

**Minutes of a Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 in Frilsham Clubroom.**

**Present**

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)  
Cllr. A. Arnold  
Cllr. D. Benning  
Cllr. M. Goodenough  
Cllr. B. Lyon  
Mr Ian Coxhead (Frilsham allotment trust)  
Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)  
One parishioner.

The meeting opened with a minute's silence to remember Mr. John Goodenough who was Chairman of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) for many years.

**1 Public Session.**

There were no items to discuss in the Public Session.

**2 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Barber, District Cllr. Culver and Mr. Hole.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Allum.

**4.2 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Cllr. Allum has the "History of Frilsham" which Dorcas Ward left with the FPC at the last meeting.

**5 Report from Yattendon Estate.**

Mr. Hole had submitted a written report (as printed in The Broadsheet) prior to the meeting.

**6 Licensing Application for The Breeze Drinks Company.**

This application is for the online sale of alcohol from Hawkridge House and promotional events which could potentially take place 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

There was some uncertainty about the type of license required for online selling. Concern was raised about possible noise nuisance from deliveries and departures at anti-social hours. There was also concern that the promotional events could take place at any time and for any duration, although it was appreciated that it wouldn't be every day that is what the license is for. It was agreed that the number of events should be limited, possibly to 12 a year, and there should be a restriction on the hours for such events (suggestion 12noon to 11pm) to reduce the risk of noise nuisance. It was agreed that FPC **objects** to this application.

**7 Planning.**

**7.1 To consider the following planning application:**

**7.1.1 21/01832/HOUSE – Forge Cottage.**

*Erection of single storey rear extension with replacement of roof over existing rear extension and replacement of existing brick finish with cladding to match new extension; installation of 2 rooflights.*

FPC agreed **no objection** to this application.

7.2 Planning Decisions made by WBC:

7.2.1 **21/01335/HOUSE – Frideswide, School Lane.**

*Part demolition of garage and construction of ancillary room.*

FPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **withdrawn**.

**8 Report from West Berkshire District.**

8.1 Green waste recycling.

Cllr. Benning complained about the poor way in which the cancelling of the green waste collection was communicated to residents of the District and the lack of notice. As a compensation, open bags of green waste could be collected in subsequent collections and a reduction in the payment for the coming year has been agreed. It was suggested that the recycling waste drivers could collect the green waste rather than the plastics. There was some annoyance that the only way to pay was by direct debit. In summary, the handling of the service was considered to be shoddy.

8.2 Beechfield Lane grass cutting.

The WBC contractors cut the grass on Beechfield Lane monthly; however, a local resident is telling the contractor not to cut some of the grass, leaving the area looking untidy. It was agreed that the Clerk would include information about which grass is cut by WBC in the next report for The Broadsheet and ask that residents don't ask the contractors not to cut the grass.

8.3 WBC Timelord working plan.

Cllr. Benning reported that he was staggered that WBC has approximately 850 employees and questioned whether residents receive value for money from their council tax. He suggested that the new chief executive of WBC, Nigel Lynn, should be invited to Frilsham to answer residents' questions.

Cllr. Goodenough questioned whether FPC had information about the priorities of parishioners and queried whether some sort of questionnaire should be attempted.

**9 Playpark and Facilities around the Clubroom.**

Cllr. Lyon reported that the playpark was largely as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting; he has replaced a bolt cap on the tube slide and the grass needs cutting, which should be carried out shortly.

Cllr. Lyon is continuing investigations into a company who might level out the surface of the play area.

Since the last meeting, the Clerk has reported the non-emptying of the litter bins and the dog waste bin to WBC, as a result they were promptly emptied. However, for the last 3 weeks the bins have not been emptied and the litter bins are overflowing. The contract is for a weekly emptying of the bins. The service being provided was not considered to be acceptable and it was agreed that a refund of six weeks would be requested.

**10 The Clubroom.**

Cllr. Lyon reported that he has arranged a meeting with two members of Beech Hill Village Hall who have recently carried out a Village Hall rebuild. It is hoped that they can share their experiences for the benefit of the Clubroom and those working on it.

**11 Environment.**

11.1 Rights of Way.

Dick Greenaway has now completed his work on a new leaflet about the PROW in the parish. The new leaflet has been put on the website.

The Clerk will write to Mr. Greenaway and thank him for the work.

11.2 Community Orchard.

Mr. Coxhead reported that the fruit trees have increased slightly in price and have a delivery date of November, if ordered now. It was agreed that the clerk would order a total of 16 trees (4 sets of mixed fruit trees) to be delivered to Parsonage Farm where they could be looked after between delivery and planting.

Once the vegetation, on the allotments, where the trees are to be planted has died back the land will be cleared in preparation for planting. It is envisaged that this work will take place in November in preparation for planting in late November/early December. Given the increase in cost of the trees, it is hoped that Yattendon Estate may be able to assist the project with tree guards and stakes.

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

The fundraising efforts have not restarted since COVID. It is understood that Hampstead Norreys are in the same position.

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

The Classic Vehicle Day is to take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September and will include stalls normally at the fete. These stalls include burgers and hotdogs, a raffle, a produce stall, and a cake competition which this year will be for a swiss roll. Vintage teas will be served in the Village Hall and there may be a toy and book stall.

Following the cancellation of the fete for the last two years due to COVID, the trust is very short of funds.

**14 Clerk's Report**

**14.1 West Berkshire Climate Forum.**

The Clerk reported that WBC is very keen to find out what "green" initiatives and events are taking place in the parishes.

**14.2 Blossom into Spring project.**

The Clerk has applied for three cherry trees which are part of the WBC Blossom into Spring project to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of COVID. It had been intended to plant one of the trees in the allotment triangle against School Lane, but it is understood that a beech tree has recently been planted there.

**14.3 Items for The Broadsheet.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would include information about the grass cutting in Beechfield Lane and the planting of a community orchard on the Pot Kiln Lane allotment site in the next edition of The Broadsheet.

**15 Finances.**

**15.1 Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to those present prior to the meeting and showed a balance of £39,809.06 once all payments and credits have cleared.

Payments since the last meeting:

Gigaclear (August Broadband)	£35.00
Salaries (July 2021)	£213.49
Post Office Ltd (SSE 26/5/2021 – 10/8/2021)	£34.36

A bank reconciliation to the last statement dated the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 was shown with a balance of £39,843.42. 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.

**15.2 Lloyds Bank account.**

The Clerk has applied for a Lloyds Treasurer's bank account for FPC, with a view to closing the HSBC account. The application has been submitted with Cllr. Allum, Cllr. Arnold and Cllr. Lyon as signatories. Other councillors will be added once the account has been opened.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Next meeting of Frilsham Parish Council: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm.