

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013.

Present.

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

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There were two members of the public present.

#### 53 Public Forum.

*I have been asked to give an update on the progress with the new Village Hall, in the absence of the Chairman.*

*A reply has been sent to the draft Lease.*

*There has been a formal valuation of the present Village Hall site in the sum of some £850k. Tender invitations will be sent out tomorrow for the new Village Hall.*

*It is generally felt that the website needs some revision to the content.*

*A Parishioner has written to School Governors asking for a solution to parking problems at rush hours.*

*There is some anti-social behaviour at Lipscombe Close, with singing and music at unsocial hours.*

#### 54 Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence tendered from Dr Lawler, Mr Pask and Mr Webb. Dr Kerry had tendered his resignation which Council accepted with great regret. It was decided to write to Dr Kerry expressing the thanks of Councillors for all the work and time which Dr Kerry had contributed to the Council, particularly managing the monthly issues which arise on planning matters.

#### 55 Minutes of the last meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

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

#### 56 Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings in July and August not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 35.

i Village Vision.

The launch event was very well supported and a success.

WBC Planning were represented and their support was appreciated.

There are Volunteers from the event who will take the Implementation forward.

- ii Broadband.  
The WBC rollout is awaited.
- iii Parish Council Tea.  
Again, well supported and appreciated.

**57 The report from the District Councillor.**

A report was not available.

## 58 Planning.

### Decisions from the Planning Authority.

13/01565/HOUSE	Tumbleweed, Yattendon Road. Extension & alterations	Approval
13/01729/HOUSE	Le Cateau, Hampstead Norreys Road. Extension & renovation.	Approval

## New applications.

13/01945/FUL	Eling estate Buildings, Wellhouse Change of use to B1.	<b>No objections</b>
13/01977/HOUSE	5, Clay Walk, Hermitage Conservatory	<b>No Objections</b>
13/02017/HOUSE	25, Pinewood crescent, Hermitage. Extensions & porch	<b>Objections</b>
13/02095/HOUSE	1, Pinewood crescent, Hermitage Conservatory	<b>No objections</b>

**59 Burial Ground.**

- i Interment  
The coming interment of Mr Mc Cartney on October 5<sup>th</sup> in plot No 4 was noted.
- ii Trees  
A quotation is being sought for the next meeting.

## 60 Finance

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| i   | Receipts.  |                        |         |
|     | Lloyds TSB   | Quarter's interest     | £386.30 |
| ii  | Payments authorised.   |                        |         |
|     | Contractors  | Grass & maintenance    | £469.16 |
|     | WBCS   | Donation – Furze Hill. | £50.00  |
|     | R. Cottingham  | Lock & cartridges      | £57.45  |
|     | Scofell landscapes   | Butterfly meadow       | £384.00 |
|     | Barlow & Sons  | Gate material          | £92.98  |
|     | C.W. Goudge  | Salary & exes          | £384.13 |
| iii | Other matters.   |                        |         |
| i   | The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.  |                        |         |
| II  | £250K has been placed on deposit with Lloyds TSB at a rate of 0.6% pa for three months, maturing on November 19th. |                        |         |

## 61 Highways.

**Matters arising from the meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.**

- i Road conditions in the Parish.  
There has been no further feed back from residents

**62 Environment.**

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings on July 18th and August 15th.**

Minute 41.

- i New Hermitage Village Hall.
  - I Some matters had been raised in the Public Forum.  
GCT is not definite, at the moment, about the amount of match funding which may be offered.
  - ii Lease.  
In hand between the VH Solicitors and Pitmans.
  - iii Changing rooms.  
A final decision will be made following the receipt of tenders.
- II Woodland and recreation area.  
The report from the W.P. was discussed and accepted.  
The Council also discussed the future use of the recreation area.  
It was decided that –  
The Council wishes the area at Furze Hill to be a recreation ground for the whole of the Community; to be an area where everyone may exercise at any time. In view of the circumstances which have arisen with Newbury AFC the Council suggests that AFC may use the ground for football matches during the 2103 / 2014 Season only.
- iii Pinewood play area.  
It was decided to accept the quotation from Playground Services to replace the damaged part of the swing and the damaged part of the matting in the sum of £923 plus VAT. insurers would be notified.  
The bin inside the play area is not being emptied by ISS as agreed, and it was decided to chase this.
- iv Allotments.  
Some land had been identified which might be available for allotments.
- v Christmas event.  
The date is to be decided, depending on School holiday dates. The tree is to be ordered.

**63 Correspondence.**

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmag  
 WBC – free health checks  
 Here 4 me - looking for Volunteer mentors.  
 West Berkshire Heritage Forum – subscription request of £25 a year.  
 Junior Citizen 2013 – nominations requested.  
 LCR – newsmag  
 Chieveley & area Sure start – ask for a link to the website.  
 Newbury apple day – October 12<sup>th</sup> at Newbury – apple press for surplus apples.  
 NHS CCG prospectus.

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

**65 Items to be raised by Councillors.**

Mr Marr asked what the arrangements are for area maintenance.  
ISS will carry on until the end of their contract, when Council may re-engage them or look elsewhere.

Mrs Goodman mentioned that, at the recent Base meeting, it was apparent that there would be more children arriving on the Base due to the deployment by the M.O.D. There are not enough houses to accommodate the increase and there would be a knock on effect at School.

**66 Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room.**

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Chairman

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Date