

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman.	Vice-Chairman
Mr D. Brown.	
<i>Mr R. Burgess</i>	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Dr J. Lawler.	
Mr R. Marr	
Mrs K. Willis.	
<i>Mr B. Willis.</i>	

Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk

Two members of the public.

21. Public forum.

Two representatives from Pre-School asked how the new Village hall proposals would affect Pre-School. If the present Hall is sold before the new one is built Pre-School would be unable to function as there would be nowhere for the Group to locate.

Dr Lawler felt that the Village Hall Management Committee would give an absolute assurance to Pre-School that such a thing would not happen and their interests would be protected.

22. Apologies for absence.

Mrs Cunningham and Dr Kerry had presented apologies for absence.

23. Minutes of the last meeting held on May 19th 2011.

The minutes had been circulated.

After discussion the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

It was decided by a vote that the minutes in future would be posted only when approved by the following meeting. Minutes would not be posted as draft at the Village shop.

Full and appropriate notes of each meeting would be published quickly after each meeting in the Parish notes.

Mr Brown felt this decision to be wrong and that the minutes should be published as draft.

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

Minute 11.

i Village Vision.

The report is attached.

ii Notice board.

Two quotes had been obtained. It was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting. In the meantime Mr *Sowande* would be asked for his opinion.

25. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

A report was not presented.

26. Planning.**Appeal decision.**

10/01656/FULC	Lawrence's Farm Equipment, Hermitage. Garage to Class B8	Allowed
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Decisions from the Planning Authority.

10/03140/FULD	5, Dines Way, Hermitage. New dwelling	Refusal
11/00383/HOUSE	25, Dines Way, Hermitage. New bedroom over garage	Approval
11/00556/HOUSE	Laurel cottage, Chapel Lane. Extension	Approval
11/00560/HOUSE	Heastley, Pond Lane. Extension	Approval

New planning applications.

11/00741/HOUSE	30, Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage Conservatory	No objections
11/00743/HOUSE	Gable Barn, Yattendon Road Extension & loft conversion	No objections
11/00395/HOUSE	<i>The Birches, Slanting Hill.</i> <i>Garage.</i>	No objections

Amended plans.

11/00743/HOUSE	Gable Barn, Hermitage. Garage included with amendments	Noted
11/00790/HOUSE	28, Briants Piece, Hermitage Ground level detail & window removal	Noted

Other matters.

- i Lawrence Farm Equipment decision.
The Council noted the Inspectorate decision. It is suggested that residents adjoining the site now keep a log of vehicles and their movements, to make sure that planning conditions are observed in full.
This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

- ii Grundon proposals at Chieveley.
It was decided to ask Grundon to meet Mr Marr and another Councillor to discuss the possible application by Grundon for an incinerator. It was also agreed that the Council would write to Grundon and ask what benefit would accrue to Hermitage Parish from the proposals.
It was agreed to write to WBAGI and ask the Group to liaise with *Dr Kerry*.
- iii S.106 funding.
The annual report showing S.106 contributions by developers had been circulated. This would be analysed in more detail for the next meeting, possibly leading to a formal meeting with senior Officers from WBC.
- iv Planning meetings.
It was agreed to hold separate Council meetings to consider planning applications if applications were received which had dates for submission of comments to WBC expiring significantly before the next routine Council meeting.

27. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 13.

- i Salt bins.
WBC has been given the data to place a salt bin at the junction of Slanting Hill and Marlston Road.
- ii Bollards on the High Street.
WBC has reinstated the damaged bollards.
- iii Wellhouse street name sign.
The locations of four name signs have been noted on a map for submission to WBC.

New matters.

- i WBC work at Marlston Road.
It was noted that the present roadside work is to prepare for the resurfacing work programmed for the School holidays.

28. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 14.

- i Pinewood play area.
A quote has been received for the repair work needed. It was decided to ask for a further quote.
- ii Allotments.
A suitable site has been located and discussions about leasing are starting with the landowner.
- iii Football pitch.
A letter has been written to WBC asking for help in alleviating parking problems. *Mrs Willis* will get in touch with Stewart Souden to see if WBC will provide goal posts.
- iv Tree planting.
The tree has been planted in the burial ground.

- v Dog bins.
It was decided to chase the promised provision of bins with WBC.
- vi Industrial bin.
The selection is ongoing.
- vii Village Hall development.
This will be an agenda item for next time.

29. Finance.

- i Receipts None.
- ii Payments authorised.

F. Lawrence	Grass, shelters & repairs	£559.00
Mrs F. Groves	Travel – auditor	£14.52
Thames Water	Burial ground	£6.51
HMRC	PAYE	£71.00
R. Cottingham	APA expenses & cartridges	£105.11
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£352.45
- iii *Payments made in December 2010.*

<i>F.C.Lawrence</i>	<i>Grass and bus shelters</i>	<i>£384.50</i>
<i>Thames Water</i>	<i>Burial ground</i>	<i>£6.79</i>
<i>Yattendon Estates</i>	<i>Christmas tree</i>	<i>£29.38</i>
<i>Digley Associates</i>	<i>Playground inspection</i>	<i>£52.88</i>
<i>Dr J. Lawler</i>	<i>Website registration</i>	<i>£52.88</i>
<i>(The amounts are coincidental)</i>		
<i>Ms R.Cottingham</i>	<i>SCAC Trust- grant</i>	<i>£100.00</i>
<i>C.W.Goudge</i>	<i>Salary & exes</i>	<i>£388.67</i>
- iv Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii Investment policy. It was decided to place £50,000 on a three month deposit with Lloyds TSB.
 - iii The Annual Return of the Council was approved after considering the report from the FWP and the Internal Auditor.

30. Burial ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 164.

- i New path.
It was decided to check whether the quotation received in February was still valid.
It was also decided to accept a quotation for £5.4k or lower.

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

BALC – training for new Councillors – July 11th Newbury.
Two Councillors would be attending this seminar.

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CCB / BALC – Briefing on Localism – Woolhampton June 23rd
Three Councillors would be attending this seminar.
WBC – Standards Committee report 2010 / 2011
NALC – LCR newsmag

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

Mrs Willis reported that the Youth club has been closed. BAYCP is looking at the situation again in July.
The Chairman - see note.

33. Items to be raised by Councillors.

The Chairman felt that the *Village Walk* needed publicity. This was noted and would be promulgated, although it is not a Council sponsored activity, apart from providing refreshments.

Dr Lawler *asked who is the Representative for the Downland Practice Community Group. Mr K. Gover is the Representative.*

Mr Marr pointed out that the water outside the Village hall, caused by a Utility hitting a main drain, has now been sorted out.

Some footpaths are becoming overgrown and WBC should undertake the clearing work. It was decided to get in touch with WBC about this.

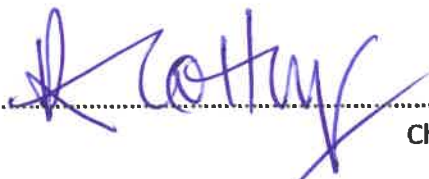
Mrs Goodman asked for Standing Orders to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr Brown requested that the present Councillors' details should be placed on the notice boards.

The Chairman asked for three items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting – Housing needs survey, Website and communication and a Mission Statement for the Council.

34. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday July 21st at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.


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Chairman


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Date