

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2014.

Present.

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

**141 Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

**142 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Burgess, Mrs Groves and Mr Pask.

**143 Minutes of the last meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

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

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

Minute 130.

i Village Vision.

There have not been any meetings since the last Council meeting. An Officer from the WBC Department of Health and Wellbeing is to visit the Parish to discuss any ongoing needs.

ii Broadband.

There is a comprehensive report from the Parish Broadband Champion showing progress to date and hoped for progression.

iii Village website.

The Domain name has been transferred to the website Group. There will be a short presentation to the APA.

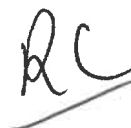
iv Twinning.

There has been no action on twinning. It was noted that a new Mayor has just been elected in France.

**145 The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Webb felt that there were no major issues on which to report, and he would welcome comments as the meeting proceeded.

Mr Marr asked to record the good job which WBC had done in repairing potholes locally.



- 146 Planning.**  
**New applications.**
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| 14/00507/HOUSE | 20, Briant's Piece, Hermitage.<br>Rear extension – revision to 07/00366/HOUSE  | <b>No objections.</b> |
| 14/00670/HOUSE | 17, Hermitage Green, Hermitage.<br>Conservatory. Permitted development notice. | <b>No objections</b>  |
| 14/00585/HOUSE | Melrose, Deacons Lane.<br>Extension.   | <b>No objections</b>  |
| 14/00766/REM   | Land North of Tumbleweed.<br>Reserved matters application.                     | <b>No objections</b>  |
- 147 Burial Ground.**
- i Hedge.  
The hedge had been inspected and found to be in good condition.  
The Council discussed deer intrusion into neighbouring gardens, and decided this should be controlled by each Landowner.
- 148 Finance.**
- i Receipts.  
None
- ii Payments authorised.
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| Contractors |                      | £469.16   |
| BALC        | Subscription 14 / 15 | £351.57   |
| Pitmans     | Final                | £1,980.00 |
| M. Cairns   | Tree surgery         | £400.00   |
| J. Lawler   | Domain name          | £52.58    |
| C.W.Goudge  | Salary & exes        | £426.32   |
- iii Other matters.
- i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
- ii Enquiries as to the feasibility of electronic banking for the Council would be taken forward by the FWP.
- 149 Highways.**  
**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**  
Minute 135.
- i School parking.  
This would be the subject of a presentation by WBC at the APA.
- ii Flood consultation.  
The WBC map would be an exhibit at the APA for marking and comment.
- 150 Environment.**  
**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**  
Minute 136
- i New Hermitage Village Hall.
- i Funding.  
The loan funds of £250k from PWLB would be credited to the Council account on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Expenditure from those funds would be approved by the Council as appropriate.
- ii New Village Hall Lease.  
The Lease was signed by two Councillors on behalf of the Council.

- ii Existing Village Hall.  
It was decided to appoint Mr Marr as the Parish Council Representative to the Village Hall CIO.
- iii Recreation Ground maintenance.  
The quotations from the Contractors for a Spring feed for £805 and rubbish removal of £40 a month were accepted.
- iv Pinewood play area.  
The signs have been ordered.
- v Dog bins.  
It was decided to remind WBC about the order for new bins.
- vi Youth Club.  
The basic structure is being put in place for a revived Club.
- vii Allotments.  
There are three allotments vacant in Cold Ash close to this Parish, and it was decided to ask people who had already expressed an interest as to whether they are still interested. If so, to supply the names to Cold Ash.

**151 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**

CPRE – Fieldwork newsmag.

WBCS – Upstream - newsmag

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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

Mr Brown had attended the recent WBC District Parish Conference, and discussed the presentations. It was decided to write to WBC asking that Marsh Lane should be recognised as a Right of Way without security restrictions.

**153 Items to be raised by Councillors.**

The Chairman had received an email from Alan Dunkerton detailing the speed signs.

The Downland Practice appears to have taken unilateral action on some patient matters which is causing concern in the Village. It was decided to see what results come out of the Liaison meeting with the Practice in May.

Mr Marr pointed out that the new houses have grass which will need cutting, and wondered who would pay for this.

The Chairman felt that there could be a maintenance charge by the Developers which would take care of it.

Outside the Thames Water pumping station there is rubbish which needs tidying up. It was decided to ask Thames Water to do this.

**154 Date of the next meeting.**

**Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

**This meeting will start with the Annual meeting of the Council and continue with an Ordinary Council meeting.**



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Chairman

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