

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 19th 2011.

Present.

Mr D. Brown.
Ms R Cottingham.
Mrs J. Cunningham
Mrs M.. Goodman,
Mrs F. Groves.
Dr J. Lawler.
Dr M. Kerry,
Mr R. Marr
Mrs K. Willis.

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

Six members of the public.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Ms R.Cottingham, as Chairman, opened the meeting.

1. Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

All Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office which were witnessed by the Clerk.

2. The Election of the Chairman for the coming year.

It was proposed by Dr Kerry and seconded by Mrs Willis that Ms Cottingham be elected Chairman.
It was proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Mr Marr that Dr Lawler be elected Chairman.
A ballot was taken which proved in favour of Ms Cottingham.
The Chairman then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

4. The election of the Vice Chairman for the coming year.

It was proposed by Mrs Groves and seconded by Mrs Cunningham that Mrs Goodman be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
It was proposed by Mr Brown and seconded by Mr Marr that Dr Lawler be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council.
A ballot was taken which proved in favour of Mrs Goodman.

5. The Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The following appointments were made.

Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee.
Hermitage Pre School
Neighbourhood Action Group

BAYCP
Village Vision Group

Dr Kerry
Mrs Cunningham.
Mrs Groves.
Ms Cottingham
Mrs Cunningham
Mrs Willis
Mrs Goodman

6. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

An amendment was proposed to the date of meeting after an election. It was decided to review this and any other changes proposed to the Standing Orders at the next meeting.

7. Registers of Member's Interests.

As newly elected councillors, Members were reminded that new Registers of Member's Interests need to be completed and returned to the Monitoring officer at WBC within twenty five days.

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

8. Public Forum.

The fallen bollard in the High Street has been replaced, and it is believed that the other requested bollard will be in place within four weeks.

A member of the public wished the new Council well, and strongly suggested setting out a programme, to help gather the Community round the Council.

A notice board would be a help, placed somewhere near the edge of the drive to the football pitch. The board could be half locked and half open to allow people to put up information notices.

It is difficult to understand what the purpose of the bollards is.

Speaking for the Hermitage Football Club, the Club would like to use the new pitch. There needs to be changing rooms and there should be further discussion about this.

9. Declarations of Conflict of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Dr Lawler declared a Prejudicial Interest as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, should Council wish to discuss matters relating to the Village hall.



10. Minutes of the last meeting held on April 14th 2011.

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

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

Minute 158.

i Vacancies for Councillors.

It was proposed by Mrs Willis and seconded by Ms Cottingham that Mr R. Burgess be co-opted to the Council. The proposition was put to the vote and passed.

It was proposed by Mrs Groves and seconded by Dr Kerry that Mr B Willis be co-opted to the Council. The proposition was put to the vote and passed.

ii Village Vision.

The report is attached to these minutes

12. Planning.**Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

11/00226/HOUSE	3, Oare View, Hampstead Norreys Road. Garage to habitable room.	Approval.
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New planning applications.

11/00383/HOUSE	35, Dines Way, Hermitage. New bedroom above garage.
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HERE MRS GOODMAN DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST.

11/00395/HOUSE	The Birches, Slanting Hill. New garage.
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11/00540/HOUSE	Heastley, Pond lane. Conservatory removal. Extension.
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11/00556/HOUSE	Laurel Cottage, Chapel lane. Extension.
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11/00790/HOUSE	28, Briants Piece, Hermitage. Alterations & extension.
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11/00446/FUL	Land North of Pinewood Crescent. New Village hall.
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The Council had no objections to these six applications, but commented on 11/00446/FUL that –

- 1 A footpath leading from Pinewood Crescent to the site along the access road would improve road safety.**
- 2. The provision of 48 parking spaces will lead to parking issues when the Hall holds large events.**
- 3. It would be a positive statement if sources of renewable energy could be incorporated in the construction.**
- 4. There is a lack of disabled changing facilities noted by the response from WBC Access.**

Other matters.

- i Land at Haslington, Newbury road.
The proposed TPO will not be confirmed.
- ii Brockhurst School Enforcement Appeal.
WBC has asked for evidence relating to the use of the Bungalow known as Unit 1 as a residential unit. The Council had none.
- iii Planning application procedure.
It was decided that extra planning meetings might be needed if application dates did not allow consideration at the normal meeting.

13. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 161.

- i Salt bins.
WBC propose to install these shortly.
- ii Old Nursery access.
Nothing more has been heard about this.
- iii Bollard on the High Street.
This has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

New matters.

- i Street name for Wellhouse Lane.
The Council suggested the location of the Marlston Road end of Wellhouse Lane, and this would be passed to WBC.

14. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 162.

- i Pinewood play area.
There are some items of low risk which need repairing. Mr Lawrence will look at these and give an estimate. Playground Services report will give a quote for their work.
- ii Allotments.
The enquiries for land are progressing.
- iii Football pitch.
At a recent match the gates were not opened, leading to parking problems which WBC should address. Mrs Cunningham will approach School for help. WBC are not moving the entrance in Chapel Lane. It was decided to get a quote from Mr Lawrence for a gate.
It was decided to write to WBC to see if a scheme could be made put in place to deter people parking on the road.
It was decided to place the purchase of goal posts on the next Agenda.
- iv Tree planting.
It was decided to put the tree on the Green.

Ms Cottingham had attended a BALC Executive meeting.

19. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Dr Lawler felt that the new Village Hall project had not been considered closely enough, and time was now short for decisions to be made. It was decided to appoint a group of five Councillors to look at the project and to bring their views to the next meeting.

The Chairman asked that three items are placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Housing needs survey.

The Village website.

Communities Action plan.

The hedge round the speed warning sign needs cutting back. Mr Lawrence would be asked for a quote.

Mr Marr said that footpath 16 is very overgrown. It was decided to ask WBC to clear it.

20. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday June 16th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.



Chairman



Date