

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 17th 2014.

Present.

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

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

There was one member of the public present.

31 Public participation.

Comments from the PCSO.

There were some social problems with a particular house which have now overcome, with the necessary Orders made and put into force. The actions have been very effective and it should only be necessary for the Police to keep an eye on things.

There have been very few other problems for the Police in our Parish.

There is a planning application for Hermitage House which does not address some of the problems which can be foreseen, chiefly traffic and parking. The car parking is very inadequate, shown by the fact that there were 16 cars parked on the pavement. The entrance is in completely the wrong place.

32 Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Mr Marr, Mrs Willis, Mr Willis and Mr Pask.

33 Minutes of the last meeting held on June 19th 2014.

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

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

Minute 20.

- i Village vision
There is a meeting next week to take matters forward.
- ii Broadband
There has been no further information on broadband provision.
- iii Website.
The site continues to improve and change as needed.
- iv Twinning.
M. Fougues will be visiting Hermitage on August 7th.

35 The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb mentioned that the proposed gypsy site planning application in Hampstead Norreys had been withdrawn.

There is money in the Member's Bid routine which could be available for funding or part funding a Council project. This would be considered for the next meeting.

36 Planning.

HERE MS COTTINGHAM DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST AND RETIRED FROM THE MEETING.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

14/00321/HOUSE	9, Brick Walk, Hermitage. Conservatory	Approval
14/00801/HOUSE	Bridge House, Chapel Lane Extension	Withdrawn
14/01129/HOUSE	27, Briants Piece, Hermitage Garage	Approval
14/0113121/FUL	White Horse, Newbury Road. Rear shelter	Approval
New applications		
14/01442/FULD	Hermitage House, Newbury Road. Change of use from C2 (Institution) to C3 (Dwelling House)	No objections with comments

HERE MS COTTINGHAM REJOINED THE MEETING.

14/01445/HOUSE	17, Hermitage Green, Hermitage. Conservatory	No objections
14/01643/HOUSE	27, Dines Way, Hermitage Porch & extension	No objections

Other matters.

- i West Berkshire Site allocations arising from SHLAA.
Papers will be in consultation until September 12th.

37 Burial Ground.

There were no matters to report.

38 Finance.

- i Receipts.
None
- ii Payments authorised.

Contractors	Maintenance	£564.41
Triangle Landscapes	Grass & rubbish removal	£481.20
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£391.98
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.

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

Minute 25.

- i School parking.
The WBC proposal was discussed and is being evaluated with School.
- ii Doctors Lane.
WBC has been informed that Council believes the Lane would be better as a cul de sac.

40 Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Minute 26.

- i New Village Hall.
 - i Funding.

Presuming that Council will be making grants to the CIO, then the Council payments for their share of an invoice will be paid into the VH.CIO account, because the permission to make a grant specified that such a grant might only be paid to the HV CIO and not to a third party.
 - ii The existing Village Hall.

A report of the last Trustees meeting had been received from the Trustees and circulated.
- ii Footpaths

Footpath No 20 has dried out, but it would be appreciated if the WBC Public Rights of Way Officer could suggest a way in which the footpath would not become flooded and difficult to navigate in the Winter months.
- iii Verge cutting.

Nothing further had developed.

New matters

- ii Communication for the new Village Hall..

Council discussed how, for such a major undertaking, there could best be effective publicity, because originally there was some division in the Village to the concept. This would be an agenda item over the coming months.
- iii Recreation area.

There was some doubt as to the grasscutting schedule and it was decided to ask TL for a site visit.
- iv Furze Hill and woodland areas.

The Furze Hill survey will be carried out in the next fortnight.
The monthly report of the WP has been circulated.
Work has started on the Nature Trail.
- v Pinewood play area.

There was no further comment.
- vi GPO hedge site.

This is being investigated with a view to planting a hedge in the border.

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

NALC – LCR newsmag.

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

There were no reports.

43 Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mr Marr asked if WBC could be urged to replace the bollard opposite the Village shop.
This would be taken up with WBC.

Mr Burgess had evaluated the WBC scheme for road work permits and reported that Council should support the idea. WBC would be informed.

44 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday August 21st at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.
This meeting will discuss Planning and Finance matters only, unless any other essential matter is requested for an agenda item.

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Chairman

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