

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20TH 2014.

Present.

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

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There was no member of the public present.

79 Public participation.

A Councillor made a comment as a member of the public.

The bus stop by the Village Hall will need alteration when the land is taken over for development. The location will be a matter to discuss in due time.

80 Apologies for absence.

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had presented apologies for absence.

81 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 16th 2014.

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

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

Minute 68.

- i Hermitage Plan Implementation Group.
The activity report since the last meeting had been circulated.
- ii Broadband
BT are the Contractors selected by WBC. There is an interactive site run by WBC showing broadband progress which for this Parish, appears slow and erratic
- iii Twinning
There is a short article in the Parish magazine. School may be interested.
- iv Mobile reception.
Areas of poor coverage are being reviewed by the four major providers in advance of a Government enquiry into the elimination of notspots.

83 Report from the District Councillor.

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had apologised for absence.

84 Planning

Decisions from the Planning Authority

14/02069/FUL Two Cedars, Newbury Road.
Demolition. Three new dwellings

Approval

14/02505/TPW	Pinewood crescent, Hermitage Tree work	Approval
14/02515/TPW	Lipscomb Close, Hermitage Tree work	Approval
14/02561/TPW	Dines Way, Hermitage Tree work	Approval
New applications		
14/02501/HOUSE	37, Lipscombe Close, hermitage Extension & internal alterations.	No objections
14/02660/HOUSE	Laurel Cottage, Chapel lane. Demolition & replacement of porch & conservatory.	No objections
14/02726/HOUSE	2, Dines Way, Hermitage Extensions.	No objections
14/02899/HAZ	Red Shute Hill Industrial Estate Hazardous material storage	No objections

Other matters

- i WBC consultation on planning relating to Travellers sites
The Council discussed the questions in the consultation and decided that the questions were fairly put and the Council response was “yes” to each one..
- ii WBC planning guidelines for houses in the Countryside.
Council considered that the guidelines tidied up some grey areas and found them acceptable.

85 Burial Ground.

There was nothing raised.

86 Finance.

- i Receipts.
None
- ii Payments approved.

Contractors	Maintenance	£724.41
Triangle Landscapes	Grasscutting	£385.20
HMRC	PAYE	£223.40
Bradfield P. C.	Photocopy charge six months	£55.00
Mortimer West End PC	Stationery & comp six months	£54.32
HVH CIO	Grant	£21,446.88
WBCS	Donation	£75.00
Yattendon Estates	Christmas tree	£65.00
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes	£223.40
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The report of the FWP had been circulated and was approved.
 - iii It was agreed to automatically roll over the £250k deposit with Lloyds on December 9th.
 - iii Grant requests.
Two had been received so far.

Hermitage Village Hall	£3,000
Hermitage Hort Soc	£250

87 Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 73.

- i School parking.
Council discussed the WBC proposals which have been sent to residents . It was decided to inform WBC that, in Council's opinion, these would not really help, particularly as the suggestions include prohibiting residents parking outside their own houses. The road should have improved keep clear markings.
It was also decided to write to School and suggest that the "kiss and drop" routine could usefully be reinstated.
- ii Cycle track.
Nothing further.

88 Environment

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i New Hermitage Village Hall.
Funding.
It was reported that building is on plan and that the financial projections appear acceptable.
- ii Existing Village Hall.
The Committee report of the recent has been circulated.
The existing notice board will be removed.
- iii Recreation & wooded areas.
The WP report for the last month had been circulated. There were no further comments arising from this.
- iv Pinewood Park.
A dog bin has been delivered and one more is on the way.
- v Youth Club.
A report has been circulated. It looks as if the ground work for a new Youth Club is beginning to pay off.
- vi GPO site.
The Contractors will be asked to mow the site and look at the possibility of renewing the planting.
- vii Footpaths.
Council has been reminded that historic footpaths should be communicated to WBC for inclusion in the definitive footpath map.
- ix Quotes for tree work.
This is ongoing.
- x Christmas tree.
The tree has been bought and will be installed in the same place as last year. The tree will be lit on Friday November 28th .

New matters

- i Grasscutting and recreation area maintenance.
Quotes will be sought over the next month or so.
- ii Hilliers Garden Centre Licence.
Council had no objections.
- iii Village Post Office.
The shop and Post Office will be remodelled in the New Year. Details are available in the present shop.

- 89 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**
Clerks and Councils Direct.
NALC – Smaller Councils Committee vacancy.
BALC – minutes of the AGM.
The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.
- 90 Reports from Parish Councillors who had attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.**
Ms Cottingham had attended the recent BALC Annual Meeting. The minutes have been circulated.
- 91 Items to be raised by Councillors.**
There were no items raised.
- 92 Date of the next meeting.**
It was suggested that this should be December 11th, though published dates show December 18th.
A consensus would be sought.
The meeting will have an abridged agenda.

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Chairman

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Date.