

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham. Chairman  
Mr D. Brown.  
Mr R. Burgess.  
Dr M. Kerry.  
Dr J. Lawler.  
Mr R. Marr.

Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk

There were two members of the public.

- 64 Public forum.**  
*The application for Trecangate is purely for a hobby workshop and not a workshop to be used for a business.*
- 65 Apologies for absence.**  
Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Groves, Mrs Willis and Mr Willis had tendered apologies for absence.
- 66 Minutes of the last meeting held on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.**  
The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.
- 67 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**  
Minute 52.  
i Housing needs survey.  
The forms for a survey are not yet available.
- Minute 53.  
i Hermitage Parish status within the AONB.  
A strong statement commenting on the AONB constraints and benefits will be part of the Village Vision Plan to be published in the New Year.
- ii Village website.  
The suggested alterations were noted.  
It was decided to take this forward with a small Working Party formed of Dr Lawler and Dr Kerry.
- iii Notice Board.  
It was decided to accept the quotation for a notice board at Forest Edge from Woolmer for the sum of £1,181 plus VAT. It was also decided to purchase a board for the Park. This is ongoing.  
Funding had been obtained from WBC from the old Parish Plan for such a project, and it was decided to see if further funding is available.
- iv Village Vision.  
This is being completed for aims and actions. It will be ready for acceptance by this Council in the late Autumn, so that it may be supported and then be presented to WBC.

68 **Planning.****Appeal decision.**

10/02551/HOUSE & 10/02552/lbc      Mayflower barn, Hermitage.  
Rooflights & window.

**The Appeal is dismissed.**

**Decisions from the Planning Authority**

11/01104/HOUSE	Roselands, High Street. Extension	<b>Approval</b>
11/01018/FULD	Southwood, Yattendon Road. Replacement of outbuildings with a new bungalow.	<b>Refusal.</b>

**New planning applications.**

11/0 1325/FUL	Yasmine, Yattendon Road. Demolition and replacement.	<b>Objections.</b>
	<b>Building materials include cladding which is discouraged in the Village Design Statement 1.4.3</b>	

11/01594/HOUSE	Trecangate, Deacons lane. Extension and workshop	<b>Objections</b>
	<b>Boundary distance is below recommendations. Rear balcony overlooks adjoin properties. Western end would be better gabled VDS 1.4.2 Velux windows should be above head height to minimise overlooking.</b>	

11/01742/HOUSE	1, Reigate Villas, Yattendon Road. Extension.	<b>No objections</b>
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**Other matters.**

- i      Lawrence farm site.  
The complaint about vehicles parking at the Village Hall has been resolved and the vehicles moved.
- ii     WBAGI.  
There is a meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Any comments will be brought to the next Council meeting.
- iii    WBC Developer contributions.  
The changes to the regime were noted.
- iv     S.106 contributions for Open Spaces.  
The analysis of monies available for the Parish was noted.

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

Minute 56.

- i Salt bin.  
Highways have not installed the bin and it was decided to urge them to do so.
- ii Wellhouse Lane name signs.  
These four signs have been installed.

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

Minute 57.

- i Pinewood play area.  
It was decided to accept both the estimate for the Pull Up ramp of £1,170 plus VAT and the estimate for general repairs of £480 plus VAT.
- ii Litter bins.  
This is ongoing.
- iii Allotments.  
Enquiries are being made about aspects of the possible site.
- iv Dog bins.  
One bin has not been put in the right place and it was decided to ask WBC to move it.
- v Hermitage Village hall.  
The Planning application is approaching decision time by WBC.  
There is a public meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall, in accordance with the Trust Deed, so that formal approval may be sought to sell the site of the existing Village Hall.
- vi Football pitch.  
The goal posts have been installed.  
It appears that teams sanctioned by WBC will start to use the pitch regularly.  
It was decided to keep the Football Club informed of any future development.

**New matters.**

- i Tennis courts.  
There is a suggestion that tennis courts, in the form of a multi play area, should be built by the new Village Hall site. An informal estimate of £45k had been obtained for two courts. It was decided to ask the views of WBC on ground ownership and location.

**71 Finance.**

i	Receipts		
	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£1,866.28.
ii	Payments authorised.		
	F.C.Lawrence	Grasscutting & maintenance	£447.00
	Digley Associates	Playground inspection	£48.00
	C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£391.89

HMRC	PAYE	£71.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath grant	£50.00
Ms R. Cottingham	Village walk teas	£18.32

- iii Other matters.
  - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
  - ii The Finance Working Party report was noted.
  - iii It was decided to deposit £30k for three months with Lloyds TSB, rather than the present £50k, at the rollover date of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv The formal grant application procedure was discussed. It was decided by a majority that the forms and explanations provided by Dr Lawler should be adopted. The Clerk was asked to adapt any draft wording to make it specific for this Council.

## 72 Burial Ground.

- i Burial Ground gate.  
It was decided to ask the path contractors to adjust the gate properly, as it appears to have been damaged during the path renovation.
- ii Grave request.  
A request had been received from Mr Cook for a grave plot reservation. It was agreed to offer a plot.

## 73 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

NALC – E-bulletin.  
 WBC - Junior Citizen of the Year award – nominations by November 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 NALC - LCR newsmag  
 WBC – Code of conduct training.  
 WBC – Invitation to a consultation on the redevelopment of West Berkshire Museum.

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

There were no reports.

## 75 Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mr Burgess reported the wheelbarrow debris in the Woods.

Dr Kerry suggested tracking planning applications for those sites close to the Parish, which would materially affect the Parish, because WBC did not always provide these.

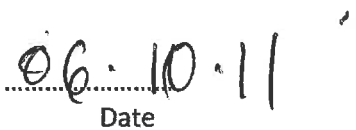
Mr Marr asked what Council is planning to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. This would be ongoing.

The Chairman asked that Council make a donation to the Royal British Legion in good time for Remembrance Sunday. This was agreed in the sum of £50.  
Councillor's roles would be an agenda item for the next meeting.  
Christmas lights need consideration now in good time for December.  
There is pavement parking in front of the Old Rectory which causes pedestrians, possibly with children, to walk in the road. It was noted that this should be reported to the Police at the time.

**76 Date of the next meeting.**

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

  
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Chairman

  
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