

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20TH 2013.

Present.

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

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

There were three members of the public present.

19 Public participation.

Will the Council reconsider the request for a grave memorial which was declined at the last meeting. The memorial takes the form of a stone with a book, and there are other similar memorials close by. My wife was an avid reader and this would be really appropriate.

The Council discussed the issue and decided to allow the memorial.

The application for Two Cedars needs a condition which makes sure there is a significant fence between the properties, because the garden would extend almost the whole length of our garden. At the moment the trees in our garden allow a clear view.

The Council noted these views and would take them into consideration when the application is discussed.

PCSO Paul Smith took the opportunity to introduce himself to the Council.

A Land Rover was stolen recently.

Investigations are continuing into this theft.

There is always the question of adverse parking, particularly by a white van.

The driver has been interviewed and instructed to park correctly

Parking outside the White Horse on the pavement is a nuisance.

If there is a true obstruction this is illegal and should be reported.

Parking opposite Chapel Lane is also a problem.

We will check what the rules allow.

Are there any plans to resuscitate the NAG.

There is confusion over the role of a NAG, but if the Parish needs a NAG the possibility could be investigated.

Crime rates are at the lower end of the spectrum and trend downwards.

Oil tank alarms re available for a small fee.

20 Apologies for absence.

Mr Burgess and Mr Willis had presented apologies for absence.

21 Minutes of the last meetings held on May 16th 2013.

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

22 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i Village Vision.
Quotes have been received for printing. Grants are being pursued.
- ii Broadband.
Mr Webb commented that there would be a contract out in September and this will show who will benefit.

23 The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb said that money has been allocated to Highways specifically to mend potholes properly. Other matters Mr Webb would pick up through the meeting.

24 Planning.**Eastern Area Planning Committee June 12th.**

13/00642/OUTD Land at Tumbleweed, Hermitage.
New house

Approved unanimously

HERE MS CUNNINGHAM DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST AND RETIRED FROM THE MEETING.

New planning application.

13/01081/FULD Two Cedars, Newbury Road.
3 new houses.

HERE MS CUNNINGHAM REJOINED THE MEETING

No objections providing that the Council's detailed conditions are part of any approval.
Other matters.

- i WBC C.I.L. charging schedule.
There is a public consultation to July 22nd, followed later by a Public examination.
This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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

- i Thorne memorial.
It was decided to allow the memorial in the shape of a cross which met the requirements of the Rules, and to allocate space No 10 to Mrs Thorne.
- ii Sign board.
Now installed.
- iii Grave space request.
It was decided to allocate space No 8 to Mr Hall.

26 Finance.

i	Receipts.		None
ii	Payments authorised.		
	Contractors	Grass & maintenance	£452.50
	R. Cottingham	A.P.A. wine	£65.20
	HVHMC	Hall hire – APA	£39.16
	Thames Water	Burial ground	£11.90
	C.W. Goudge	Salary & exes	£443.37

- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The three “thank yous” from Church, Pre-School and HHS were noted

27 Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 14.

- i Thames Water and SSE roadworks.

The road repairs are being inspected by WBC and if found necessary the Contractors will be instructed to reinstate those repairs not up to standard.
- ii Road conditions in the Parish.

General data is being sought. Chapel Lane has been repaired in a haphazard way and should be resurfaced. Mr Webb would look at this.
- iii WBC Speed review seminar.

The date and time were noted.

28 Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 15.

- i New Hermitage Village Hall.
 - i Funding and construction.

The HVHMC had noted the change of access requirements requested by WBC. It was felt these were inappropriate and unnecessary and, as a consequence, the changing rooms would be built but not fitted out. Mr Webb has taken up the matter with WBC on the grounds that additional conditions may not be imposed after planning approval has been given.
 - ii Lease.

This is being drafted by Pitmans.
- ii Woodland and recreation areas.

There is a group who will be undertaking the clearing and restoration of the butterfly meadow

WBC will continue the maintenance of the recreation area until the Council takes over the maintenance. The provision of inspections is ongoing.

A Working Party to manage the recreation areas and the woodlands is to be set up, and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- iii Pinewood play area.

The litter bin will be emptied for some £47 per year.

Digley Associates are no longer in business and it was decided to approach ROSPA for inspection quotes.
- iv Allotments

Enquiries for land are ongoing.

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

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

30 Councillor's comments.

Mr Marr reported that a tree on the right hand side of Hampstead Norreys Road has sprouting at the base, and this is now an obstruction.. Streetcare have been informed.

- 31 Date of the next meeting.**
Thursday July 18th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room Holy trinity Church.

..... Chairman Date