

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 21st January, 2016 at 7.30pm

Present

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

Dist Councillor Q Webb (7.44pm – 8.46pm)

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In Attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public

1.01.16 Public Participation

Two residents attended to discuss parking concerns outside their property in Colyer Close, particularly during school collection times 3-4pm. A new road has been laid and there are now no road markings, restrictions or signage.

Action: Parish Clerk to write to Highways.

2.01.16 Apologies and Acceptance of Absence

No Apologies

3.01.16 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2015 to be agreed and signed as a correct record.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2015 were considered.

The Parish Council agreed the minutes were a correct record after the minutes were amended to note apologies from the Chairman for the December meeting. The Parish Council resolved that the Chairman of the Parish Council could sign them.

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

1. Hermitage Plan Implementation Group – Nothing arising.
2. Twinning – This is being discussed by fledgling association and a revised version has been circulated on 20th January 2016. To put to Council next month.

5.01.16 **The Report of the District Councillor**

The District Councillor reported on recent budget reviews. It was advised the Government have cut back significantly. Which will have severe effects on services provided to the Parish.

6.01.15 **Planning**

New Application

15/0340/FULD – Demolition of Hermitage House and erection of three dwellings plus associated works.

The Parish Council confirmed there is 1 abstain, 6 no objections, with 1 comment for the planning items listed on the planning schedule.

Note/Comment: The Parish Council is disappointed that an architectural feature is being lost to the village as part of the Village Heritage.

7.01.16 **Annual Parish Assembly**

The Parish Assembly is on 21st April 2016, to be held at the Hermitage Village Hall. Discussion took place regarding speakers for the event. 'Planting of Plants at the Village Hall' speaker and a speaker from the Barracks were discussed. Prior year caterer to be contacted with a view to supplying catering for April 2016.

8.01.16 **Burial Ground**

To organise a bench on behalf of a past residents' beneficiaries, to be installed at the Burial Ground.

9.01.16 **Report of Responsible Finance Officer and Cheque Signing**

Year to date financial statement 2015/2016 with budget figures and a Receipts and Payments summary was provided for Councillors' information

The Parish Council resolved to pay the accounts for January. Unanimously agreed.

Finance

1. Receipts. None

2. Payments for consideration.

Contractors Maintenance	£	574.75
Audit commission Yr end March 2015	£	1,020.00
SCS	£	200.40
Hermitage Village Hall	£	7,696.01
Playground Services	£	1,058.40
C.W. Goude	Sal & exp	£ 299.28
HMRC	PAYE	£ 72.68
		£ 10,921.52

3. Precept 2016/17

The precept was set at £44,520 which represents a 6% increase against last year. Proposed by: Cllr Burraston Seconded by: Cllr Lawler.
Unanimously agreed.

4. Statement of Receipts and Payments

5. Other matters

10.01.16 **Environment**

1. New Hermitage Village Hall

Cllr Lawler provided an update on the Village Hall and ongoing initiatives to increase future usage.

2. Recreation Ground – Nothing to report

3. Furze Hill Wildlife Areas

The working part will meet at Furze Hill during February.

4. Play areas

The standard of the play equipment was discussed and future painting required to bring equipment to required level. Cllr Burraston to provide Clerk with some companies to request quotations.

5. Tree Maintenance – nothing to report

6. Youth club – nothing to report

7. Pinewood leases

Scout Club to pay for water meter in the grounds of the telephone exchange.

11.01.16 **Clerk report – Including Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report

13.01.16 **Councillor's Reports**

Nothing to report

14.01.16 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**

Nothing to report.

15.01.16 **Date of the next meeting**

Next Parish Council meeting 7.30pm on 18 February 2016 at The Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

