

**Minutes of a virtual Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th November 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. James Hole

1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies of absence were received from District Cllr. Culver.

2 To receive declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

3 To approve minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 16th September 2020.

The minutes of the meeting of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) held on Wednesday 16th September 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 Deer numbers.

Roe deer have been reported in the allotments rather than muntjac. The Allotment trust are going to raise the height of the fence on the School Lane allotments against the field.

4.2 Beechfield drains.

WBC are going to dig out the out flow from the drains at the back of 9 and 10 Beechfield next week (week beginning 16th November).

4.3 Horse riders using footpaths.

This is continuing to happen, but the results are not as bad as they have been.

5 Report from Yattendon Estate.

Mr. Hole reported that now that the Country is in the second Covid 19 lockdown, the pubs are closed for normal service; they are doing take-a-ways again and these need to be supported. Yattendon Village Stores are willing to do local deliveries where this is needed. The Christmas Tree Barn will open on the 28th November, offering a click and collect service. There is also the option for an online, home delivery service and orders are already being received.

6 Planning.

6.1 20/02534/FUL – Homerstead House, Hawkridge Hill.

Replacement dwelling.

It was noted that the new dwelling is 40% larger than the current house and is set further back on the site. There is a lot of glazing on the south elevation of the building overlooking the valley.

It was agreed that FPC has **no objection** to this application; but will request that planners consider dark skies in the AONB.

7 Report from West Berkshire District Cllr Carlyne Culver.

District Cllr. Culver submitted a written report prior to the meeting.

She has received a lot of emails from residents about the consultation on the government's planning white paper, with concerns about developers obtaining planning permission more easily and the resulting impact on the communities and the environment. WBC has

submitted a detailed response to the white paper.

There has been a public consultation on the WBC draft housing strategy. There has been a request for more social housing and more smaller private housing; WBC has identified a need for both, but developments are failing to deliver; developments are being approved despite a low level of private two-bed homes.

WBC is running a public consultation on its leisure strategy until 19th November 2020.

West Berkshire Climate Action Network ran an online information evening about improved energy efficiency in the home on Monday 9th November. Details of the Government's Green Home Grant of up to £5,000 (£10,000 for low income households) were shared.

8 Playpark and Facilities around the Clubroom.

8.1 Safety items picked up on weekly checks.

Cllr. Lyon reported that he has been checking the playpark since the last meeting. The latches on the gates don't close properly and there are a couple of branches which need pruning. The covers on some of the nuts and bolts have gone missing; Cllr. Lyon will replace these with some of the spares.

Cllr. Lyon will continue to carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

8.2 To receive an update on the Toddler Swings.

A.E. Evans have produced the replacement timbers (under warranty) for the toddler swings. They are ready to be dispatched when FPC is ready to receive them. It was agreed they should be delivered during the week beginning 16th November 2020 to Holly Cottage.

9 The Clubroom and surroundings.

The Clubroom had opened for a short while and had bookings. With the latest Covid 19 lockdown, it has had to close again. There are funds available to manage the hall, including the grant received from WBC at the beginning of the first lockdown.

10 Frilsham Futures Implementation Group.

Raising funds for the hall project are on hold as most grants are currently related to Covid 19.

11 Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust.

It is hoped that the Yattendon and Frilsham Fete can be held in 2021.

12 Trees causing concern.

Following Cllr. Benning's concern about trees in Beechfield Lane, a WBC tree inspector looked at the trees and has made the following comments:

- The oak tree in the cul-de-sac is not in need of any work.
- The cedar tree growing on the small turning circle has fruiting bodies at the base of the tree; these are indicative of the stress the tree's roots are under due to vehicles being parked and compacting the soil and causing root damage.

The circle is owned by WBC, but it is Sovereign Housing tenants who are parking on it. The Clerk will contact Sovereign Housing and WBC about the provision of parking for Sovereign Housing tenants; it was noted that no tenants have made any complaints to FPC.

13 Mains Water Supply.

The Clerk reported that it had been suggested that a representative of FPC attends the Pang Valley Flood Forum (PVFF) meetings and raises the issue of the replacement water main; senior employees of Thames Water attend this meeting. Cllr. Goodenough agreed to attend the next PVFF meeting.

It was noted that there is a leak in Beechfield below the footpath; there are two blue circles painted on the lane.

14 Clerks Report.

14.1 Meeting dates for 2021.

It was suggested that meetings in 2021 should continue to be on the 2nd Wednesday of alternate months. Concern was raised about how many of the dates potentially clash with the Western Area Planning Committee or the District Planning Committee and reduce the

number of meetings which District Cllr. Culver can attend.

14.2 Visit from Laura Farris MP.

The office of Laura Farris MP has contacted FPC because she is keen to attend parish council meetings and find out about the issues. It was suggested she attends the Village meeting in May.

14.3 Items for The Broadsheet.

A report of this meeting and information about the planning application for Homerstead House will be submitted for The Broadsheet.

14.4 Covid-19 Banner.

The Clerk has a Covid-19 banner for the Frilsham. It was agreed that the most suitable location would be on the railings of St. Fridswide Church at the bottom of Rectory Hill. Cllr. Allum will contact Phil Gent (a church warden).

15 Finances.

15.1 Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement had been circulated to those present prior to the meeting and showed a balance of £39,265.78 once all payments have cleared.

Payments since the last meeting:

DD	Gigaclear (Broadband)	£35.00
SO	Helen Pratt (September salary)	£213.49
100849	B. Lyon (delivery of replacement poles for swings)	£205.20
DD	Gigaclear (Broadband)	£35.00
SO	Helen Pratt (October salary)	£213.49

A reconciliation to the last bank statement dated 15th October 2020 with a balance of £40,037.46 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.

15.2 To review spending to 30th September 2020.

The Clerk circulated a report of spending until the 30th September 2020. Total expenditure for the six-month period was £2,858.54 and income £9,026.29.

It was agreed to make a grant of £650 to Yattendon and Frilsham PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard at St. Frideswide. It was also agreed to make a donation of £100 to the West Berkshire Countryside Society.

It was agreed to ring fence an additional £3,000 from this year's budget to the works on the Clubroom.

It was also agreed to renew membership of CCB at a cost of £30.00.

16 AOB

16.1 Frilsham Quarry.

There was a discussion about the future of the quarry; the planning permission on the site expires in May 2021.

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

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th January 2021 –7.30pm.