

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 19TH 2015.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham. Chairman
Mr D. Brown, Mr R. Burgess, Mrs M. Goodman, Mrs F. Groves,
Dr J. Lawler, Mr R Marr, Mrs S. Russell., Mr B Willis.

Mr Q. Webb District Councillor

There were 10 members of the public present.

117. Public Participation.

There were 10 members of the public at the meeting who had come to talk about the oak tree on Lipscombe Close. Their spokesperson said that they had also carried out a survey on the oak and accepted that it did need to come down, however they asked if the council would consider leaving enough of the trunk to enable a sculpture to be done and gave details of a local sculptor.

Mrs Brown read out her concerns about the proposed extension at Tall Trees and circulated a photograph of silver birches in her garden at Corner Nook which she was concerned may be damaged during construction works. Mr Brown declared an interest in this matter.

The owner of Fir Tree Cottage explained why she and her husband wanted to extend the property and that it should not have an adverse effect on the street scene.

118. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Willis and Mr Goudge.

119. Minutes of the last meeting held on January 15th 2015.

The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

120. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

- i Hermitage Plan Implementation Group. –
Another litter pick is planned for 29th March starting at the Scout Hut.
Refreshments will be supplied for participants once again.
PIG is looking it to grant funding available for the proposed kitchen at the new village hall and will liaise with Dr Lawler.
The Group is working on an updated version of the village footpath leaflet which will be produced shortly.
- ii Village website.
The website has been brought up-to-date and should continue to be updated regularly now.
- iii Broadband
BT have suggested that all the cabinets in the village will now be updated.

- iv Twinning – Twelve members of the community are interested in the possibility of twinning. They met on 16th February 2015 and the next meeting is in April. It is hoped to get the school involved in this project.
- v Tree maintenance – The work on the trees in Dines Way has been completed, **as has Furze Hill.**

121. The report from the District Councillor.

Quentin Webb was pleased to announce that W B Council had not increased the Council Tax for 2015-16. There will be Council elections in May for both District and Parish..

122. Planning.

New applications

14/03317/FUL	Telecom mast, Everington Lane. Mast upgrade	No objections
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MR BROWN DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AND LEFT THE MEETING.

14/03326/HOUSE	Tall trees, Newbury Road. Alterations	No objections
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The Council requested that, during construction, measures are put in place to protect the silver birch trees.

MR BROWN HERE REJOINED THE MEETING

14/03370/HOUSE	Fir tree Cottage, High Street. Extensions	No objections
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HERE MRS WILLIS DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AND LEFT THE MEETING.

15/00082/HOUSE	Bridge House, Chapel Lane. Extension & garage	Objections
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The Council would write to WBC with the objections

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15/00181/CERTE	Benamore, High Street. Use of annex for tenants.	No comments
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Other matters.

- i WBC DPD Consultation..
The report is not expected until May.

123. Burial ground.

- i **Grave space allocation.**
This is in hand.

124. Finance.

i	Receipts		
	Camp Hopson	Fees	£150.00

- ii Payments authorised.

Contractors	Maintenance	£784.41
HVH CIO	Grant	£24,386.35
Barlow & Sons	Supplies	£4.40
Parishes on Line	Map software.	£57.60
WBC	Dog bin empty annual	£302.70
Michael Cairns	Tree work	£430.00
WBCS	Donation	£37.50
Play Inspection Company		
	Pinewood & Furze Hill	£180.00
HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£321.64
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii Internal interim audit.
The audit will be undertaken in the week of March 1st due to the Auditor's annual holiday
 - iii Grants awarded for payment at the APA

PreSchool	£1,000
Scouts	£500
HHSoc	£250

125. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 111.

- i School parking.
There is nothing further.
- ii Shared cycle track.
WBC are looking at ways this could be supported.

126. Environment

- i New Village Hall.
Dr Lawler advised that the kissing gate on the path to the new village hall was not disabled friendly and asked if they could make alterations. The Council advised any alteration must comply with WBC disability requirements. Council would like the vehicle access gate(s) to be shut when the hall is not in use to deter unwanted visitors.
- ii Recreation areas – could we consider seats at the far end of the recreational ground as well as the new village hall end (Roy Marr) – can this go on next month's agenda? Also football posts for children kicking a ball about rather than them using their clothing as markers.
- iii Recreation and wooded areas.
The WP reports were noted.
- iv Pinewood play area- The playground inspector raised a few low risk issues both here and at Furze Hill playground. Cllr Willis will get quotations from Sutcliffe and Playground Services for the work to be undertaken in both areas.
- v Youth Club – BACYP will do events at school with the children this term , followed by a session for both parents and children when the new village hall has been completed. A former Youth Club leader has said she is happy to assist with the club but not to stand as Youth Club leader.

- vi BT site . Much improved since Mr Lawrence has mowed the verge.
- vii Footpaths Byway 2 is very deeply rutted in the Box Cottage area where tree work is currently taking place. The council hopes that it will be reinstated at the earliest opportunity.

127. Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

128. Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

There were no reports.

129. Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no items raised.

130. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date