

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21ST 2013.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mr D. Brown, Mr R. Burgess, Mrs M. Goodman,	
Mrs F. Groves, Dr M. Kerry, Dr J. Lawler, Mrs K. Willis, Mr B. Willis.	
Mr G Pask.	District Councillor
Mr Q Webb.	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk.

There were two members of the public present.

132 Public participation.

There were no matters raised by the public.

133 Apologies for absence.

Mr Marr had presented an apology for absence.

Mr Robinson tendered his resignation from the Council owing to increasing family and business commitments, which meant that he would not give the time he would like to Council affairs.

The Council accepted Mr Robinson's resignation with regret, and formally thanked him for the very valuable contributions he had made to Council business.

134 Minutes of the last meeting held on February 21st 2013.

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

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

Minute 121.

i Village Vision.

The Village Vision Plan has been adopted by WBC. CGT have been asked to help with the production and printing of the Plan.

ii Broadband.

196 Parishioners have now signed up to show an interest in having superfast broadband.

iii Annual Parish Assembly.

Quotes are being obtained for catering.

136 The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

- Hermitage is not planned to have any further housing development apart from "windfall" sites.
- Roads generally throughout the District are in very poor shape mainly due to the Winter weather, though roads are regularly surveyed by Officers.
- Where there has been work by Utilities which has resulted in road damage, the roads must be reinstated to their original condition. WBC will inspect roads for reinstatement within six months for suitability.

- There is a question as to where horses should be ridden at Furze Hill, and WBC need to be informed as to where and what is suitable.

137 Planning.

Appeal decision

12/00494/FULD

Stable View, Old Street, Hermitage
Change of use to gypsy site.

Dismissed

Other matters

- i Denison Army site.
The M.O.D has formally decided that the site will remain occupied by the Army.

138 Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 124.

- i Ashes Interment Rules.
The Rules are being reviewed.
- ii Memorial request.
A request for a memorial incorporating a book raised on a flat stone had been received. After consideration Council decided that the design would not be in keeping with the environment and that the Stonemasons should consider another design.
- iii Memorial trees.
It was provisionally decided to buy twelve trees for planting in the Autumn.
- iv Burial Ground sign.
It was decided to order a sign.

139 Finance.

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| i | Receipts. | | |
| | Sly Stonemasons | Burial | £100.00 |
| ii | Payments for consideration. | | |
| | Contractors | Maintenance | £592.50 |
| | Thames Water | Burial Ground | £8.36 |
| | R. Cottingham | Exes-post & mileage | £29.20 |
| | F.Groves | Travel | £6.01 |
| | Mortimer West End P.C. | Stationery & computer consumables – year | £81.46 |
| | Bradfield P.C. | Photocopy costs – year | £110.00 |
| | C.W. Goudge | Salary & exes | £328.08 |
| | HMRC | PAYE | £71.60 |
| iii | Other matters. | | |
| i | The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted. | | |
| ii | The quarterly report of the FWP was noted | | |
| ii | The Internal Auditor’s interim report was noted. | | |
| | The following items needed to be recorded in the minutes for the year end. | | |
| | Garner Leader | Legal expenses | £33.50 |
| | Contractors | | £52.00 |

140 Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i Minute 126.
Cycle track.
This is ongoing.
- ii Footpath 16.
It was decided to monitor any horse usage of the footpath.
- iii Thames Water road disruption.
It was decided to inform WBC of the severe disturbance to the householders adjoining the roadworks, and to ask for proper road reinstatement
- iv Road conditions.
It was reported that there is so much surface water on the roads that tankers are being used to remove the water. It was decided to provide evidence of this to WBC and to ask for the road drainage to be properly maintained.
It was also reported that there are a number of roads in bad condition in the Parish. It was decided to ask for photo evidence that could be provided to WBC when requesting reinstatement action.

141 Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

minute 127.

- i Hermitage new Village Hall.
 - i Land acquisition.
It is hoped that Council will be able to approve the acquisition at the next meeting. In the meantime Pitmans are pressing WBC Legal for specifics on S.106 agreements.
 - ii Funding.
The application for consent to take a loan of £250k from PWLB has been sent to the DCLG.
- ii Pinewood play area.
Litter bins are being investigated, and it is hoped the Scouts will be able to help.
- iii Allotments.
This is ongoing.
- iv Football pitch.
Further detail action is dependent on the land acquisition.
- v Youth Club.
Enquiries are taking place.
- vi WBC District Parish Conference.
This takes place on March 26th at Newbury.

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

Thames Valley Police – Community Policing Awards.

LCR – news mag from NALC.

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

144 Items to be raised by Councillors.

It was proposed by Mrs Goodman that the Standing Orders be amended to include the following matter.

“A member wishing to stand for election as Chairman of the Council at the Annual meeting must give at least seven days’ notice of such an intent” .

Mrs Groves seconded the proposition and it was passed by a majority of the Councillors present.

It was proposed by Dr Kerry that a rider should also be incorporated to the above Standing Order as follows.

“In the event that a member wishes to stand for election as Chairman of the Council and gives notice on or before the election day this may be sanctioned by a majority of Councillors attending the Annual meeting”.

Dr Lawler seconded the proposition which was passed by a majority of the Councillors present.

Mr Brown wished the following suggestion be noted in these minutes.

“A draft copy of the Parish Notes be agreed by the Chairman or in the Chairman’s absence any member other than the author of the content for the Parish Notes”.

145 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date