

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9TH 2015.

Present.

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

Mr Q. Webb District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk.

There were two members of the public present.

145. Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public.

146. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Groves and Mr Pask.

147. Minutes of the last meeting held on March 19th 2015.

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

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

i Hermitage Plan Implementation Group.

The recent meeting was very successful, with some 27 people attending.

ii Footpath leaflet.

The leaflet is with the printers.

iii Broadband.

There had been an unfounded rumour that the Parish Council had objected to some cabinet siting because the cabinets did not accord with the Village scene, and BT had used this as an excuse to delay cabinet siting.

Council stressed again that this was absurd and Council had no knowledge of any delaying action due to the Council.

BT will not speak at a Council meeting and simply produce feeble excuses for lack of progress.

Dr Lawler would write to the project Manager at WBC asking for specific answers to posed questions.

iv Twinning

There was no further report.

149. The report from the District Councillor.

There is a lot of activity away from the Council due to the coming election, and there is little to report. Questions during the meeting are always welcome.

150. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

14/03317/FUL	Telecom mast, Everington Lane New antennae	Approval
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14/03326/HOUSE	Tall Trees, Newbury Road. Kitchen & utility area replacement	Approval
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Note: The Planning Officer reports that the Tree Officer has visited and assessed the site, raising no objections

15/00082/HOUSE	Bridge House, Chapel Lane Extensions & garage	Approval
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Note: The Planning Officers report is attached. The P.O. comments on Hermitage as a Service Village and also amenity considerations.

15/00181/CERTE Beneamore, High Street.
Annexe as a separate dwelling for tenants. **Approval**

New applications

There have been no new applications to date

151. Burial Ground

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i Entrance walls.
Quotes have been requested for the repairs.

152. Finance.

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| i | Receipts. | | |
| | Lloyds Bank | Qtr interest | £211.92 |
| ii | Payments approved. | | |
| | Contractors | Maintenance | £671.61 |
| | Barlow & Sons | Materials | £3.91 |
| | Crescent signs | Signs | £57.60 |
| | Zurich Insurance | Premium 15 / 16 | £870.41 |
| | Thames Water | Burial ground | £8.07 |
| | Hermitage CIO | Grant | £34,998.13 |
| | MWE Parish Council | Storage | £56.25 |
| | Bradfield Parish Council | Photo charge | £55.00 |
| | Hermitage Preschool | Grant | £1,000.00 |
| | Hermitage Scouts | Grant | £500.00 |
| | Hermitage Hort Society | Grant | £250.00 |
| | Hermitage PCC | Grant | £1,000.00 |
| | Jane Staunton | APA Catering | £360.00 |
| | HMRC | PAYE | £72.68 |
| | C.W.Goudge | Sal & exes | £325.98 |
| iii | Direct debit payment April 24 th | | |
| | Public Works Loan Board | Half year payment | £8,226.27 |
| iv | Other matters | | |
| i | The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted. | | |
| ii | The Bank mandate is being reviewed | | |

153. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- i Cycle track.
This is ongoing.

154. Village Halls.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 140

- i New Village Hall.
The Hall should be on time to open on April 27th.
- ii Existing Village hall.
The Trustees will hand over the Hall when the new Hall opens.

155. Environment

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Minute 140

- i Trees.
A quote will be sought for those areas not covered by a survey last year. It seems likely that most of the oak trees have been affected badly by the number of houses having been built in their vicinity.
- ii Pinewood.
The litter bin arrangements for emptying appear adequate.
- iii Youth Club.
A copy of a Lease which BT believes applies to the ground has been requested.

New matters.

- i Briant's Piece
It appears the WBC Contractors are cutting the grass verges. The Council Contractors normally do so, and it was decided to inform Mr Souden at WBC.

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

Upstream – WBCS newsmag

The correspondence was noted and placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

158. Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no items raised.

159. Date of the next meeting

The date for the May meeting is to be determined later.

160. Part II meeting.

The Public were invited to retire as the Council had a sensitive matter to discuss

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Chairman

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Date