

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18TH 2013.

Present.

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

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There were no members of the public present.

146 Public participation.

There were no members of the public present.

147 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been tendered by Mr Pask and Mr Webb.

148 Minutes of the last meeting held on March 21st.

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

149 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 135.

- i Village Vision.
The graphic design and the text are being formatted in preparation for printing.
- ii Broadband.
There was nothing further to report.
- iii APA on May 14th.
The report from the Parish Council is being circulated for comment.
Events for inclusion were discussed.
The leaflet drop is planned for May 2nd.

150 The report from the District Councillor.

A report was not presented.

151 Planning.

New planning applications.

13/00642/OUTD Land at the side of Tumbleweed, Yattendon Road.
New detached dwelling with parking.

Objections

Other matters.

- i WBC Core Strategy (2006 – 2026).
The West Berkshire Local Plan which stems from this is available on the WBC website.

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

Minute 138.

- i Ashes interment rules.
It was decided to adopt the draft rules.
- ii Memorial trees.
There will be nothing further until the Autumn.
- iii Sign board.
This has been ordered.
- iv Grave space request.
It was decided to offer a space to Mr Thorne.

153 Finance.

- i Receipts. None
- ii Payments authorised.

Contractors	Grass & maintenance	£452.50
R. Cottingham	Exes mileage	£5.71
BALC	Subscription 2014	£333.23
Michael Cairns	Tree surgery	£380.00
Pitmans	WBC fees	£750.00
C.W. Goudge	Salary & exes	£328.62
HMRC	PAYE	£71.60
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted. .

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

Minute 140.

- i Proposed cycle track.
This is ongoing.
- ii Footpath 16.
There has been no further feedback on the reported horse usage of the path.
- iii Thames Water & SSE roadworks.
There has been some progress in rectification but not a great deal. This is being pursued with WBC and the Contractors.
- iv Road conditions.
It was suggested that a photo record or map would be useful in identifying without any doubt the locations and condition of potholes and other unsatisfactory road surfaces.
- v Grit bins.
It was decided not to take this further.

155 Environment.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 141.

- i New Hermitage Village Hall.
 - i Land transfer.
The land transfer from WBC to the Council is ready for completion.
It was decided by a majority that the new Village Hall should assume responsibility for the football pitch. This would be covered in the Lease from

the Council to the Management Committee, as would any other outstanding land matters.

ii Funding.

Approval has been given by DCLG for the Council to borrow £250k to be used as a grant to the Village Hall Management Committee in helping to finance a new Village Hall. It was pointed out that the grant depends upon the Council being satisfied that the project is viable.

ii Pinewood play area.

The provision of a litter bin is being investigated.

iii Village Hall.

The minutes of the last Committee meeting are available.

iv Allotments

This is ongoing.

v Youth Club

The enquiries are ongoing.

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

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

158 Items to be raised by Councillors.

The issue of speeding through the Village continues to be a contentious matter. There seems to be little liaison between the Police and WBC, though it is recognised that the lack of Police numbers hampers effective policing in our area.

This is requested as an agenda item for the next meeting.

159 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday May 16th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

This meeting will start with the Annual meeting of the Council and continue with an Ordinary meeting.

160 Vacancy for a Councillor.

The agenda provided for a Part ii meeting, excluding the public, but no candidate had come forward and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Chairman

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Date