

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 21ST 2015.

Present.

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

Mr C WGoudge Clerk.

There were three members of the public present.

9 Public Forum.

The Community Officer from Southern Electric talked about many ways in which SE could help in the event of a power failure.

If there is a problem then I am involved. We need to get to everyone in the Community who is vulnerable. We need to see what your Emergency Plan covers – we can help with this.

There are funds available arising from unclaimed funds over the years at SE which can help those who need it. The limit is £20k in any one case.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked the Community officer for a really useful talk.

PreSchool is asking for your support and help.

We are being turned out of the Village Hall on Wednesday next and we have nowhere to go because the new Hall has not been OFSTED inspected. We became aware of the timing in February and have been looking for a result since. The new premises have to be passed by OFSTED before we can use them. An OFSTED Inspector will be available in some two weeks from now.

It was suggested that PreSchoool talk to the Contractors and see when they will start work on the old Hall. There could be an arrangement for rent and services for the two weeks needed. Council would try and help where it could.

10 Apologies for absence.

Dr Lawler, Mr Pask and Mr Webb had tendered apologies for absence.

11 Minutes of the last meeting held on May 12th 2015.

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

12 Matters arising from the minutes of the last or previous meeting not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 148.

- i Hermitage Plan Implementation Group.
 There were no further reports.
- ii Broadband.
 There was no further information.
- iii Twinning.
 There was no further report.

13 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had tendered apologies for absence.

14 Planning.**Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

15/00522/HOUSE	Laurel Cottage, Chapel Lane. Extensions & porch	Approval
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New applications

15/00862/HOUSE	Haycroft, High Street Extension	No objections
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15/01232/HOUSE	Hope Cottage, High Street. Extension	No objections
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**Note: Comment was submitted to WBC
that sufficient garden must be left.**

15 Burial ground.**Matter arising from a previous meeting**

Minute 151.

- i Entrance walls
The quote from A & M Construction for £3,256.80 inc VAT was accepted for the reconstruction of the walls.

16 Finance.

- i Receipts.

West Berkshire Council	Precept 50%	£21,000.00
West Berkshire Council	Tax base grant	£512.85
- ii Payments authorised.

Michael Cairns	Tree surgery	
	Three locations	£7,600.00
Contractors	Maintenance	£630.75
SCS	Grasscutting	£200.40
Hermitage Village Hall	Hall hire	£44.28
HMRC	PAYE	£72.68
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£349.00
- iii Direct debit payment April 24th

Public Works Loan Board	Half year payment	£8,226.27
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- iv Other matters
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The Bank mandate changes to signatories were approved.
 - iii The Annual Return of the Council was approved.

17 Highways**Matters arising from the minutes of a previous meeting.**

Minute 153.

- i Cycle track.
The negotiations are underway.

18 Environment

Matters arising from a previous meeting.

Minute 155.

- i New Village Hall.
Opening events are planned and a programme is needed.
- ii Pinewood playground.
A quotation has been received for equipment maintenance and is being considered.
- iii Furze Hill and wooded areas.
Health & Safety quotations are awaited.
The WP reported on actions since the meeting in April.
- iv Youth Club.
There was nothing to report.
- v Tree maintenance.
An inspection survey will be undertaken in July for those trees not covered by last year's survey.
- vi Scout hut.
BT have not supplied the copy Lease asked for some months ago.
There is nothing else for consideration.

19 Correspondence received since the meeting in April not referred to elsewhere.

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

21 Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mr Marr reported that an oak tree had been taken down at the BT site.

22 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday June 18th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date