

**Minutes of a Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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. J. Hole (Yattendon Estate)

**1 Public Session.**

There were no matters raised during the public session.

**2 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies of absence were received from District Cllr. Culver.

**3 To receive declarations of interest.**

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

**4 To approve minutes of meetings:**

**4.1 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting of Frilsham Parish Council (FPC) held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Allum.

**4.2 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**4.2.1 Power supply**

**to Frilsham.**

It was noted that the power supply is split phase and not two-phase as stated in the item 11.3 of the minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**5 Report from Yattendon Estate.**

Mr. Hole reported that the Christmas season had been very busy with increased customer numbers, on previous years, shopping locally to buy Christmas trees. Vicars Game were very busy over the holiday season and used their new online ordering system which was received well by customers. It has been a quiet time of year for farming allowing hedge cutting and maintenance work to be carried out. Tree safety work is being carried out on roadside trees and this work should be complete by the spring. The old forge in Yattendon has been converted and opened as a florist in December. The Yattendon Group (the parent company of Yattendon Estate) has acquired the trading assets of West Berkshire Brewery who went into administration on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The Yattendon Brewing Company are going through the process of acquiring the necessary licences to begin brewing again, but meantime, the Tap Room and shop are open and trading.

**6 Planning.**

**6.1 Planning applications which WBC has consulted FPC on:**

No applications for consideration.

**6.2 Planning decisions made by WBC:**

**6.2.1 21/02843/HOUSE & 21/02844/LBC2 – Parsonage Farm Barn.**

*Window, external door and new partition all within existing modern room.*

FPC made no observations on these applications which have been **approved** by WBC.

**6.2.2 21/02680/HOUSE - Frideswide, School Lane.**

*Move and extend doors to garage and erect cycle and bin store.*

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

**6.2.3 21/02482/HOUSE – Sunnyside.**

*Erection of 1.5m storey rear extension. External alterations including removal of 3 dormers and front porch. Addition of gabled dormer.*

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

**6.3 Other Planning Matters.**

**6.3.1 Frilsham Lime Quarry (21/01224/FULMAJ).**

It is understood that an amendment to the application is to be expected.

**7 Report from West Berkshire District.**

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

This evening, at the Western Area Planning meeting, the Compton Institute planning application will be discussed. The referendum on the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

There is an additional full council meeting during the week beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> January because there were too many motions to be considered at the December meeting. One of these motions is calling upon the council to do more to restore biodiversity.

The Green Group had a meeting with the new WBC chief executive which was very positive. He has come from Arun District Council and has worked for many local authorities during his career.

Greenfest, at Hampstead Norreys, will go ahead again this year on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**8 To delegate to the clerk such powers as are necessary for virtual meetings to take place.**

FPC resolved that in response to the increase in the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. This will be carried with members via virtual meetings. This delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first face to face meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.

**9 Playground facilities and area around the Club Room.**

The playground is wet and muddy, but still well used. All the equipment is in good order at least visually. A number of small bits of branches which have fallen or been blown into the playground have been regularly removed. Currently there is only one mole hill; most of the moles seem to have moved to the far side of the football pitch.

The bins were last emptied on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**10 The Clubroom.**

The Clubroom Extension and Refurbishment project has now restarted, following a two year break due to Covid. A complete rebuild is being researched, as suggested by several people in response to the original proposal.

A timber framed building on a brick plinth with timber cladding and a slate roof similar to the hall at Beech Hill is being considered. The Committee there have been helpful and shared their experiences. Andy Clark, who has extensive experience in such buildings has agreed to join the team moving this project forwards. A meeting has taken place to go through the context and get agreement on his contribution: planning stage, expert knowledge, building supervising etc. At the next meeting the plans will be studied in detail before a reasonably accurate cost estimate is obtained.

**11 Environment.**

### **11.1 Community Orchard.**

The fruit trees and the three Tai Haku cherry trees provided as part of the WBC “Blossom into Spring” project to remember those who have died as a result of COVID are all planted and growing. Cllr. Allum and Ian Coxhead hung the gate and marked out where the trees were to go on the Pot Kiln Lane allotment site. The following day a number of volunteers came out and helped plant the trees. The tree protectors left over from the village hall were only suitable for some of the trees, so post and chicken wire were donated and used for the remainder.

There is plenty of space for expansion if anyone wishes to donate further trees or bushes. The area where the Tai Haku trees are planted is away from the fruit trees and it is hoped they will provide a “quiet area”, where possibly a bench or two could be placed to further improve the area for the benefit of the community.

The planting was completed with a generous mulching of manure courtesy of Cllr. Goodenough.

Thanks were extended to all who helped with the project, but especially Ian Coxhead.

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

Plans are currently underway for this year’s Yattendon Fete which will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June due to the revised late May bank holiday for the Jubilee celebrations. This has been agreed with Lord Iliffe and Yattendon Estate.

### **13 Clerk’s Report**

#### **13.1 Items for The Broadsheet.**

The Clerk will write a summary of this meeting and add a particular thanks to Ian Coxhead for the work on the community orchard for The Broadsheet.

### **14 Finances.**

#### **14.1 Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to those present prior to the meeting and showed a balance of £41,705.24 once all payments and credits have cleared.

Payments since the last meeting:

Gigaclear (December and January Broadband)	£70.00
Salaries (November and December 2021)	£426.98
Membership of CCB	£40.00
West Berkshire Countryside Society (membership)	£100.00
West Berkshire District Council (donation for libraries)	£300.00
Yattendon and Frilsham PCC	£650.00

A bank reconciliation to the last statement dated the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with a balance of £43,043.73 was circulated prior to the meeting. A sum of £22,500 is ringfenced as a donation to the Clubroom for the refurbishment/rebuild project, up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

#### **14.2 Budget.**

A budget with a planned expenditure of £8,586.92 and income of £9,666.69 was unanimously approved.

It was agreed that that with the £1,500 funds in the FY21/22 budget, the ring-fenced sum being carried forwards for the Clubroom will be £22,500.

### **15 Any other business.**

#### **15.1 Platinum Jubilee.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask parishioners via The Broadsheet for ideas about how to celebrate the jubilee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next meeting of Frilsham Parish Council: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm.