

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Hermitage Village Hall.

Present.

Ms R. Cottingham	Chairman.
Mr G. Pask.	District Councillor
Mr Q. Webb	District Councillor.

Fifty four members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

An apology for absence had been received from Mr H. Hanning.

**2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

The minutes had been distributed to the members of the public. There was a proposition from the floor that the minutes be taken as read. This proposition was put to the vote and carried. The minutes were signed as correct by the Chairman.

**3. Presentation by Mr R. Greenaway.**

Mr Greenaway presented, with slides, his recollections and experiences of many years walking the Countryside, both locally and nationally. The Chairman thanked Mr Greenaway for his delightful and entertaining talk, and took the opportunity to express the thanks of the Parish for Mr Greenaway's contribution to the West Berkshire Council walks leaflet.

**4. The report from the Parish Council.**

The Chairman presented the Annual report from the Parish Council which would be placed on the Village website.

**5. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Pask introduced the report which was then taken as read. Mr Pask and Mr Webb invited questions from the floor.

*The proposed site for footpath widening in the High street has yellow markings. The residents have not been informed about these.*

There will be a consultation letter from WBC to all residents.

*It was believed that this letter had already been sent.*

There is no railroading because there are conflicting views about the scheme. If everyone is against it the scheme will not happen. All that WBC are doing is to examine all the possibilities.

*What about bollards and road markings.*

We need to judge the problems through all the Village. If everyone wishes it not to happen then it will not.

*Why is traffic control ignored in this Village.*

The enforcement is a matter for the Police. Mr Pask is meeting with the Police and it will be discussed.

*Relationships with the Highways department are poor, particularly over the bad consultation for the Marlston bridge scheme. The perception is that the public view makes no difference.*

We have addressed the issue and Highways will not do anything unless the District Councillors are content with an amended scheme.

*Why have there to be three lights outside School.*

This is due to legislation, but Mr Pask would look at this.

## **6. Reports from Organisations.**

Reports were presented from the following Organisations.

The Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee.

The Hermitage Youth Club.

The hermitage Cubs and Scouts.

The Hermitage Football Club.

The Hermitage Horticultural Society.

The Hermitage pre-school Play Group.

Holy Trinity Church.

## **7. Open Forum.**

*Will the new Village Hall be climate friendly.*

The planning process will take care of all the relevant regulations.

Funding is a major concern.

Mr Webb undertook to see if the process could be facilitated.

*In Cold Ash there is a Parish Office – would this not be a good idea for Hermitage.*

The Parish Council would place it on the Agenda for discussion.

*The mobile Library cannot manoeuvre in some parts of the Parish.*

The Parish Council would follow this up.

*There are a lot of speeding cars at Forest Edge and control is needed.*

There has been an event. The PCSO commented that there should be a white line on the road. This will be discussed at the next NAG meeting.

*The Playground is becoming used by youth groups who maltreat the Playground, particularly on Friday evenings. Notice has not been taken by the Police.*

The only remedy is to ring the Police when this happens. The Parish Council has asked the Youth Service for help in this, but there has been no response.

*Could a teenage play area be created.*

There is not enough space – we clearly need the pitch, particularly as the school field is sorely missed.

*Are there notice boards which could be used for publicity.*

Two new boards are on order, and the Parish Council would welcome comments from Parishioners as to the best places to site them.

*Why was it necessary to involve a Consultant with the Burial Ground extension.*

Due to the unfavourable response from West Berkshire Council to the pre-application presentation.

**8. Any other business.**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.02 hrs.



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Chairman

15.04.10

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