

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19TH 2015.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham. Chairman
Mr D. Brown, Mr N. Burraston, Dr J. Lawler, Mr R. Marr, Mrs S. Russell.

Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk.

There were three members of the public present.

93 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence had been received from Miss Goldsmith.

94 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 14th 2015

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

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

Minute 81

i Election of a Councillor

Mr Burraston signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Councillor

Minute 82

i Plan Implementation Group

There was nothing further to report

ii Broadband

There has been no further information

iii Clerk recruitment

This is in process.

96 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor

A report was not presented.

97 Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

15/02221/HOUSE 10, Dines Way, Hermitage

Extension

Approval

15/02340/FULD Fifield Farm, Marlston Hermitage.

Barn replacement by house.

Refusal

15/02430/HOUSE The Yews, High Street, Hermitage

Fence improvement

Approval

15/02519/HOUSE Charnwood, Chapel Lane.

Loft conversion

Refusal

Adjoining Parish

15/02546/COMIND Denison Barracks, Hermitage

Accommodation blocks

Plans are on a CD.

Other matters

i DPD

The consultation is now published and will last until early December.

In some cases the settlement boundary lines have been redrawn and enquiries will be made on whose authority such changes are made.

98 Burial Ground

There were no matters to be considered.

99 Finance

i Receipts:

None

ii Payments authorised:

SCS	Grasscutting	£200.40
Contractors	Maintenance	£574.75
Yattendon Estate	Christmas tree	£65.00
Play Inspection	Inspections	£180.00
Berkshire County Training	Seminar – Two Councillors	£96.00
Ms R Cottingham	Travel & exes	£21.24
HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£323.54

iii Other matters

i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.

100 Highways**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

Minute 87

i Colyer Close

WBC had evaluated the need for yellow lines and enquiries showed that there was no need or benefit for yellow lines.

New matters

i Footpath outside the Old Village Hall

This has been damaged and repairs are needed quickly. It was decided to contact WBC as a matter of urgency.

ii Signs to the New Village Hall

It was felt signs would be useful, and it was decided to ask for a location map from WBC.

101 Environment

i New village hall

The final details of the outstanding account for the hall are being settled and the Parish Council share may be presented in the next two months.

ii Recreation and wooded areas

The recent high wind has not done any damage.

iii Pinewood

The Inspection report has been received and some questions arise. Mr Burraston will follow these up. The report will be an agenda item in January.

iv Youth Club

There is nothing further.

v Tree maintenance

An application to carry out H & S work at Furze Hill is being prepared.

- vi Scout Hut
The check meter works when a Scout Hut tap is turned on. BT will be kept up to date.
- vii Dog bins
A location map is available.
- viii Christmas tree
Turn on December 4th
A risk assessment is being prepared.

102 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

- i Hermitage House
The developers of the Hermitage House site have kept the Council informed of their plans and an unofficial visit had been made to the site following an invitation from the Developers, which was welcomed by the Council.
The House itself is probably the oldest house in Hermitage and gives character to the surroundings. It is not listed and the Developers believe it would cost too much to put in order.
The suggested houses have been designed to be sympathetic to the rest of the Village, though there does need to be a blend of dwellings.
The Council will wait until a formal application is presented before any further comment.
- ii Twinning
A Committee has been formed to take Twinning further as an Association.
The Parish Council support is needed to support the Association, which has already developed substantial links with the Twinning Partner.
There was general support for the proposal which would be ratified when a formal Agreement or Document of Understanding was presented to the Council.
- iii Downlands Practice
There is a report for the Council on the views and discussions which have been held at the Practice.

104 Date of the next meeting

Thursday December 10th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date