

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman	Vice-Chairman
Mrs J. Cunningham.	
Mrs F. Groves	
Dr M Kerry.	
Mrs K. Willis	

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk
There were two members of the public present.

113. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

114. Public Forum.

A bollard has been knocked over in the High Street because of parking on the pavement. Highways at WBC has been informed. Parking takes place in the restricted area. WBC will be asked to put back the bollard quickly.

There have been emails about a possible celebration for the Royal marriage. Is it allowable to use the football pitch. The Council should be aware of the cost of a celebration which could mount up.

Perhaps a celebration could be considered for the Royal anniversary in 2012.

There has been water outside the Village Hall due to blocked drains, and Highways cleared the drain blockage commendably quickly.

115. Minutes of the last meeting held on January 6th 2011.

The minutes had been circulated. It was requested that the acceptance of Mr Lawrence's quotation to continue tidying up the bus shelters each month be minuted. With this addition the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

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

Minute 96.

i Village Vision.

The report of the Group is attached to these minutes.

117. The report of the District Councillor.

A report was not presented.



118. Planning.**Appeal.**

10/01817/OUTMAJ

Stable View, Hermitage

An appeal to the Secretary of State has been lodged against the refusal of consent by WBC.

The Appeal will be held as an Informal Hearing.

West Berkshire Council.**Enforcement Notice dated January 7th 2011.**

Land at Hermitage Garage, Newbury Road.

The Notice alleges a breach of planning control in that "without planning permission, the material change of use of the land from a sui generis use (garage) to B8 storage and distribution".

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

10/02495/HOUSE	The Willows, Newbury Road. Extension	Approval
10/02662/HOUSE	Apple Tree Cottage, Yattendon Road. Extensions	Approval
10/02664/HOUSE	32, Briants Piece, Hermitage. Extension & conservatory	Approval
10/02695/HOUSE	Brackens Pond Lane, Hermitage Extension & roof space conversion	Approval

New planning applications.

None have been received.

Amended plans.

10/02837/HOUSE	37, Dines Way, Hermitage. Extensions. Amendments show a Juliet balcony replacing the applied for balcony.
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Other matters.

- i Energy from Waste at Chieveley.
It was decided to ask Grundon to make a presentation to the Village.

119. Highways.**Matters brought forward.**

Minute 99.

- i Salt bins.
It was decided to again ask WBC to provide salt bins at two locations.

- ii SID seminar.
This was very successful and there are now three accredited SID operators in the Parish.
- iii Stiles.
These are the subject of ongoing emails from Sallie Jennings of WBC. It was decided to bring the matter forward for the next meeting.
- iv WBC Footpaths & Rights of Way.
WBC suggest increasing the Precept to carry out work on footpaths. The Council noted the matter but it was felt inappropriate to do so.

120. Environment.

Matters brought forward.

Minute 100.

- i Pinewood play area.
It was decided to ask Mr Lawrence to repair the benches and also to look at the playground each week to deal with any routine problems.
- ii Dog signage.
This has been completed and positions for further signs are being evaluated. It was decided to check with Veolia whether they routinely empty the bin by the shop.
- iii Allotments.
Enquiries into land availability are ongoing.
- iv Football pitch.
Enquiries are ongoing with WBC asking whether the pitch has been taken over by WBC.
- v Tree trimming in Dines Way.
This has been completed and an invoice is awaited from the Contractor.
- vi Tree planting
Mr Lawrence will prepare a quotation for keeping down the bracken and planting a treat Manor Lane.

121. Finance.

- I Receipts.

Lloyds TSB	Interest three months	£139.74
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- ii Payments authorised.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass and shelters	£384.50
C.W.Goude	Salary & exes	£381.19
- iii Other matters
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted
 - ii It was decided to set the Precept for the year to March 2012 at £26,000, unchanged for the last three years.
 - iii It was decided to appoint Mr T. Stares as the Internal Auditor for the current year.
 - iv The Finance Working party had inspected the books and accounts for the last three months and found them satisfactory.

v Grants.

It was decided to make the following grants for payment after the APA.

Hermitage Horticultural Society.	£60
Hermitage Village Hall.	£1,500
Hermitage Pre-School.	£900
Hermitage Scouts	£1,250
Holy Trinity Church	£1,000
Village Vision	£500

122. Burial Ground.**Matters brought forward.**

Minute 102.

- i New path.
Work has started.
- ii Burial Ground rules.
These would be brought to the next meeting.
- iii Overhanging trees.
It was decided to have these trimmed, as it did not appear to be necessary to undertake major arboretal work.

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

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmag
Upstream – Kennet & Pang Valley newsmag
WBC Chairman – McMillan Centenary Concert March 12th.

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

There were no reports.

125. Items to be raised by Councillors.

A possible Royal wedding celebration was discussed, and it was decided that the Council would take no direct action itself but would positively support Village groups.

It was noted with regret that WBC intend to close one of their Care Centres.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of the notices for the APA to be sent out by WBC along with the Council tax demands in March. This appears to be a facility which is used by Thatcham Town Council.

126. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday February 17th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.


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Chairman

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Village Vision Report to Hermitage Parish Council – 20th January 2011

The Village Vision Group received 800 copies of the Village Vision Questionnaire from Greenham Common Trust in early December. Unfortunately adverse weather conditions at that time meant that distribution was delayed until January; a shortage of volunteers has made this a more protracted operation than would be ideal. However the majority have now been distributed and collection of completed questionnaires is well underway. To date the response is over 10% before any collection has been made in about half of the village which is possibly better than expected.

On behalf of the group I have submitted a grant application to the Parish Council. The money, should it be given, will be used to produce a hard copy of the new Parish Plan. It is hoped that the plan will be available on line to all but that those wanting a printed copy will be asked to make a financial contribution towards the cost. Printed copies will be given to the Records Office, the local Library, the Parish Council and local organisations who will be part of the 'action' after the renewal of the plan is complete.

We foresee that the plan will give rise to many new initiatives in the village which will require people and money to get going. The role of the Village Vision Group at that time will be to co-ordinate the activities of these groups, report back on their progress to the Parish Council and to ensure any monies due because of the Plan are applied for, received and utilised. In the future such groups will come to Parish Council for grants to achieve their aims as part of a range of applications made to funding bodies.

Margaret Goodman

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 17TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman	Vice-Chairman
Mrs F. Groves	
Dr M Kerry.	
Mrs K. Willis	
Mr Q. Webb	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

127. Apologies for absence.

Mrs Cunningham and Mr Pask had presented apologies for absence.

128. Public Forum.

There is water outside the Village Hall which is starting to threaten the pots.

The Horticultural Society was disappointed with the level of grant.

It was suggested that, for next time, if the Society could present draft accounts for the year Council would be better able to form a balanced view.

129. Minutes of the last meeting held on January 20th 2011.

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

130. Matters arising from the minutes not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 116.

i Village Vision.

Some 250 people have replied to the questionnaire so far, about 32% of the possible response. The analysis of the data will begin next Monday.

ii APA notices.

It was decided to post some and deliver the rest. The date for the APA has to be confirmed.

131. The report from the District Councillor.

Mr Webb mentioned that some of the WBC services had been rated very highly by outside reviewers.

The budget for the coming year is still being put to bed.

There has been a tremendous amount of effort put in to try and resolve the needs of older people, within the possibilities of the financial constraints which are presently a problem.

132. Planning.**Appeal decision.**

10/01773/HOUSE Appletree Cottage, Yattendon Road.
The Appeal is allowed.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

10/02837/HOUSE	37, Dines Way, Hermitage. Extension.	Approval
10/02872/CERTP	3, Oare View, Hampstead Norreys Road. Garage conversion. Note: The conversion requires a planning application.	Refused.

New planning applications.

10/02875/HOUSE	Foxglove Barn, Wellhouse farm.
10/02877/LBC2	Garden store & sat dish
10/03079/HOUSE	5, Lea View, Hermitage Extension.
10/03091/HOUSE	6, Lea View, Hermitage. Extensions
10/03146/HOUSE	10, Stretcher Drive, Hermitage. Conservatory.

The Council returned "no objections" for these five applications.

Other matters.

- i Chieveley Energy from Waste.
This will be one of the matters on the Agenda for the APA.
- ii WBC - LDF
Examination of proposed Focus changes to the Core strategy.
The Council noted the proposed changes.
- iii Downland Practice.
There had been a request for letter of support for application 10/02803/FUL to
extend the car park. It was decided to write and support the application.
- iv Miller Homes – 34 new homes.
The letter from WBC to Miller Homes declining to register the application as
presented was noted.

133. Highways.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.****Minute 119.**

- i Salt bins.
These have been requested from WBC.
- ii Stiles.
The Council discussed the three stiles and decided they were fit for purpose.
- iii Bollards.

- The bollard which had been knocked over has ^{NOT} been reinstated.
- iv Water outside the Village Hall.
There seems to be some doubt as to whether this is caused by a blocked drain. It was decided to ask WBC to investigate.
- v Access to the old Nursery.
It has been suggested that a footpath exists. It was decided to see if there is evidence for this.

134. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 120.

- i Pinewood play area.
It was decided to accept the following quotations from Mr Lawrence.
Inspection of the playground for £20 per month.
Village seat maintenance for the sum of £160
Pinewood seat and bench maintenance for £150
The play area is being inspected for defects, and it was decided to contact Playground Services about this. There could be a cost of some £7k involved, and it was decided to wait until it was seen whether WBC would contribute to the project. It was decided to see how much a commercial waste bin would cost and how much it would cost for emptying.
- ii Dog signage.
This is ongoing.
- iii Allotments.
Enquiries for land are ongoing.
- iv Football pitch.
It is not certain that the pitch has been adopted by WBC, and it was decided to get a definitive answer.
- v Tree trimming.
This has been completed and an invoice received.
- vi Parish Council elections.
Elections take place on May 5th. Nomination papers must be received by the Returning Officer in WBC by April 4th.
- vii Tree planning by Manor Lane.
It was decided to accept Mr Lawrence's quotations for this amounting to £150, and also the quotation for maintaining the area for £25 per month.

135. Finance.

i	Receipts.		None.
ii	Payments authorised.		
	Playground Services Ltd	Burial Ground path	£9,900.00
	F.C.Lawrence	Grasscutting, bus shelters & Burial ground tree trimming	£482.50
	Timbertech	Tree trimming	£70.00
	C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes.	£382.78

136. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 122.

- i New path.
This has been completed. It was decided to get quotes for the restoration of the old path.
- ii Overhanging trees.
These have been trimmed.
- iii Burial Ground rules.
It was decided to adopt the basis of the rules from Ely Diocese.
- iv Burial Ground fees.
This will be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

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

West Berkshire Historic Environment - HEAP. Comments by March 14th.
WBC Town and Parish elections – dates for notices and nomination submissions.
Community planning newsletter.
NALC e-bulletin.
The above correspondence was discussed and where appropriate, placed into circulation.

138. Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies.

Mrs Groves had attended the recent NAG meeting.
The order of priorities which people attach to policing has changed. Now burglary prevention heads the list followed by speeding.
There was a general discussion about policing and Parish matters.

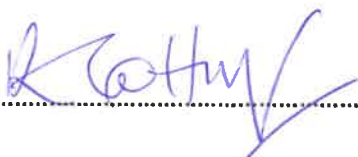
Dr Kerry had attended a meeting of the Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee.
There has been a theft of heating oil from the storage tank.
Play School have asked for more storage space and would like to use the Parish Council room.
The Council felt this would not be accepted unless some other organisations removed their belongings.

139. Items to be raised by Councillors.

It was decided to appoint Digley Associates to carry out the annual inspection of the Playground.

140. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday March 17th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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17.03.11
Date.

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman	Vice-Chairman
Mrs F. Groves	
Dr M Kerry.	
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk

There were five members of the public present.

141. Public Forum.

The damaged bollard has not been reinstated.

At the football match on Sunday there were 36 cars parked on the little road and on the Green. Could not WBC do something about this parking.

There is a possibility that a football team could put a container by the side of the field to take all the football gear. Could there also be cheap seating placed on the banks.

The bollards placed outside one house in the High Street are dangerous. WBC say that the bollards they have installed have gone out of production.

If there is still parking on the pavement a solution needs to be sought.

The low pavements accentuate the problem.

Amelia Sergent, the local PCSO, introduced herself, and welcomed interaction with everyone in the Parish.

There is this problem with parking on the High Street.

Parking on the pavement can be classed as an obstruction if it impedes free passage.

Perhaps an inspection when Schools come out would illustrate the problem.

Would make an effort to be there and see.

Gravel extraction at Curridge.

There are 182 letters of objection to the extension of the gravel workings already posted on the website.

There is a lack of reinstatement of the existing quarry.

There is a strong argument against any extension in the AONB based on perceived gravel needs

The new application is for some 51 acres to extend the current site.

There is advice that considers the whole of the site should be considered for impact on the environment rather than just the extension which is the subject of this application.

The application affects this Parish because of the impact on the AONB as a whole.

There are a small number of objectors in the Parish to the proposed Energy from Waste proposal.

142. Apologies for absence.

Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Willis had presented apologies for absence.

143. Minutes of the last meeting held on February 17th 2011.

The minutes had been circulated.

An amendment was requested for minute 133.

"has been reinstated" to read "has not been reinstated".

With this amendment the minutes 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.

A printed report was presented and is attached to these minutes.

The Group had thanked everyone who helped in the distribution and collection of the questionnaires.

ii APA.

The Hall is booked for the 21st, and food arranged with a local caterer. It was decided to print some 800 copies of the invitation leaflet.

iii Parish Council election.

It was noted that nomination papers have to be with the Returning Officer by April 4th.

145. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb was not present.

146. Planning.

Appeals.

10/01817/FULD Stable View, Priors Court Road.
Appeal against Enforcement notice.
Compliance required before April 18th

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

10/03116/CERTP 21, Sandstone Grove, Hermitage.
Loft conversion. **Considered lawful**

New applications.

11/00226/HOUSE 3, Oare View, Hampstead Norreys Road.
Garage conversion to room

The Council returned "no objections" to this application.

Amended plans

10/02875/HOUSE Foxglove Barn, Wellhouse Farm.
Showing correct siting of store and also
correct site block plan.

The Council had no further comment .

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Other matters.

- i WBAGI correspondence.
The correspondence was noted.
- i Hermitage Village Hall.
An outline planning application for the new Village Hall has been submitted to WBC.

147. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 133.

- i Salt bins.
It was decided to chase the installation with WBC.
- ii Village Hall water.
The road itself is defective in that the slope will always make water flow towards the Hall. It was decided to request WBC to solve this problem by including it in their rolling programme of road works.
- iii Old Nursery access.
There does not appear to be evidence of a footpath on records held by WBC, or on a Definitive footpath map. If it is wished to take this further the residents should make an application to have it included on the Definitive map, through Stuart Higgins in WBC.
- iv Weight limit on Priors Court Road.
WBC have declined to place a weight limit on the road.

148. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 134.

- i Pinewood play area.
There is a bees nest in the wall. It is reported these are masonry bees. It was decided to put up a public notice to urge caution when playing close by.
- ii Dog signage.
This has been bought and will be installed.
- iii Allotments.
There are continuing efforts being made to identify suitable sites.
- iv Football pitch.
Newbury Football Club have used the pitch for matches without having the facilities for changing rooms. The Club has enquired whether a container could be placed on site to store football gear.
It was decided to check with WBC whether the pitch has been adopted, how long WBC will be maintaining it and when ownership would possibly be transferred.
- v Tree for planting at Manor Lane.
The site will need to be checked for Utility works before planting.

149. Finance.

i	Receipts.		
	None.		
ii	Payments authorised.		
	BALC	Subscription 11 / 12	£265.26
	F.C.Lawrence	Grass and shelters	£484.50
	Thames Water	Burial Ground	£5.74
	West Berkshire Council	Burial Ground rates	£10.65
	R. Cottingham	Tree for Manor lane	£65.50
	MEC signs	Dog signage	£71.10
	C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£399.14

150. Burial Ground.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 136.

- i Old path restoration.
Quotes are being obtained.
- ii Burial ground fees.
Agenda item for the next meeting.

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

Clerks & Councils direct – newsmag
Thames Valley Police – Community Police Awards, looking for nominations.
NALC e bulletin of March 9th from BALC.

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

- i NAG meeting on March 15th.
The report is attached to these minutes.

153. Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no further matters raised.

154. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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 Chairman

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 14.04.11

 Date

Village Vision Report to Parish Council Meeting 17th March 2011

The basic analysis by GCT has now been received and group members are now working on more detailed analysis of their own areas of interest. Below are the highlights based on first look. The report to the APA will be more accurate

Highlights

- ✚ 36% response. Analysis of postcodes submitted shows the bulk of responses were from the centre of the village, about 25% of Forest Edge residents responded but only 8% of Hermitage Green. There were 267 questionnaires returned representing households containing 491 adults and 146 under 18s. There were only 17 Youth questionnaires completed and we are still waiting the analysis of these.
- ✚ 44% of respondents volunteered for some group or activity in the village with the favourite being Neighbourhood Watch. There were 23 volunteers to be part of a Speed Control Group
- ✚ 57% of respondents had concerns about traffic speed and 33% about the volume of traffic passing through the village
- ✚ 140 people said yes to the new Village Hall and 92 said no; the main reason for opposition was that the new site is not central.
- ✚ Majority support Changing Rooms
- ✚ 61% support allotments
- ✚ The majority of respondents have not been victim of crime
- ✚ Question relating to development in the village was the most popular answered and the responses show 80% feel we have sufficient development.
- ✚ The main causes of concern are Dog Mess, Fly Tipping and Litter
- ✚ General support for more sports activity and equipment
- ✚ There were helpful suggestions for additions to the website
- ✚ Support for village based Health Services
- ✚ Support for village based recycling
- ✚ There was a disappointing response from the business community
- ✚ From the demographics section
 1. The majority of houses have 2 occupants
 2. Almost 50% of respondents have lived in the village for more than 10 years and a quarter for more than 25 years
 3. 30% feel the village is a better place to live than it was 10 years ago
 4. The environment is the reason the majority of people give for choosing to live in Hermitage
 5. Over 70% of respondents rated the village as a good or better than good place to live only 2% rating it as poor
 6. Only 9 respondents had no computer access an 86% of those with computers have internet access
 7. 74% of those with internet access would support pressure for faster broadband

Neighbourhood Action Group Meeting
Wednesday 15th March 2011

Chair – Gill Hall	(Cold Ash PC)
Ruth Cottingham	(Hermitage PC)
Jude Cunningham	(Hermitage PC)
Kirsten Goodfield	(Police)
Fiona Groves	(Hermitage PC)
Staff Sgt Jason Mulrooney	(42 nd Engineers)
Jason Murphy	(Police)
Amelia Sargent	(Police – Area PCSO)

Priority 1 – Speeding. There has been no enforcement carried out over the last six weeks due to other policing demand. The speed sensor has now been calibrated and it is hoped that 2 sessions per month in the area could be carried out.

The police cannot carry out enforcements if they attend a West Berkshire road safety speeding event (SID), which is meant to educate the drivers only. PCSO Sargent said that there is no co-operation between West Berkshire District Council Road Safety Dept. (Cheryl Evans) and the police at the moment but they are hoping that they can work together in the future.

As speeding is a general issue which will always be ongoing it was decided to downgrade the priority of speeding but to continue to monitor it.

Priority 2 – Burglary. In the last 6 weeks there have been three burglaries of non-dwellings. Two in Hermitage and one in Cold Ash. There was a theft of diesel from a van at Hilliers and lorries were targeted at Frontier on Red Shute Hill. Someone has been arrested and is on bail for one of these offences.

PCSO Sargent has attended all three primary schools in our area and held crime prevention talks which have been very successful.

Priority 3 – Information/volunteers sought. The police would like more people to volunteer information of suspicious events to the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number. If volunteers could also sign up for text alerts and community messaging alerts they could then report back on any sightings relating to the alerts.

It was suggested that any leaflets on Neighbourhood Watch or for signing up for text alerts could be displayed at the Annual Parish Assemblies. The police noted the date but could not guarantee being able to attend.

Staff Sargent Mulrooney said the call desk was not always helpful when they requested information on suspicious vehicles and PC Murphy made a note that as a military base they needed to be kept informed if any vehicles loitering around the camp posed a threat.

Next meeting 27th April 2011.

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman	Vice-Chairman
Mrs F. Groves	
Dr M Kerry.	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

155. Public Forum.

*The water problem outside the Village Hall is to be tackled by WBC in the year 11/12.
At the APA meeting would it be possible to put up some posters for the Horticultural Society ?
Fine, as long as they are fairly discrete.
Mr Lawrence has been checking the benches – not the Village Hall one.
This will be put on the list and Mr. Lawrence will attend to it.*

156. Apologies for absence.

Mrs Cunningham had tendered an apology for absence.

157. Minutes of the last meeting held on March 17th 2011.

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

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

Minute 144.

- i Village Vision.
There was no major item to report. It has been stressed that any grant application with affiliated groups should go through the Village Vision route itself.
- ii Election on May 5th.
It was noted that nine Parishioners had been nominated and would be duly confirmed as elected on May 5th. Two seats will be vacant and may be filled by co-option up to June 23rd. The formal notice from WBC is attached to these minutes.
- iii APA.
The arrangements have now been completed for the meeting.

159. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Pask and Mr Webb were not present.

160. Planning.**Appeal.**

10/02551/2552LBC/ HOUSE Mayflower barn, Wellhouse farm.
Rooflights & window

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State which will be decided by written statements and a site visit. Any further comments by May11th.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

10/02875/HOUSE	Foxglove barn, Wellhouse Farm. Garden store & Sky TV dish	Approval
10/2903/FULEXT	Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage. 34 new units.	Refusal
10/03091/HOUSE	6, Lea View, Hampstead Norreys Road. Extensions	Approval
10/03146/HOUSE	10, Stretcher Drive, Hermitage. Conservatory.	Approval.

New planning applications.

11/00157/HOUSE	28, Briants Piece, Hermitage. Extension & alterations.	Invalid
10/03140/FULD	5, Dines Way, Hermitage. New dwelling.	

The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.

- 1 The development represents overdevelopment of the small plot.**
- 2 The garden space proposed is less than WBC SPG requirements.**

Other matters.

- i Village Hall.
There does not appear to be a validated application on the website to date.

161. Highways.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 147.

- i Salt bins.
The installation will be chased with WBC.
- ii Old Nursery access.
A Parishioner is enquiring from the developers if there is a commitment to a right of way.
- iii Bollard on the High Street.
WBC are to be urged to repair the fallen bollard.

162. Environment.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 148.

- i Pinewood play area.
Mr Lawrence is looking to see what he can undertake.
A warning notice has been placed near the bees encampment in the wall.
- ii Allotments.
Land availability is being pursued.
- iii Football pitch.
WBC has confirmed verbally that WBC has taken ownership of the pitch. It was decided to get this in writing.
- iv Tree planting.
The tree cannot be planted at the corner of Manor Lane due to the closeness of Utilities. Advice would be sought locally as to a suitable site.

New matters.

- i Dog bins.
The Chairman has this in progress.
- ii Industrial bin.
It was decided to buy two bins for Pinewood play area. A budget was agreed of £500.
- iii Mr Lawrence.
It was decided to write and compliment Mr Lawrence on the quality of his work and care in the Parish over the last year.

163. Finance.

The records are with the Internal Auditor.

- i Payments authorised.

Mr Lawrence.	Grass and bus shelters	£384.50
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes less PAYE	£336.92
- ii Other matters.
 - i The Internal Auditor is completing the systems checks to March 31st. The final year end accounts will be submitted to the Auditor for clearance and sign off before the Annual Return is placed before the Council at the June meeting for authorisation.

164. Burial Ground.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 150.

- i Path repair.
Quotes are being sought.
- ii Burial ground fees.
The suggested table of increased fees was approved.

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

Polska together – children’s event June 5th in Thatcham.
Up on the North Wessex Downs – booklet AONB guide for walkers and explorers.
The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

166. Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no items raised.

167. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday May 19th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.
This meeting will start with the Annual meeting of the Council and will continue with an Ordinary meeting.

168. Reports from meetings held with Outside Bodies on behalf of the Parish Council.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN ASKED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RETIRE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS THERE WERE COMMERCIAL ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED WHICH COULD BE OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE.

The Council discussed in detail the facts provided by members of the Village Hall Management Committee the previous evening.
It was decided unanimously that the Council could not support the present proposal for the changing rooms due to the cost to the Parish which the Council believe is of the order of £250k.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.35.



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Chairman

19.05.11
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Date