

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17TH 2015.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham Chairman
Mr D. Brown, Miss A Goldsmith, Mr R Marr, Mrs S Russell

Mr CW Goudge Clerk

There was no member of the public present.

65 Public Forum

The School bus used to stop outside the old Village Hall. WBC has been asked to look at alternative sites because children tend to stand in groups which can spill over on to the road, becoming a danger to the children from passing traffic.

66 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence had been received from Dr Lawler.

67 Minutes of the last meeting held on August 20th 2015

The minutes had been circulated.

An amendment was required for minute 56. Miss Cunningham should read Miss Goldsmith. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

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

Minute 54.

i Hermitage Plan Implementation Group.

The Group had a stand at the opening ceremony for the new Hall which received a lot of interest. The Group is now arranging to collect road usage statistics.

69 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor

A report was not received.

70 Planning

Decisions from the Planning Authority

15/01279/HOUSE	The Gabled House, Yattendon Road. Fence height increase	Approval
15/01754/HOUSE	Brackenveldt, Hampstead Norreys Road. Extension	Approval
15/01756/HOUSE	Cedars, Deacons lane, Hermitage. Extension	Approval
15/01875/OUTD	Karusel, Hampstead Norreys Road. Bungalow replacement	Approval

Adjoining Parish

15/00858/FULD	Land North of the M4. Change of use to Gypsy/Travellers site	Invalid
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Note: Invalid due to faulty Ownership Certification.

New applications

15/02060/HOUSE	Wickfield, Hampstead Norreys Road. Extension.	No objections
15/02221/HOUSE	10, Dines Way, Hermitage. Extension & roof change.	No objections

71 Burial Ground

There were no matters raised.

72 Finance

- i Receipts:
None
- ii Payments authorised:

SCS	Grasscutting	£200.40
Contractors	Maintenance	£574.75
HPIG	Replacement chq 477	£500.00
Thames Water	Burial ground	£7.41
HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£322.26
- iii Other matters
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The Annual Return of the Council.
Two minor amendments have been requested by the External Auditors before completion.

73 Highways

- i School parking.
The parking problems have been pointed out again to WBC who feel that some more time should be given to the changes. They will be reviewed in three months.
- ii Salt bins.
The recent audit by WBC has shown that the salt bins “are under the stewardship” of the Parish Council. It was decided to ask WBC what this means.

74 Environment

- i New Village Hall
The Hall has been formally opened. There are a number of finishing items to be completed. A very satisfactory number of people attended the ceremony.
- ii Recreation areas and woodland.
The Council has engaged an Arborist to carry out a tree inspection of Council owned trees. An inspection of some may be needed each year.
The WBC Tree Officer has inspected trees in the woodland some of which need attention. The Council would arrange for any work needed after the Contractor had completed the Council inspection.
There are some trees overhanging the Pinewood Crescent footway which may need trimming by the Council.
- iii Furze Hill
The pile of stones dumped by the Village Hall Contractor has been pushed around but needs proper removal. It was decided to ask the Village Hall CIO to arrange this.

- iv Pinewood play area
Playground Services have been instructed to carry out repairs to the playground equipment which were highlighted in the annual inspection.
A budget for work needed on the picnic tables was agreed at £100.
- v Youth Club
The foundations are being laid for a new Club.
- vi BT Lease
The place to put a check meter is being considered.
- vii Dog bins
The dog bin locations are being pinpointed on a Parish map.

75 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmag.
NALC quarterly review.
The correspondence was passed into circulation.

76 Items to be raised by Councillors

A Vice-Chairman was not elected at the Annual meeting of the Council.
It was proposed by Ms Cottingham and seconded by Mr Brown that Mrs S. Russell be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Councillor roles were discussed and provisionally allocated. There will be a list placed into circulation and minuted at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Christmas tree should be in position for a light turn on for December 4th.

The Clerk formally asked the Council to accept his resignation as Clerk to the Council. The resignation was accepted with reluctance.

77 Date of the next meeting.

WEDNESDAY October 14th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date