

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held On Thursday 18 June 2020 at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr R Marr, Cllr S Russell, Cllr T Moran, Cllr C Purchase, Cllr I Hunter, Cllr N Burraston, Cllr D Brown, Cllr M Yam, Dist Cllr H Cole, Dist Cllr G Simpson
- No members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.06.20 **Public participation**
None
- 02.06.20 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr A Goldsmith
- 03.06.20 **Minutes of meeting held 21st May 2020**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held of 21st May were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.06.20 **Declarations of interest**
None
- 05.06.20 **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Actions all completed
- 06.06.20 **Report of the District Councillor**
A written report was provided. Cllr Cole advised we are in the recovery stage of Covid-19. Testing is taking place at Newbury showground with more attendees than anticipated.
- 07.06.20 **Planning**
- 7.1 New applications:**
- 20/01111/HOUSE, Craigman House, Deacons Lane, Hermitage, RG18 9RH. Proposed front extension. No objection.
- 20/01150/HOUSE, Collaroy, Pond Lane, Hermitage, RG18 9RN. Replacement of existing old timber garden shed with timber garden room and shed. No objection.
- 20/00643/Owls Oak, Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage RG18 9RZ. Proposed front and rear extensions including roof alteration with side and rear dormers. Objection.
- 20/01223/HOUSE, 49 Sandstone Grove, Hermitage, RG18 9WS. Single storey rear extension. No objection.
- 7.2 Decision notices:**
- 20/00880/COND4, Lawrence Building, Newbury Road, Hermitage. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 12 (shop front design), 13(lighting), 16 (remediation), 18 (piling), 20 (waste) and 22 (EA) of approved application 19/0029/FULD, which granted planning permission for: Demolish garage and erect convenience store with 4 x apartments above and erect 4 dwellings. Approved.
- 7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: meeting minutes circulated.

08.06.20 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**

8. Financial position as at 29 May 2020

Balance carried forward	
(including S106 contributions)	£ 225,084.15
Receipts to 30 th April	£ 28,345.53
Payments to 30 th April	£ 19,430.53
Balance	£ 233,999.15
Plus unpresented cheques	<u>£ 9,079.73</u>
Balance in hand	£ 243,078.88

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Receipts and payments for consideration June 2020

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge	£ 251.70
8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor	£ 650.50
8.2.3 Cost of administration	Salary £ 669.27
8.2.4 Clerk expenses, stationery, Microsoft 365 annual subs (£79.99)	£ 83.16
8.2.5 HMRC (P32 NI)	£ 25.32
8.2.6 BALC & NALC annual subscription	£ 437.90
8.2.7 Your space Self storage 6 months; 09/05 – 23/10	£ 315.36
8.2.8 Zurich Municipal	£ 1,275.47
	Total £ 3,708.68

8.2.9 WBC replacement cheque not required, original located at WBC £ 362.88

8.2.10 SSE grant awarded to HSG, Covid 19 (Mr M Purchase) £1,244.00

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment £5.99

09.06.20 **Burial ground**

None

10.06.20 **Highways**

10.1 Replacement Bus Shelter: To obtain start date, programme duration and construction design and management plan. Clerk

10.2 Speed Management Framework consultation: Cllr Purchase provided a report. Cllrs to provide a response to Cllr Purchase by 26 June.

10.3 Winter Service Plan 2020-21 consultation: no comments to add.

10.4 HPC will not be contributing to dog bin emptying on Hampstead Norreys stretch of Eling Way. Clerk to look into providing a seat on Eling Way and installing an additional dog bin at the junction of Eling Way and the path to the butterfly meadow (area 8).

11.06.20 **Environment**

11.1 Recreation Ground: top dressed.

11.2 Furze Hill: nothing to report

11.3 Pinewood Park: scout hut CCTV - Shelton Communications quotation accepted

11.4 Rope swings at Furze Hill and Dines Way Green: weekly checks

11.5 Dines way: Oak tree and fencing - letter to resident, no reply yet

11.6 Land adjacent to Pinewood Park: proposal to accept the transfer of land from Taylor Wimpey and the sum of £5,000, agreed. To obtain quotes for fencing and labour. Cllr Cottingham
HPC to accept ownership of the land and prepare for take over. Clerk
11.7 Defibrillator check: done

12.06.20 **Other matters**

12.1 Village Hall: preschool returning in September
12.2 Councillor contact details and roles: updated
12.3 Document Review reports; from councillors: done
12.4 Hermitage Support Group/Covid 19: Cllr Purchase provided a report.

13.06.20 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**

Berkshire Youth: West Berkshire Youth Hub opens
West Berkshire Council: council launches Covid-19 survey
West Berkshire Council: the wider opening of West Berkshire Schools
West Berkshire Council: update on shops and businesses reopening
West Berkshire Council: car Park charging to be reintroduced across West Berkshire
West Berkshire Council: Gigaclear finalising rollout in West Berkshire
West Berkshire Council: heat and summer preparedness – Alert level 1, June 2020
West Berkshire Council: is to host a free webinar for town centre businesses.
West Berkshire Council: announces refund for school transport
TVM traffic control: Covid-19 speeding impact
Age UK Befriending and Buddying contract launched

14.06.20 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**

None

15.06.20 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**

Cllr Purchase attended 'the knowledge' part one
Cllr Marr reported that older residents had requested a seat on Eling Way

16.06.20 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**

None

17.06.20 **Date of the next meeting:**

Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm, virtual meeting
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.59.