

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Present.**

Ms R Cottingham	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman.	Vice-Chairman.
Mrs J. Cunningham.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

Three members of the public.

**47. Public participation.**

*There is a useful drain leaflet which defines riparian owner responsibilities.  
Could the very small piece of grass in Bryant's Piece be cut regularly by the Council, as it appears WBC only cuts it on occasions.*  
It was decided to investigate this.

**48. Western Area Youth Worker Team.**

The Chairman welcomed Ian Paine, the Manager for the Western Area and ....? Allie who is a Senior Youth Worker. Lauren McKinnon sent her apologies for being unable to attend. The Area team consists of a staff of four, who have to work in pairs. Two workers have been out to meet some of the Hermitage youth, and this does seem to have had very positive results.

An idea had come forward for a mobile skate park under the auspices of the Western Area., which could fit into a van and then into a small ground space. The estimated cost is about £200, as it would be deliberately not long lasting.

It is thought that this might fit into a part of School, and would certainly be an interesting concept to take into the Parish Plan refresh routine.

The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks for the team's positive views and forward looking ideas.

**49. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Allum, Dr Kerry and Mr Webb.

**50. Minutes of the last meeting held on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

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

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

Minute 33.

- i Lime tree.  
The shoots have been trimmed.
- ii Parish Plan.

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Ten people have expressed interest in being involved with a Plan refresh. There is a public presentation on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**52. The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.**

A report was not presented.

**53. Planning.**

**Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

		<b>Decision</b>
09/01030/HOUSE	Clairewood, Hampstead Norreys Road. Extension	<b>Approval</b>
09/01092/HOUSE	Cotswold, Deacons Lane. Extension.	<b>Approval</b>
09/01127/HOUSE	Stronvar House, Manor Lane. Extension	<b>Withdrawn</b>

**New planning applications.**

There were no new planning applications.

**Other matters**

- i WBC Housing grants for empty homes assistance.  
The grant regime was noted.

**54. Highways.**

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

Minute 39.

- i Yattendon Road hedges.  
Letters and leaflets had been sent where it was felt hedges might become intrusive.
- ii Footway works on the High Street.  
A letter is expected from WBC to residents along the High Street. It was decided to remind WBC that this appears overdue.
- iii Marlston Bridge.  
There has been very significant work carried out by Highways. The speed sign has yet to be moved.
- iv Clear Streets policy.  
The next NAG meeting is on September 2<sup>nd</sup> when this will be pursued. There seem to have been less parking problems in Forest Edge. It was noted that temporary obstructive parking will be reported to the Police.
- v Flashing lights.  
The lights now work.

**55. Environment.**

**Matters arising from the last meeting.**

Minute 40.

- i Allotments.  
An enquiry was made of Eling Estates for allotment land. The Estate has replied that there is no spare suitable land.

- ii Pinewood Play Area.  
Estimates have been requested for perceived repairs to play equipment.  
It was decided to put the question of providing dog bins on the next Agenda.  
It was also decided to look at the provision of a rail and post fence behind the goal posts.  
The possibility of a stile for limited access is under investigation.  
There had been no reports of wilful damage since the last meeting.
- iii Football pitch.  
It was decided to ask Stewart Souden to open the football area for use by local youth.
- iv BAYCP.  
The events were felt to be excellent, and it was a pity that attendance was so small.  
The advertising is not being effective and it was decided to talk to BAYCP about this and more missionary work.
- v Village Hall Working Party.  
The HVHMC is going forward with a planning application for the new Village Hall site. It is felt that real progress could be made when approval has been received.

#### New matters

- i Bulb and flowers in the Village.  
It was decided to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

#### 56. Finance.

i	Receipts	Bank of Scotland	Interest	£3.93
	HMRC	VAT reclaim 08 / 09		£82.83
ii	Payments authorised.			
	F.C.Lawrence	Grass and shelter		£394.46
	Digley Associates	Playground inspection		£51.75
	Mortimer West End P.C.	Stationery & computer		£68.64
	Bradfield P.C.	Copier		£55.00
	C.W.Goudge	Salary and exes	August	£400.58
iii	Other matters.			
	i	The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.		

#### 57. Burial Ground.

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

Minute 42.

- i Burial spaces.  
It was decided to follow up with the Registrar.

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

- WBC – District Parish Conference September 9<sup>th</sup>. No location has been stated.
- WBC - Yearbook 2009 / 2010
- WBC - West Berkshire funding fair September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- BALC - update newsletter
- HSE - Play area safety issues, including “natural play spaces”.
- HSE - Response to question asked about HSE for a Parish Walk.

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BRO - Berkshire Record Office newsletter.

IOG - Saltex – grounds care at Windsor racecourse September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

NALC –Parish Polls updated briefing note.

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

It was requested that the British Rail Residuary Board be asked to fence up both sides of the Chapel Lane bridge to prevent injury which might result in access to the area under the bridge.

In response to a query, there appears to be no further development of the Lawrence machinery site.

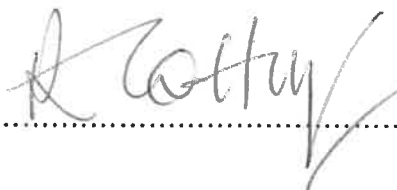
**60. Items to be raised by Councillors.**

There is an event to be organised by the Pang Valley Project, under the auspices of Mr Greenaway.

The Village walk will take place on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm.

**61. Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

  
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Chairman

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Date