

**Minutes of a Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in Frilsham Clubroom.**

**Present**

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)

Cllr. A. Arnold

Cllr. G. Barber

Cllr. D. Benning

Cllr. M. Goodenough

Cllr. B. Lyon

Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)

Mr. James Hole

Dorcas Ward

**1 Public Session.**

Dorcas Ward summarised her production of the “History of Frilsham”. One copy of the document has been deposited in the Berkshire Records Office and a second copy has been produced for Frilsham Parish Council (FPC). There is also an abbreviated copy which has been printed in sections in The Broadsheet. Dorcas was thanked for her work and it was agreed that councillors would find it an interesting read, so will be circulated amongst them before being filed in the archives.

**2 To receive apologies for absence.**

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

**3 To receive declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items or changes to the register of interests.

**4 To approve minutes of meetings:**

**4.1 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

The minutes of the annual meeting of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Allum.

**4.2 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.**

The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of FPC held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Allum.

**4.3 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes to be discussed.

**5 Report from Yattendon Estate.**

Mr. Hole reported that the Estate is currently preparing for the harvest.

There had been a huge demand for properties. As a result, all the residential and commercial properties are fully occupied.

All roadside trees have now been inspected as part of a two-yearly survey. Two or three dangerous trees were identified in Frilsham and will be felled or reduced accordingly. At the last meeting, concern was raised about a tree between Nutwood and the land belonging to Holly Cottage, Cllr. Allum asked for clarification about whether the tree discussed had been identified in the recent inspection.

A change of use application has been submitted to WBC for the Old Forge in Yattendon Square to be converted into a florist.

**6 Planning.**

There were no planning applications to be considered.

**6.1 Planning Decisions made by WBC:**

**6.1.1 21/01050/HOUSE – Yelvers, Beechfield Lane.**

*Rear and side extension.*

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

### 6.1.2 Frilsham Lime Quarry.

It was noted that Highways have not responded to application 21/01224/FULMAJ, the Clerk will pursue this with WBC.

It was also noted that a 'FORMB' application (21/01818/FORMB) has been submitted to WBC for '*Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of nominal voltage of less than 132 kilovolts.*' This application covers electric lines in the vicinity of the quarry and Parsonage Farm.

## 7 Report from West Berkshire District.

Cllr. Culver submitted a written report in advance of the meeting covering the following:

- The Members' Community Bid for partial funding to plant a community orchard on the Pot Kiln Lane allotment site has been secured. Advice on community orchards is available from both East Ilsley and Hampstead Norreys Parish Councils who have both planted community orchards in recent years.
- The planning application for the site of the old Institute of Animal Research at Compton has been amended. The original application was for 250 homes. The landowner, Homes England, has now submitted an application for up to 185 homes; WBC documentation recommends 140 homes. There are serious contamination issues at the site.
- There are vulnerable people concerned about the lifting of COVID restrictions, next week. Some vulnerable people do not want to shop if there are people not wearing masks. District Cllr. Culver has offered to restart the weekly coordination meetings of the Ridgeway covid volunteer group if it would be helpful.
- The deadline for the Newbury masterplan consultation is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Boundary Commission has published changes to the parliamentary constituencies. These place Frilsham (and the whole of the Ridgeway Ward) in a new constituency Mid Berkshire. It is possible that there might be lobbying to split the Ridgeway Ward between the Newbury and Mid Berkshire constituencies.

Councillors noted that because of the verges not being cut, a number of junctions have become very dangerous due to site lines being obstructed.

The consultation on the WBC Flood Strategy was discussed and particularly the responsibility of WBC and riparian landowners in the management of drainage ditches.

The Clerk will contact Stuart Clark(WBC) for timescales for repairs to the culvert near the Clubroom.

## 8 Playpark and Facilities around the Clubroom.

8.1 Cllr. Lyon reported that the following issues are outstanding on the Playpark:

- Tightening of the zip wire.
  - The rubber cover, previously secured in place with a jubilee clip has slipped.
  - The gap between the round-about and the wet-pour surface needs to be filled.
  - Delamination of wood on the multi-play unit. It was agreed to explore whether wood filler would assist with the issue.
  - Trees in the play area need to be pruned.
  - The surface of the play area needs to be evened out because of mole activity and use.
- Cllr. Lyon has contacted AES in Beenham who did not attend the agreed site meeting.  
Cllr. Arnold suggested trying AEL in Reading.

It was agreed that Cllr. Lyon and Cllr. Allum would find a date and time to address some of the issues.

Cllr. Lyon will continue with playground inspections until the next meeting.

## 9 The Clubroom.

Cllr. Lyon reported that prior to lock down he contacted another village hall committee who

were undertaking a rebuild. Cllr. Lyon is trying to organise a meeting to find out about how their project has gone.

Cllr. Lyon reported that the bins are only being emptied approximately every two to three weeks; the Clerk will raise this with WBC.

**10 Environment – Rights of Way.**

Cllr. Allum reported that Dick Greenaway has produced a draft leaflet about the Public Rights of Way (PROW) in Frilsham and information about their origins. Copies were circulated to councillors for any corrections. The Clerk will write to Dick and thank him for the time he has taken to produce the leaflet.

It was reported that footpath FRIL6/1 from Beechfield to School Lane has been cleared adjacent to Allerton. It is understood that this is for access to the field. It was noted that this section of path tends to be very wet.

**11 Frilsham Future Implementation Group (FFIG).**

The work of FFIG is currently based around raising funds for the redevelopment of the Clubroom.

**12 Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust.**

On the May bank holiday weekend when the fete would have been held, there were two different trails which started and finished in Yattendon Square. In addition, there was a cake and produce stall. In total £790.37 was raised from these events.

The Yattendon Classic Vehicle event will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, when it is hoped that some of the traditional fete stalls will also be able to operate. There is a meeting about the fete in August. Requests were made for anyone willing to help with marshalling.

**13 Clerk's Report**

**13.1 Community Orchard in the Pot Kiln Lane Allotment.**

Plans will be made at the September meeting for the planting of the Community Orchard on the Pot Kiln Lane allotment site. The ground will require clearing first as it has been used as a bit of a dumping ground in the past. A skip is likely to be required.

Ian Coxhead will be invited to the meeting in September when a plan can be made about preparing the land and planting the trees as well as managing the trees and what to do with the fruit produced.

**13.2 West Berkshire Climate Forum – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm.**

Cllr. Goodenough attended the first climate forum meeting held by WBC. However, the meetings moved to during the day which is not suitable for those working and no one is able to attend.

There was a discussion about engaging with parishioners and what FPC can do to support the community.

**13.3 Items for The Broadsheet.**

The Clerk will write a summary of the meeting for the next edition of The Broadsheet and include the community orchard.

**14 Finances.**

**14.1 Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to those present prior to the meeting and showed a balance of £40,091.91 once all payments and credits have cleared.

Payments since the last meeting:

DD	Gigaclear (June Broadband)	£35.00
100862	Came and Company (Insurance)	£734.28
100863	B. Lyon (Parish Online)	£48.00
DD	Gigaclear (July Broadband)	£35.00
SO	Salaries (May and June 2021)	£426.98
100864	Post Office Ltd (SSE 11/5/2021 – 25/5/2021)	£8.14

A sum of £21,000 is ringfenced as a donation to the Clubroom for the refurbishment/rebuild project, up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**15** **AOB**

**15.1** **Top of Beechfield.**

It was noted that the vehicle has been moved from the grass at the top of Beechfield. The grass areas, managed by WBC, have not been cut to date. It was agreed that enquiries would be made about why this area has not been cut.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Next meeting of Frilsham Parish Council: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.