

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 18th February, 2016 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr R Cottingham (Chairman) Cllr R Marr Cllr A Goldsmith
Cllr S Russell (Vice Chairman) Cllr N Burraston (7.35pm) Cllr D Brown Cllr J Lawler

District Cllr Q Webb - (Attended from 8.17pm)

In Attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)

1.02.16 Public participation None

2.02.16 Apologies for absence Apologies were accepted from District Councillor G Pask.

3.02.16 Minutes of meeting held on 21st January 2016.

The council agreed the minutes were a correct record and were signed by the chairman.

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

1. Hermitage Village Hall –
Councillors to attend a site visit to discuss the implementation of a boundary fence. This will also provide a safety fence for the Pre School.
2. Hermitage Plan Implementation Group – nothing arising.
3. Twinning –
Papers had been circulated, including Articles of Association. It was unanimously agreed that the initiative should proceed on the understanding it would have no financial implication to the council.

5.02.16 The Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor reported on the road markings at Colyer Close and WBC's action to resolve.

6.02.16 Planning

New Application
16/00083 – Rear extension to a property in Pinewood Crescent.

No objection.

7.02.16 **West Berkshire Council savings required 2016/17 – Handy bus service**

Proposals to change the Handybus service as part of the saving's WBC are making had been brought to the council's attention. A paper to be prepared in response to consultation.
Action: Parish Clerk

As full details of total planned savings were not available and the consultation closes shortly, it was agreed councillors should make any comments directly.

8.02.16 **Annual Parish Assembly**

To be held at Hermitage Village Hall on April 21st. Charlies Gilcrist will be one of the speakers.

9.02.16 **Burial Ground**

To contact beneficiaries to finalise details a bench to be installed at the Burial Ground.
Action: Parish Clerk

10.02.16 **Grants 2016/2017**

Grants for the year 2016/17 were considered and agreed as follows:-

10.1 Holy Trinity Church	£	1000
10.2 Horticultural Society	£	250
10.3 Preschool	£	1000
10.4 Scouts	£	500
10.5 Village Hall	£	1000
	£	3,750

11.02.16 **Report of RFO**

Finance

1. Receipts. None
2. Payments for consideration.

11.1 Contractors Maintenance	£	497.75
11.2 West Berkshire Countryside Donation	£	100.00
11.3 SCS	£	200.40
11.4 Christmas Tree Event	£	50.00
11.5 Chairman Expenses	£	33.43
11.6 C W Goude Expenses	£	14.00
11.7 N Pierce	Sal & exp	£ 323.08
11.8 HMRC	PAYE	£ 80.76
	£	1,299.42

12.02.16 **Highways**

1. Colyer Close – Update within Dist Cllr Q Webb. 5.02.16.
2. To report markings to roundabout Priors Court Road /B4009 to highways.

Action: Parish Clerk

13.02.16 **Environment**

13.1 PIG Litter Pick 19th March 2016 (Clean for Queen) – Nothing to report.

13.2 Recreation Ground – Nothing to report.

13.3 Furze Hill Tree Survey - Quotations sought and considered. Further work required to finalise

13.4 Play areas – Works to be carried out to refresh the paintwork in some areas.

14.02.16 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**

None

15.02.16 **Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the Council.**

None

16.02.16 **Items raised by councillors**

Hermitage to Hampstead Norreys Active Travel Route. There has been progress in discussions with Highways England.

17.02.16 **Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 17th March 2016 at 7.30pm at The Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

