

# HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham. Chairman  
Mr D. Brown.  
Mrs M. Goodman  
Mrs F. Groves  
Dr M. Kerry.  
Mr R. Marr.

Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

## 77 Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public.

## 78 Minutes of the last meeting held on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.

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

## 79 Planning.

### Appeal decision.

E09/00198/COUL Stable View, Oare, Hermitage.  
Enforcement notices. **Appeal dismissed.**

### Decisions from the Planning Authority.

11/01025/HOUSE 11, Pinewood Crescent.  
Conservatory **Approval**

### New planning applications.

11/01649/HOUSE 12, Dines Way, Hermitage.  
Extension **No objections**

## 80 Date of the next meeting.

Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

  
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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr Q. Webb.	District Councillor.
Mr C.W. Goudge	Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

#### **77 Public Forum.**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **78 Apologies for absence.**

Mr Willis and Mr Pask had tendered apologies for absence.

#### **79 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

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

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

- i Housing needs survey.  
It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.
- ii Website.  
The general look of the site was discussed.  
It was decided to put the words suggested by Mrs Goodman on the front page as a draft, and both front pages will be shown for member's decision. It was decided to finally decide the content and layout after Members had looked at the present site and to bring this to the next meeting as an agenda item.
- iii Notice board.  
A quote for installation is being sought.
- iv Village Vision.  
The Plan is in the process of being collated.

- v Vacancy for a Councillor.  
It was proposed by Mrs Willis and seconded by Mr Burgess that Mr T. Robinson be elected by co-option to the Council. The proposition was approved unanimously.  
It was also decided to write to Mrs Cunningham and formally note the Council's appreciation for all Mrs Cunningham's hard work and interest while a Councillor.

#### 81 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

- The Development Plan will be shortly submitted to the Inspector.
- The budget is under review and looks like being achieved after a struggle.
- The Parish Conference this month was a full to capacity.
- The fortnightly rubbish collection and recycling collection is in line with Government policy.

Mr Brown and Mrs Willis had reservations about the way the collection is being handled, having been changed from weekly to fortnightly hastily. Mr Marr pointed out that there are ongoing planning problems for the proposed new Village Hall. Mr Webb suggested getting in touch with the Case Officer at WBC.

#### 82 Planning.

##### Decisions from the Planning Authority

11/01106/HOUSE	Gable House, Hermitage Retrospective alterations.	Approval
11/01594/HOUSE	Trecangate, Hermitage. Porch, Workshop etc	Approval.

##### New planning applications

There have been no new planning applications.

##### Amended plans.

11/00446/FUL	New Village Hall, Hermitage. Elevation amendments.
11/01594/HOUSE	Trecangate, Hermitage Amended elevations, balcony etc.

**The Council noted the amended plans without further comment.**

##### Other matters

- i Taylor Wimpey & Miller Homes.  
Former Cementation site.  
The proposed plans were discussed. It was decided to submit comments directly to Taylor Wimpey.
- ii WBAGI.  
There were no further comments.

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- iii Grundon.  
There was a public meeting about the Chievely site today at Donnington Hall, and the plans are now available on the Grundon website.  
It was decided to précis useful information from the meeting for the next Council meeting.

**83 Highways.**

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

Minute 69.

- i Salt bin.  
This has been installed.

**New matters.**

- i WBC Rights of Way.  
WBC is asking Councils to participate in improvement programmes and to make contributions. The Council noted the proposal.

**84 Environment.**

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

Minute 70.

- i Pinewood play area.  
It was decided to replace the worn part of the slide and to accept the quotation of £1,650 inc VAT.
- ii Litter bins.  
It was decided to buy a bin and to have quotes for the next meeting.
- iii Allotments.  
This is making progress and is ongoing.
- iv Dog bins.  
WBC has not been emptying the bins regularly. It was decided to find out the timetable and to ask WBC to catch up.
- v Village Hall.  
The recent public meeting organised by the Village Hall Management Committee voted in favour of allowing the Committee to sell the site of the present Hall and to proceed with plans for a new Village Hall.  
Planning consent is in process.
- vi Tennis courts.  
Mr Marr has given drawings of a possible layout to WBC.
- vii Football pitch.  
The usage and upkeep of the pitch is being discussed with WBC. Mr Marr reported that there had been litter on the pitch.
- viii AONB.  
It was decided to state formally that Council policy is to recognise and appreciate the benefits of living in an AONB.

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**New matters.**

- i Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant.  
There was a meeting at Dennison Barracks and a brief report prepared. The Village Hall Management Committee will seek to redress the impression that Service personnel are banned from booking the Village Hall.

**85 Finance.**

- i Receipts
 

West Berkshire Council	Rates rebate	£10.56
West Berkshire Council	50% Precept	£13,000.00
  
- ii Payments authorised.
 

F.C.Lawrence	Grass, bus shelter & repairs	£838.00
HMRC	PAYE	£71.00
Mazars	External audit to March 2011	£342.00
Playground Services	Pinewood play area repairs	£576.00
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£330.80
  
- iii Other matters.
  - i The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
  - ii The external audit has been completed with a clear certificate.
  - ii Grant applications.  
It was decided to extend the date for receiving applications to the end of November. The regime will be kept under review and adjustments could be made if experience shows them to be needed.
  - iii The Royal British Legion has acknowledged the donation to funds of £50.

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

## Minute 72.

- i Gate.  
This is being repaired.
- ii Water usage.  
It was decided to have the meter read and get in touch with Thames Water.
- iii Grave purchase request.  
It was decided to agree to the request from Mr Cook for the purchase of a grave site.

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

BALC – AGM on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Grazeley.

BAYCP – Parish Councillor course for involvement with Youth. One day a month for three months.



Jubilee Beacons – purchase and lighting of beacons for celebrations. Typical beacon cost £299.

National Trust – Newbury & District – fundraising to cover the cost of school children’s travel costs to a National trust site.

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

The assumption of roles by Councillors will be an agenda item for the next meeting. The nomination for the Young Person of the year is being pursued.

**89 Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**



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Chairman

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Date