

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21ST 2013.

Present.

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

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There was one member of the public present.

81 Public participation.

There were no comments from the public.

82 Apologies for absence.

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had tendered apologies for absence.

83 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 17th 2013.

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

84 Vacancy for a Councillor.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs Goodman that Mrs S. Russell be co-opted by election to the Council. The proposition was passed unanimously and the Chairman welcomed Mrs Russell to the Council.

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

Minute 70.

i Village Vision.

There was no further report.

ii WBC Superfast Broadband.

It was decided that the Parish should benefit and the Council would pay to WBC the amount requested.

iii Village website.

A website liaison Group, generated from opinion in the Village Vision, has been formed to look at suggestions aimed at keeping the website topical and encouraging local contributions. A target would be to launch any new formats and suggestions at the A.P.A.

86 Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

13/02095/HOUSE	1, Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage. Conservatory.	Approval
13/02268/HOUSE	Pippins, Pond lane. Extension	Approval

13/02310/NONMAT	Land off Pinewood Crescent Approved carports to 1 & 2- addition of garage doors.	Approval
New planning applications		
13/02463/HOUSE	9, Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage. Loft conversion with Velux rooflights	No objections
Amended plans.		
13/02296/HOUSE	28, Briants Piece, Hermitage. Hedge position, existing shed location, Flood Risk Assessment.	No further comment
13/02402/HOUSE	The Drove House, Cold Ash Direction of North corrected.	No further comment

87 Burial Ground.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 73.

- i Trees
The trees are available for planting.
It was decided to allow poppy seeds to be spread around existing trees.
- ii Request for a headstone.
The request for a headstone was slightly larger than the rules permit, and it was agreed to ask the stonemason to reduce the size to that in the rules.

88 Finance.

- i Receipts.
West Berkshire Council Precept 50% £21,000.00
- ii Payments for consideration.

Contractors	£469.16
Barlow & Sons	Materials £88.86
Yattendon Estate	Christmas tree £65.00
R. Gumbrell	Tree movement £30.00
Playground Services	Swing repairs £1,107.60
R. Cottingham	Gate spring £6.60
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes £405.45
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii It was decided to invest £250k with Lloyds Bank for three months.
 - iii It was decided take the advice of WBC on dispensations.. The Parish Council formally granted itself and the Councillors a dispensation from declaring personal or financial interests when discussing the Precept to be set for the coming year.
 - iv Mr T. Stares was appointed Internal Auditor for the year to March 31 2014.

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

Minute 75.

- i School parking.
WBC will undertake a survey of parking at School.

- ii Footway to Curridge
It was decided to ask WBC to look at the provision of a footway.
- iii Flyposting at the roundabout.
WBC have taken action and the matter has been resolved.

90 Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Minute 76.

- i New Village Hall.
 - i Funding
The Committee is waiting for tenders to be returned.
 - ii Lease.
A more detailed map would be provided to be part of the Lease documentation.
Decisions on the matters of assignment and new Hall value would be deferred until January when the returned tenders had been examined.
- ii Woodland and recreation ground maintenance.
The site for a MUGA was discussed and would be taken forward.
It was decided to ask the WP to examine any restrictions to be placed on dog access.
A budget of £1,200 was agreed for use in this area.
- iii Pinewood and Furze Hill play areas.
The Pinewood swing has been repaired. Insurers are considering the damage claim.
- iv Youth Club.
General discussions are ongoing.
- v Allotments.
There has been no reply to an enquiry for land to use as allotments.
- vi Christmas arrangements.
The tree will be erected outside the Fox Inn.
- vii WBC District Conference.
This will take place on March 25th at Newbury starting at 6.00pm.

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

WBFCP – restoring the Pang & Sulham Brook. Meeting November 28th
Clerks & Councils Direct – newsletter.

92 Items to be raised by Councillors.

It was decided to go forward with the suggestion of twinning with Les Hermites.

93 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday December 12th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room Holy Trinity Church.
This meeting will only consider Planning and Financial matters.

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Chairman

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Date