

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014.

Present.

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

Mr C.W.Goudge. Clerk.

There were three members of the public present.

**127 Public Forum.**

*It has taken the Council a long time to come to a decision on finding money for the Village Hall.*

There are many complicated issues to resolve and such things take time.

**128 Apologies.**

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had presented apologies for absence.

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

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

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

Minute 116.

i Village Vision.

There will be a report presented at the Annual Parish Assembly.

ii Broadband.

WBC has not completed details with BT as to coverage in the Parish. This is ongoing and WBC will be keeping the Parish up to date.

iii Website.

The website will be available for laptops at the APA using wi-fi.

iv Twinning.

Nothing further to report.

v APA arrangements.

There are to be two Speakers. The other administrative arrangements are complete.

**131 The Report of the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Pask and Mr Webb had presented apologies for absence.

**132 Planning.**

**Decision from the Planning Authority.**

14/00207/NONMAT 20, Briants Piece, Hermitage  
Amendment to 07/00366/HOUSE

Withdrawn.

**New applications.**

14/00409/HOUSE      Ash Wood, Slanting Hill.  
Extension      **No objections**

**Adjoining Parish**

14/00523/HOUSE      Forest View, Dove Lane, Cold Ash.  
Outbuilding to replace summerhouse.      **No objections.**

**133 Burial Ground.**

- i      Garden adjoining the burial ground – deer intrusion.  
The hedge had been inspected and it was decided that the hedge by the garden concerned was adequate and that the responsibility for further fencing lay with the garden landowner.

**134 Finance.**

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| i   | Receipts.              |   |           |
|     | Zurich Insurance       | Swing claim   | £823.00   |
| ii  | Payments authorised.   |   |           |
|     | Contractors            |   | £469.16   |
|     | Zurich Insurance       | Premium 14 / 15   | £880.52   |
|     | West Berkshire Council | Broadband instalment                                    | £2,764.00 |
|     | Thames Water           | Burial ground   | £3.09     |
|     | C.W.Goudge             | Salary & exes   | £382.93   |
| iii | Other matters.         |   |           |
|     | i                      | The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted. |           |

**135 Highways****Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

Minute 121.

- i      School parking.  
WBC is looking at the parking congestion, and will make a presentation at the APA.
- ii      Bus shelter repairs.  
In hand.

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

- i      New Village Hall.

**HERE DR LAWLER AND MR MARR DECLARED PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LEFT THE MEETING.**

**THE COUNCIL THEN DECIDED THAT THAT THERE WERE MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DISCUSSED AND THE PUBLIC WERE ASKED TO RETIRE FROM THE MEETING UNDER THE LGA 1972 PART II.**

- i      Funding.

It was proposed by Ms Cottingham and seconded by Mrs Goodman that the Council applies for a loan of £250k from the PWLB, to be paid back over a period of 24 years, in order to make a grant of £250k to the Village Hall CIO to aid in building a new Village Hall. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**HERE DR LAWLER, MR MARR AND THE PUBLIC REJOINED THE MEETING.**

The matters discussed and resolved during the public absence were outlined to the meeting.

- ii Lease to the CIO.  
It was decided that the Lease could now be signed by the Council and exchanged with the Village Hall Solicitor.
- iii The Council wished to formally record their thanks to Mrs Goodman and Mrs Groves for their sterling work over the last year in sorting out the information with the Village Hall Management Committee, which allowed the Council to reach a conclusion this evening.
- ii Present Village Hall.  
The minutes of the last meeting of the Management Committee had been circulated.
- iii Woodland and recreation ground.
  - i The quotation from the new Contractors for the sum of £327 per month for two grass cuts was accepted for the period April to November. Any other services would be examined as needed.
- iv Pinewood play area.  
The estimate for playground repairs for £5,125 plus VAT was accepted.
- v Dog bins.  
Revised locations are to be sent to WBC.
- vi Youth Club.  
This is ongoing.
- vii WBC flooding consultation.  
WBC have provided a map of the Parish and asked that it be marked with flooding danger places. This would be done.
- viii WBC Conference.  
Two Councillors are to attend the Conference on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Newbury.

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

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmag  
BALC – newsletter dealing with Openness of Local Government Bodies.  
NALC – Newsmag.  
The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

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


There were no reports.

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

Mr Marr mentioned that there had been an instance of youths practising golf on the recreation area. It was pointed out to the youths that notices showed golf was not allowed and the youths complied.

**140 Date of the next meeting.**

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room Holy Trinity Church.  
The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

  
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Chairman

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Date