

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2013.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham. Chairman  
Mr D. Brown, Mr R. Burgess, Mrs M. Goodman,  
Dr J. Lawler, Mrs K. Willis, Mr B. Willis.

There were two members of the public present.

**118 Public Forum.**

*The Rev Rita Ball explained that there can be problems at the burial ground with the alignment of coffins. It was thought to be practice to place the feet towards the central path and the headstone away. Perhaps this could be pointed out to the gravediggers. The new advisory notes for the Burial Ground are welcomed.*

It was accepted that how the coffin is placed is the responsibility of the Funeral Director.

**119 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Groves, Dr Kerry, Mr Marr, Mr Robinson and Mr Goudge.

**120 Minutes of the last meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

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

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

Minute 107.

i Village Vision.

The Vision had been accepted by WBC. Greenham Common Trust had offered to help in the graphic design, and it is hoped to go to print shortly.

ii Broadband

There had been 192 registrations.

iii APA.

The APA will be held on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> and speakers are being sought.

**122 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.**

There was no report.

**123 Planning.**

**Decisions from the Planning Authority**

12/02893/HOUSE

High Oak, Deacons Lane.

Garage into study plus workshop

**Approval.**

**Other matters.**

i Pinewood Crescent – new dwellings.

No decision was taken on the application to change the tiles and bricks to match existing buildings.

**124 Finance.**

i	Receipts.		
	Smallbone	Burial	£150.00
ii	Payments authorised.		
	Contractors	Maintenance	£783.50
	West Berkshire Council.	Broadband instalment	£2,764.00
	C.W. Goudge	Salary & exes	£323.88
	HMRC	PAYE	£71.60
iii	Other matters.		
i	The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.		

**125 Highways.****Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 112.

- i Cycle track.  
Nothing further.
- ii Footpath No 16.  
There have been reports of horses using this footpath. It was decided to put an article in the Parish Magazine pointing out that horses should not use footpaths.

**New matters.**

- i Thames Water roadworks.  
Strong criticism was expressed about the inconvenience and damage which Thames Water has caused to Red Shute Hill and the neighbouring roads. Damage had also been reported to verges along Newbury Road and the High Street caused by Options Energy Ltd working on behalf of SSE Power Distribution.

**126 Environment****Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 113.

- i New Village Hall.  
WBC is proceeding with the transfer of Furze Hill land to the Council. WBC are advertising the transfer in the NWN.  
The loan application to PWLB via BALC was signed.  
The design process is continuing and it is hoped to go to tender in April.
- ii Pinewood play area.  
The quotes for a MUGA of £42k and a goal end of between £6 & £9k were noted.
- iii Allotments.  
Nothing further.
- iv Football pitch.  
The pitch is reported as being in reasonable condition but there is evidence of nuisance by dog fouling.
- v Litter bins.  
Nothing further.
- vi Dog bins.  
Nothing further.
- vii Youth Club.  
Nothing further.
- viii District Parish Conference.

This will be held at Newbury on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**127 Correspondence received.**

CCB – Oil Club Keep Warm in Winter posters.  
District Parish Conference agenda.

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

Ms Cottingham, Mrs Goodman and Mrs Groves attended the WBC Seminar which discussed the policy for the determination of local development sites in Newbury and Thatcham, together with wider issues for North Wessex Downs and the East Kennet Valley. It is anticipated that some 10,500 new homes would be built in the WBC area.

**129 Items to be raised by Councillors.**

There were no matters raised.

**130 Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

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Chairman

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Date