

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17TH 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mr D. Brown.	
Mr R. Burgess.	
Mrs M. Goodman.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Dr M. Kerry.	
Dr J. Lawler.	
Mr R. Marr.	
Mr T. Robinson.	
Mr B. Willis.	
Mrs K. Willis.	

Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk
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There was one member of the public present.

90 Public participation.

There are concerns in Briant's Piece about parking caravans in or by properties which it is believed is not allowed, according to the original property deeds.
The Council understood the worry and sympathised, but felt this is a legal problem between householders, and the Council would not have cause to intercede.

91 Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence tendered.

92 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 20th 2011.

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

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

Minute 80.

- i Housing needs survey.
It was decided to ask Arlene for a questionnaire for Hermitage by the end of January. The Council would then go ahead with distribution.
- ii Village website.
It was decided to go ahead with option one.
- iii Notice board.
The board has been delivered. It has been confirmed that the prospective site for the board does not belong to WBC Highways. In this connection it was decided to ask Gardner Leader for the duplicates of the deeds held by them. There is no Parish grant available for this board.

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- iv Village Vision.
Actions anticipated as coming from the draft Plan have been listed as a table, with the actions taken alongside. The final hoped for actions are now being worked out .
- v Councillor's roles.
Individual Councillors have now taken leading roles for all the areas of Council interest.

94 Planning.

Appeal.

11/01018/FULD Southwood, Yattendon Road.
New bungalow.

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

Decisions from the planning Authority.

11/01649/HOUSE	12, Dines Way, Hermitage. Extension.	Approval
11/000446/FUL	New Village Hall, Hermitage. New build Hall	Approval
11/01742/HOUSE	1, Reigate Villas, Hermitage Extension	Approval

New planning applications.

11/02096/HOUSE	6, Stretcher drive, Hermitage. Conservatory.	No objections
11/02323/HOUSE	2, Oare View, Hermitage Extension	No objections

Amended plans.

11/01325/FUL	Yasmine, Yattendon Road. Replacement dwelling & garage.	Noted
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Other matters.

- i Land at Clairewood, Hampstead Norreys Road.
A Tree Preservation Order has been made by WBC for an oak tree in the grounds.
- ii WBC Core Strategy.
The Council noted the consultation on the "soundness" of the Core Strategy.
- iii CPRE.
The booklet was placed into circulation.

95 Highways.

New matters.

- i Cycle track.
The general strategy was reviewed. Funding is being discussed with WBC, and the WBC Rights of Way Officer is looking to the Highways Agency regarding the possible use of marginal land by the M4.
- ii Salt bin.
A Parishioner has asked for a salt bin to be placed in Hermitage Green. The Council discussed this, but felt unable to support the request.

96 Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 84.

- i Pinewood play area.
Playground services are going ahead with the repairs to the play equipment slide.
- ii Litter bins.
It was decided to buy a bin for the price of £385 exc VAT.
- iii Allotments.
Negotiations are proceeding.
- iv Dog bins.
It was reported that the bins are not being emptied regularly by WBC. It was decided to ask WBC for their routine schedule and to monitor the emptying to see it accords with the schedule.
- v Christmas tree and lights.
It was decided to approach the new owners of the Fox so that the tree can be put in the same place as last year. The tree will provisionally be lit on December 9th at 7.00pm.
- vi Village Hall.
The proposed new Hall has been granted planning permission. Match funding for construction of a new Hall has been promised by Greenham Common Trust. It was decided that any Council decision to provide or withhold funding to the new Hall would only be taken by the full Council of eleven members.
- vi Tennis Courts.
A draft plan was considered for tennis courts by the proposed new Village Hall. Land ownership would need to be established before this could be taken further.
- vii Football pitch.
The pitch is being used by visiting teams. It was decided to approach WBC to see whether, if the Council wished, it would be possible for ownership of the whole of the land used by both the pitch and the proposed new Village Hall, to be assumed by the Council along with the commuted sum for maintenance from Miller Homes.

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97 Finance.

i Receipts.			
	Lloyds TSB	Interest for quarter	£107.12
	WBC	Previous Parish Plan funding	£2,821.20
	Burial ground fees		£100.00
ii Payments authorised.			
	F.C.Lawrence	Grass, shelters & inspection.	£447.00
	Playground Services	Repairs	£30.00
	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Notice Board	£1,417.20
	Yattendon Estate	Christmas tree	£30.00
	C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£326.47
	HMRC	PAYE	£71.00
iii Other matters.			
i	The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.		
ii	Grant applications received.		
	Small grant scheme.		
	Village Hall.		£500.00
	Hermitage H.S		£250.00
iii	Other.		
	National Trust for help with children's travel costs. Grant forms sent.		

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

Minute 86.

- i** Water usage.
Thames Water are issuing a correct invoice for the period to September.
- ii** Grave space layout.
It was decided to draw a plan of the new area and to number the grave spaces. It was also decided to ask Mr Lawrence to quote for clearing the old compost heaps and levelling the ground. A quote would be sought for a new gate.

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

Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmag.
 NALC – e bulletin November 3rd.
 Boundary Commission for England – consultation until December 5th on proposed boundary changes.
 NALC/CPRE Planning strands detail – first one was “responding to planning applications”.
 BALC – accounts for the year ended March 31 2011.
 Countryside Voice – CPRE newsmag.

Where appropriate the correspondence was placed into circulation.

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

There were no reports.

101 Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no items raised.

102 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday December 15th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.



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Chairman

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Date