

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10TH 2015.

Present.

Mrs S Russell Chairman
Mr D Brown, Mr N Burraston, Dr J Lawler, Mr R Marr

Mr C.W Goudge Clerk

There were two members of the public present.

1. Public Forum.

How does the public know about plans for any development of Hermitage House before it comes as an application.

This applies to most developments, but in this case the Developers have talked to a group of Councillors.

Council does recognise that there is a view that the house could be kept and refurbished, but it is reported that the cost would make this impractical. There appears to be a local group hoping for this, but there had not been representations from the rest of the Community. Council will comment on the application in due course.

2. Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence had been received from Miss Goldsmith.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on November 19th 2015.

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

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

Minute 95.

i Plan Implementation Group.

The meeting dates for next year have been agreed.

Two members will be trained in the use of SID equipment to allow speed monitoring.

ii Broadband

Coverage by BT has improved in the Village. Plans for any coverage by Gigaclear will be published towards the end of 2016.

iii Twinning.

This is moving along, and a draft of the understanding governing twinning is being prepared by the French Group.

5. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

A report was not presented.

6. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

15/02340/FULD

Fifield Farm, Marlston Hermitage

Demolish outbuildings & replace

Refusal

Note: The application contravenes principles for new dwellings in the AONB and the Countryside.

15/02423/HOUSE Zarraman, Deacon's Lane
Extension.

Approval

New planning applications.

No new applications had been received.

Neighbouring Parish.

15/03056/HOUSE Solina, Bucklebury Alley, Cold Ash
Extensions & new garage

No objections

Dennison Barracks

It was decided to ask Chieveley for any comments they would be making that had not yet been published on the WBC website. Mr Marr had produced an excellent view of the proposal.

7. Burial Ground.

There were no matters discussed.

8. Finance.

i	Receipts.		
	None		
ii	Payments for consideration.		
	Contractors	Maintenance	£574.75
	SCS	Grasscutting November	£200.40
	Venner s Arbiculture	Tree survey	£934.00
	Thames Water	Burial Ground	£6.65
	HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
	C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£323.54
iii	Other matters		
	i	The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.	
	ii	Grants would be considered at the next meeting.	
	iii	SCS grasscutting contract for renewal at the next meeting.	

9. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mr Brown reported that there is concern that the vehicles accessing the old Village hall site are severely damaging the pedestrian walkway. The Contractors had been contacted and were now a little more careful. WBC also has the matter in hand

10. Date of the next meeting

Thursday January 21st at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date