. James Hole, who comes from Kent and currently works for Strutt and Parker will be his successor.

8 Planning.

8.1 Development at The Old Coach House (19/00489/FULD).

Comments have been made by parishioners about the development at the Old Coach House on Hawkridge Hill (which FPC objected to). Councillors are of the opinion that it will probably look better without the scaffolding.

It was noted that the track across the field (from the crossroads of Dragon Hill and Brocks Lane) should only have been used for 28 days and doesn't have any planning permission.

9 Report from West Berkshire District Cllr Carolyn Culver.

District Cllr. Culver submitted a report prior to the meeting with the following hi-lights:

- questions have been submitted to the Executive on the government's new planning regulations which are due to be introduced in September.
- Community Bids have been submitted for East Ilsley, Compton and Hampstead Norreys.
- There is to be a District Parish Conference on Monday 13th July the Covid Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) will be presented.
- The WBC environment strategy is due to be approved by the Executive Committee on the 16th July. This follows the declaration of a climate emergency last July. The community bond scheme to raise money for solar panels in the district will launch on the 16th July (a project emerging from this strategy)

There was a brief discussion about the tenancy of a Sovereign property which has a Section 106 agreement on it that only people with a local connection should be allowed as tenants. The current tenant has a medical need to live near family and has found a suitable property with tenants who wish to live in a more rural area. It was agreed, given the scenario that a swap should be allowed.

10 Playground and facilities and the Clubroom.

The playground facilities are getting a lot of use now they are open again. So far there has not been a serious problem with moles.

Guidance from the Government on reopening playparks is totally impractical. Cllr. Lyon has been talking to ACRE who have been very helpful.

The Clerk agreed to forward the risk assessment which Bucklebury Parish Council has produced for their playground to potentially use as a template.

10.1 Safety items picked up on weekly checks.

Cllr. Lyon agreed to take on doing the weekly checks. He reported that the safety matting under the accessibility swing cannot be fixed properly because it has stretched. New matting will need to be purchased to fix it properly.

10.2 To consider options for the Toddler Swings.

AE Evans who supplied the equipment have agreed to supply a replacement top bar as well as the leg after the RoSPA inspection. It was noted that this would be expensive to transport as it is over 3m long.

11 The Clubroom and surroundings.

Work on the Clubroom is currently on-hold due to Covid-19. Most of the grant making bodies are only looking at Covid-19 related projects.

Plans are in place to open the Clubroom, possibly as soon as the coming week. Hand washing and sanitising notices, and risk assessments for the hall are in place. Each group using the hall must have a risk assessment as well as the hall itself.

12 Frilsham Futures Implementation Group.

The football team have been applied weed killer and then fertilizer to the pitch. They've also carried out a lot of work to the inside of the changing rooms, knocking out the old store and building a new store for optimum use of the space.

There are two teams who will be using the pitch: one on Saturday afternoons and one on Sunday mornings.

13 Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust.

There is due to be a meeting of the Trust in September, although there are no funds to allocate.

14 Clerks Report.

14.1 WBC Speed Framework Consultation.

Cllr. Lyon reported that he had attended the SID training. SID can only be used in approved sites which need 90m clear sightlines.

14.2 Items for The Broadsheet.

It was agreed that the dates of future meetings and a summary of this meeting be submitted to The Broadsheet.

15 Finances.

15.1 Internal Auditors Report.

The Internal Auditor, Caroline Hyde, could find no issues when she carried out the internal audit.

15.2 Annual Statement of Governance.

The Annual Statement of Governance for the year ending the 31st March 2020 was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Having read the statement, councillors resolved to approve it.

15.3 Statement of Accounts for FY19/20.

The statement of accounts for the financial year 19/20, having been circulated prior to the meeting were unanimously approved.

15.4 Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement had been circulated to those present prior to the meeting and showed a balance of £36,333.00 once all payments have cleared.

Payments since the last meeting:

DD	Gigaclear (Broadband)	£35.00
SO	Helen Pratt (May salary)	£213.49
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A reconciliation to the last bank statement dated 15th June 2020 with a balance of £36,581.49 was shown. A sum of £18,000 is ringfenced as a donation to the Clubroom for the refurbishment/rebuild project, excluding any money for FY20/21.

16 AOB

16.1 Dumped rubbish behind the garages.

Cllr. Allum has reported rubbish (including a clothes line and garden rubbish) dumped behind the garages to WBC. The land belongs to WBC and the owners of the garages. It was agreed that the Clerk would also send a report of the rubbish to Sovereign.

16.2 Car parked at the top of Beechfield.

The owner of the vehicle which had been parked in the layby at the top of Beechfield Lane was asked to move it when the road was resurfaced. It was moved to the adjacent grass area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th September 2020 –7.30pm.