

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14TH 2015.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham Chairman
Mr D Brown, Miss A Goldsmith, Dr J Lawler, Mr R Marr, Mrs S Russell.

Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk

There was no member of the public present.

78 Public participation

There was no member of the public present

79 Apologies for absence

None had been received

80 Minutes of the last meeting held on September 17th 2015

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

81 Co-option of a Councillor

It was proposed by Mrs Russell and seconded by Mr Marr that Mr Burraston be elected by co-option to the Council. The proposition was carried unanimously.

As Mr Burraston was not present the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was not completed. Mr Burraston would take his place on the Council at the next meeting.

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

Minute 68

i Plan Implementation Group

It has been decided not to proceed with the road data collection and analysis until there had been a meeting with WBC.

ii Broadband

WBC have contracted with Gigaclear to provide superfast fibre to premises in some neighbourhoods that would not get superfast broadband. Implementation should take place in the next twelve months. An interactive map is available on the Gigaclear website.

BT is moving ahead with updating cabinets, and an interactive map is available on the BT website

83 Report from the West Berkshire Councillor

A report was not presented.

84 Planning

Decisions from the Planning Authority

15/01953/HOUSE Haycroft, High Street.
S.73a Variation to condition2
of 15/00862/HOUSE

Approval

New applications

15/02423/HOUSE	Zarraman, Deacons Lane Extension	No objections
15/02519/HOUSE	Charnwood, Chapel Lane Loft conversion	No objections

Adjoining Parish

15/02443/FULC	Unit 6, Shute Hill Industrial Estate Demolish warehouse & replace	No objections
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Other matters

- i Fifielld Farm
Letter from adjacent owners in support of the barn demolition and replacement
The Council had no objection to the application to which it referred.
- ii Mazeland solar farm
It was decided to object to the proposal mainly on the various grounds that this particular piece of the AONB was special to the vicinity and those living round it. If consent is given then strict traffic control planning conditions need to be put into the agreement to limit the damage, danger and inappropriate routing of construction traffic through Hermitage.

85 Burial Ground

There was nothing further to report.

86 Finance

- i Receipts:

Lloyds Bank	Interest qtr	£226.85
West Berkshire Council	Precept 50%	£21,000.00
- ii Payments authorised.

SCS	Grasscutting	£200.40
Contractors	Maintenance	£574.75
HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
CW Goudge	Sal & exes	£380.57
- iii Other matters
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The Annual Return of the Council.
The external audit has been completed and the Annual Return of the Council signed off by the Auditors.

87 Highways

- i Collyers Close
A resident had telephoned asking if double yellow lines could be painted completely round the Close to stop parking at peak School times. This parking did not allow disabled residents proper access. The request would be mentioned to WBC as part of their School parking evaluation.

88 Environment.

- i New Hermitage Village Hall
Fund raising of some £50k is needed to complete the Hall. 25k will make the small Hall usable. A fund Committee is in being to start raising funds for the completion.

Running costs seem to be less than first assumed. Hiring charges have been increased for regular users and charges generally are being reviewed taking into account local competition.

- ii Recreation and wooded areas
The tree survey is almost complete.
There will be a Volunteer Group activity shortly.
- iii Pinewood play area
The playground equipment is being regularly checked on a rota by Councillors.
Action needed from the Annual Inspection Report is in hand.
- iv Scout Hut
There has been nothing further regarding the Lease.
- v Dog bin locations
The locations are in the process of being placed on an outline map of the Parish.

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

WBCS Upstream – quarterly newsmag
The correspondence was noted and placed into circulation.

90 Reports from Parish Council representatives who had attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman had attended the WBC Parish Council Conference. The Conference was felt to be lively and informative and worth attending. The slide presentation is available on line.

91 Items to be raised by Councillors

- i Clerk retiral
Publicity is being given to the vacancy with a short list expected in November.

92 Date of the next meeting.

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

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Chairman

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Date