

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2009.

**Present.**

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

There were no members of the public present.

**104. Public participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

**105. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Cunningham, Mr Allum and Mr Webb.

**106. Minutes of the last meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

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

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

Minute 93.

- i Parish Plan.  
There had been an informal discussion about general matters with some of the Working Group members.
- ii Parish Council records.  
This is ongoing.

**108. The report of the West Berkshire District Councillor.**

An apology for absence had been received from Mr Webb.

**109. Planning.**

**Decision from the Planning Authority.**

09/01918/HOUSE

12, Kiln Close, Hermitage.  
Extension.

**Decision**

**Approval**

**New planning applications.**

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| 09/01295/FUL   | Bradfield House, Scratchface Lane.<br>Garage replacement.             |
| 09/01668/HOUSE | Bradfield House, Scratchface Lane<br>Extension and new entrance door. |
| 09/02365/FUL   | 61, Hermitage Green, Hermitage.<br>Conservatory                       |

**The Council returned “no objections “ to these three applications.**

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| 09/02205/FUL | The Old Telephone Exchange, Long Lane.<br>Temporary structures and new access. |
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**The Council objected to this application for the following reasons.**

1. **These units would be an eyesore in an AONB.**
2. **They would be very visible in a residential area from the road.**
3. **Impact very badly on the neighbourhood street scene.**
4. **The units would be nominally moveable but are not amenable for any period to the vernacular.**
5. **The units are not suitable as accommodation for a business.**
6. **The proposed floodlights are intrusive in a residential neighbourhood and would provide a high level of light pollution.**

**110. Highways.**

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

**Minute 96.**

- i Footpath from the Village Hall to the butcher’s shop.  
It was decided to refer this to WBC for inclusion in the Rolling Capital Programme.
- ii Hedges.  
There has been significant trimming but none in Deacon’s Lane. It was decided to write to the owners with a leaflet pamphlet.
- iii High street works.  
There had been an assessment by WBC. The reflector strips on the bollards may need alteration and this would be reviewed.
- iv Marlston bridge.  
The traffic sign has been moved and the flow is much better. The spare post should be removed.
- v Speed limit survey.  
This would be carried out in the New Year by WBC.
- vi Speed roundals.  
It was decided to produce a map showing the proposed locations and ask WBC to implement them.

**New matters**

- i Grit bin.  
A resident requested a grit bin to be placed at Hermitage Green. At the moment this would have to be progressed through Banner Homes, and it was decided to write and inform the resident.

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

Minute 97.

- i Pinewood play area.  
Activity has quietened down, though there are some groups at night.
- ii Football pitch.  
It was decided to ask WBC for a definite date when WBC would adopt the pitch and ensure the criteria required of Banner Homes have been met.
- iii Bulbs and flowers.  
This will be ongoing through the year.
- iv Hermitage Green playground tree planting and equipment.  
This has not yet been adopted and is the responsibility of Banner Homes.
- v Stile.  
This is being organised.
- vi Bus stop litter bin.  
WBC have been asked to move the bin.

**112. Finance.**

- i Receipts
 

Bank of Scotland	Interest	£1.11
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- ii Payments by Direct debit.
 

Public Works Loan Board	Half year.	£72.07
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- iii Payments authorised.
 

F.C.Lawrence	Grass and shelters	£375.75
Thames Water	Burial ground	£7.26
Zurich Insurance	Additional playground & fidelity cover	£353.55
R. Cottingham	Tree lights	£66.64
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£380.04
- iv Other matters.
  - i The following grants were approved for payment after the APA.
 

West Berkshire Youth Service	£3,000
Hermitage PreSchool playgroup	£1,000
Hermitage Village Hall	£250
Holy Trinity Church Newsletter	£1,000
Hermitage Horticultural Society	£125
Hermitage Scouts	£900
Hermitage Pre-School & <i>Warrant Wymon CWB</i>	£1,000

 Conditions are to be attached to certain grants.
  - ii The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
  - iii The Precept for the coming year was set at £26,000, unaltered from the current year.

**113. Burial Ground.**

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

Minute 99.

- i Consecration.  
The Bishop of Oxford consecrated additional land on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ii Interment.  
An interment took place on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New matters.**

- i Request for a memorial tablet.  
It was decided to allow a memorial tablet measuring 18" x 12" and to alter the Burial Ground rules accordingly.

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

Thames Valley Police – Christmas crime menu and crimestoppers poster.  
LCR- NALC review periodical  
WBC – Scrutiny review of facilities for young people.  
CPRE – newsletter.  
Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter with extracts from concerns about Travellers' sites.

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


Dr Kerry had attended a meeting of the Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee, when there was a general discussion as to strategy for the future.

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

Mrs Willis wished to explore the possibility of a Youth Shelter for Pinewood Park.  
There is a need for moveable goal post equipment, and it was decided to obtain quotes for this.  
The question of a property access to Chapel Lane would also be pursued.

**117. Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

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Chairman

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