

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17TH 2013.

Present.

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

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

There were two members of the public present.

104 Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public.

105 Apologies for absence.

Mr Robinson had tendered an apology for absence.

106 Minutes of the last meeting held on December 13th 2012.

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

107 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on November 15th not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 85

i Village Vision.

There was nothing further to report.

ii Broadband.

The move to encourage Parishioners to register for broadband is continuing.

108 The Report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb did not have a formal report, but felt that he could best be of help by answering points as they arose.

109 Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

12/02189/TELE56	BT Openreach cabinet, Pinewood Crescent Re- location	No objections
12/02020/HOUSE	2, Stretcher Drive, Hermitage Conservatory	Approval

New applications.

None have been received.

Other matters

i WBC Site allocations & Development.

Information meetings – Ms Cottingham, Mrs Goodman and Mrs Groves would be attending a presentation.

110 Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on November 15th.

Minute 88.

- i Interment area rules.
It was decided to draft rules for memorials in the interment area.
- ii Burial site alteration.
It was decided to allow the alteration of site for Mr Hall.
- iii Memorial trees.
It was decided to put forward a scheme to allow a plaque to be placed suitably around a tree.
- iv Sign board.
It was decided to allow a sum of £400 for a board plus an additional £100 for erection.

111 Finance.

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| i | Receipts. | | |
| | Lloyds TSB | Deposit interest | £127.29 |
| ii | Payments authorised. | | |
| | Contractors | Maintenance | £452.50 |
| | West Berkshire Council. | Dog bin empty | £172.75 |
| | West Berkshire Council | Dog bin cost | £257.80 |
| | West Berkshire Council | Dog bin installation | £48.00 |
| | Thames Water | Burial ground | £8.21 |
| | C.W. Goudge | Salary & exes | £309.28 |
| | HMRC | PAYE | £71.60 |
| iii | Other matters. | | |
| i | The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted. | | |
| ii | Deposit with Lloyds TSB | | |
| | It was decided to deposit £50k with Lloyds TSB for three months. | | |
| iii | Grant requests. | | |
| | It was decided to make grants totalling £4,197.85 to the following applicants. | | |
| | Hermitage Horticultural Society | £250.00 | |
| | Hermitage School PTA | £500.00 | |
| | Holy Trinity Church | £1,000.00 | |
| | Hermitage Village Hall | £500.00 | |
| | Hermitage cubs and Scouts | £500.00 | |
| | Hermitage Pre-School | £1,447.85 | |
| iv | Quote from Contractors for 2013 / 2014. | | |
| | It was decided to accept the quote of £5,014 for grasscutting and general Parish work for the year to March 31 2014. | | |
| iv | Precept for the year to March 31 2014. | | |
| | It was decided to set the Precept for the year to March 2014 at £42,000. | | |

112 Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting in November.

Minute 90.

- i Cycle track.
This is ongoing with WBC.
- ii Footpath 16.
WBC now have a scheme to alleviate the flooding.

- iii Hedges and vegetation.
It was decided to accept the estimate of £280 to trim the overhanging hedges at Chapel Lane.

New matters

- i Speed gun.
It was decided not to participate in a speed gun purchase.
- ii Bus shelter damage.
It was decided to authorise the Contractors to undertake the necessary repairs.
- iii Road maintenance
There is a piece in the Parish Magazine asking for certain repairs, which the Council noted.

113 Environment.

- i Police report.
PC Mathew Allen gave an overall view of crime and traffic matters in the Parish.
 - The speed gun purchase by Chieveley is being evaluated. WBC have a protocol which governs this.
 - The SID is used to see where the problems are, but the best way to identify problems is to place strips across the road for a full vehicle analysis.
 - Crime levels have been fairly quiet and some specific crime statistics are decreasing.
 - One crime that is persistent is the theft of domestic heating oil, and everyone needs to be extra vigilant.
- ii New Hermitage Village Hall.
 - i Land acquisition.
WBC have agreed to transfer the whole of the land requested together with the commuted sum of £225k. Title deeds are being prepared by WBC for submission to our Solicitor.
 - ii Funding.
It was decided to proceed with an application for consent to borrow the sum of £250k from the PWLB.
 - iii Pinewood play area.
It was decided to accept the Contractor's estimate of £120 for maintenance .
 - iv – vi Allotments, Football pitch & Litter bins.
These are ongoing.
 - vii Dog bin.
This is now installed.
 - viii Youth Club.
There are some matters from the previous Club which need to be cleared.

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

Mathew Allen – asking for emails each month if needed.
 Bus timetable starting February for services 6 and 6A.
 Upstream – newsmag from WBCS.
 LCR – newsmag from NALC.

115 Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr Marr reported that the Fox Inn will not be charging for the electricity used to light the Christmas tree.

It was decided to write and thank the Landlord for this generosity.

116 Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no further reports.

117 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday February 21st at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date