

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014.

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, Mrs K. Willis.

Mr Q. Webb District Councillor  
Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There were seven members of the public present.

### **113 Public Forum.**

*Chieveley Parish Council held a public meeting to discuss their SHLAA, does Hermitage plan to do so.*

This Parish is not comparable with Chieveley for SHLAA, and notice has been given on the Hermitage website.

*WBC is very keen on passing the SHLAA information to Parishes, but it has to be stressed that only a small number of sites brought forward under SHLAA will be selected as developable sites.*

We will make sure the website carries all the SHLAA information.

*A presentation was put forward asking that the possible Village Hall funding grant of up to £250k be made by the Council.*

This is on the agenda later in the meeting and the presentation attached to these minutes.

### **114 Apologies for absence.**

An apology for absence had been received from Mr Pask.

### **115 Minutes of the last meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

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

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

Minute 103.

- i Village Vision.  
There have been some questions under the Department of Health and Wellbeing auspices asking what is needed in the Village, for instance an adhoc Surgery and midwives. There appears to be a change in attitude to some of these services.
- ii Broadband.  
It was reported that Hampstead Norreys had arranged a favourable deal with BT.
- iii Website.  
The redesigned website should go live at the beginning of April, and content is being sought from Village organisations.

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

The Civil Contingencies Operation Centre has been very successful in co-ordinating flood response.

Mr Webb invited questions.

*Road closure information would be useful.*

*There are water drainage problems with flooding and water should be in the fields not across the roads.*

Mr Webb noted these serious points and mentioned that they are included in the measures for the future on which WBC is working.

**118 Planning.****Decision from the Planning Authority.**

13/03053/HOUSE	Fernlea, High Street.	
	Garage demolition & extension.	<b>Approval</b>

**New applications.**

14/00070/HOUSE	3, Marlston Road, Hermitage.	
	Extension	<b>No objections</b>

**Other matters.**

- i WBMWDP.  
The minerals & Waste consultation which runs to February 28<sup>th</sup> was noted.
- ii SHLAA.  
The notes from the meeting with WBC are attached.

**119 Burial ground.**

There were no new matters.

**120 Finance.**

- i Receipts.  
Youth Club wind up funds £6,129.60
- ii Payments authorised.  
Contractors £469.16  
Barlow & Sons Materials £9.79  
Hermitage Village Hall Hall hire – Youth Club £12.00  
R. Cottingham Lock & travel £19.56  
Mortimer West End PC Stationery & computer £54.41  
Bradfield PC Photocopy charge £55.00  
West Berkshire Council. Furze Hill costs 13 / 14 £6,368.56  
and dog bin empty  
Crescent signs Notices £390.00  
M. Cairns Tree surgery – Pinewood £400.00  
C.W.Goudge Salary & exes £406.25
- iii Other matters.
  - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted
  - ii It was decided to place £225,000 on deposit with Lloyds for three months when the current deposit expires on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - iii It was decided to make a grant of £1,400 to Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage.

**121 Highways.**

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

- i Minute 108.  
School parking.  
WBC have undertaken to look at the way cars park at peak times and seek an amelioration of the disruption.
- ii Bus shelter.  
It was decided to accept the quotation of £70 from the Contractors for roof repairs

**122 Environment.**

**HERE DR LAWLER AND MR MARR DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST AND RETIRED FROM THE MEETING.**

- i New Village hall.
  - i Funding.

**AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL WERE OF A COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE NATURE AND UNDER LGA 1972 PART 2 THE PUBLIC WERE ASKED TO RETIRE.**

**HERE DR LAWLER AND MR MARR REJOINED THE MEETING.**

A motion was proposed by Mrs Groves and seconded by Mrs Goodman that the decision as to whether or not to award a grant to the Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee to aid in the construction of a new Village hall be deferred.

The motion was put to the Council and was passed unanimously.

A Statement for publication was agreed. The Statement read –

The Parish Council does not wish to see a delay in the start of the new Village Hall and has resolved to have an urgent meeting of the Finance Working Party, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Architect and the Quantity Surveyor to obtain the information needed to make a decision about the grant at the next Council meeting in March. If necessary the Council will hold an extra meeting as a Part 11 Assembly to reach a decision.

- ii Lease  
Due to requirements in the Lease concerning the viability of the new Village Hall project, it was decided, as a result of discussions under i above, that the signing of the Lease should be deferred.
- ii Woodland and recreation Ground.
  - i Signs.  
It was agreed to place cautionary notices in appropriate places in the area.
  - ii Repairs to fences and posts at Furze Hill.  
It was decided to accept the quotation from the Contractors for a total of £740 to carry out the repairs.
- iii Pinewood play area.
  - i Playground repairs.  
It was decided to accept the quotation from Playground Services in the sum of £5,125 for ground repairs to the playground.
  - ii Ground ruts.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Contractors for £20 to even out the ruts in the ground made by an agricultural vehicle. It was noted that the Scouts would reimburse the Council for this.

- iii Dog bins.  
This is ongoing.
- iv Youth activities.
  - i BACYP.  
There had been a meeting with BAYCP and it was decided to consult as wide an opinion as possible in the Village to see if there would be a desire for their services. In the meantime a budget of £550 was agreed to cover any incidental costs in the process.
- v District Parish Conference.  
Newbury on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm.

**123 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

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

Mr Marr said that there is an offer of free sunflower seeds and it was decided to acquire some.

Mrs Willis reported that there is now an acceptable Contractor to meet playground monitoring requirements.

Mrs Russell suggested that the photographs of Councillors be brought up to date for the website at the next meeting, and that a brief description from each would add interest. The Chairman said that a speaker for the APA had been approached and accepted. it was decided that Jane Staunton would provide the refreshments at the APA.

Mrs Goodman suggested that Cheryl Evans from WBC Highways might also be asked to give a short talk at the APA about School parking and the ways to minimise disruption.

**126 Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

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Chairman

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Date