

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 17th 2008.

Present.

Mr D. Brown.	Chairman
Mr R. Allum	
Ms R Cottingham.	
Mrs M. Goodman.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mr B. Jennings.	
Mr R Rodgers	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr Q Webb.	District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

Five members of the public.

29. Public Forum.

There has not been written confirmation of the public meeting to be held on August 1st. There appears to have been poor communication between WBC and their delivery contractors.

Whatever happens at the meeting there should be safe passage for children going to School.

The new recycling bins have been poorly distributed and little information provided as to their use.

WBC have indicated that the ditch that runs parallel to the High Street is redundant. The building work at the Old Vicarage site is continuing even though the Section 73 application is still undecided.

It was noticed that the new 30mph signs in Long Lane have been put up and then taken down by WBC. There also appears to have been a flashing sign attached to a lamppost. The position of the VAS sign appears to be incongruous.

The Council would ask again that the sign be moved to the position that the Council has already suggested.

30. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Mr Frost and Mr Miller.

31. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 19th.

The minutes had been circulated.

It was requested that the number of the public in attendance should be altered to four. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

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

No matters were raised.

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33. The report of the District Councillor.

Mr Webb reported that the matter of the signs and post by the white gates at the Village entrance had been taken up with WBC.

Mr Webb would be available for comment on any other matters as the meeting progressed.

34. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority

		Decision
08/00754/HOUSE	Pinewood Cottage, Chapel Lane. Fence to front boundary.	Approval

New planning applications.

08/00187/HOUSE	35, Dines Way, Hermitage. Two storey side extension
08/00417/FUL	Sancta Maria del la Grotto Renewal of approval for dwelling

The Council returned "no objections" to the two applications above.

08/00995/FUL	Redlands, Yattendon Road. Replace UPVC structure at side with aluminium structure.
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The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.

- 1 The new structure is out of keeping with the house itself both in terms of design and window style.**
- 2 The structure does not fit into the style of houses in the locality.**

08/01066/HOUSE	1, Stretcher Drive, Hermitage. Demolish part of wall & erect new fence
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The Council objected to this application on the following grounds.

- 1 Brick walls predominate in this area and the proposed structure is out of keeping with the street scene.**

08/01257/FULD	Land adjacent to the Old Vicarage. Section 73 variations
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The Council objected to this application on the following grounds.

- 1 All the preconditions attached to the approved application should have been observed before building started.**
- 2 The builder has carried on construction before this application was submitted. The Council does not believe the preconditions should be relaxed.**

Other matters.

i S.106 funds.

There need to be clear objectives in approving the drawings for the new football pitch and a time frame for levelling and seeding.

The Council will discuss with Mr Souden from WBC about any arrangements which might be relevant regarding the ownership of the new football pitch when it has been completed. The Council is conscious of the major decision to be taken if this Council wishes to assume ownership of the pitch and the open space.

- The Council also needs to draw up a scheme for the open spaces in the Parish, so that S.106 monies may be used effectively.
- ii Lawrence equipment site.
It is reported that the buildings are to be let.
 - iii Parish Plan.
At a meeting which discussed the refreshing of the existing Parish Plan there was also an examination of the ways in which S.106 monies might be used in connection with the building of the new Village Hall, which may be realised in stages.
 - iv Football pitch.
Miller Homes wish to discuss matters with the Council. A meeting is to take place between Miller Homes' Technical Director, Planning and representatives of this Council. The present plan is to sow grass this Autumn and to hand over the pitch in the Spring of next year. The matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
 - v Denison Barracks.
There is nothing further to report. The Council will contact Chieveley P.C. regarding a meeting date between this Council, Cold Ash and Chieveley P.C's.
 - vi WBC Planning registration.
The note from Gary Lugg of WBC regarding the temporary slow down in planning application registrations was noted.

35. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 22.

- i Widening of the footway in the High Street.
Jon Winstanley would be meeting a small group of Parishioners who could not attend the August 1st meeting to tell them of any new proposals. The group did not wish for a representative of the Council to be present.
- ii Manor Lane.
It was decided to ask Chieveley Parish Council for information about actions which they may have taken in regard to Manor Lane.
- iii Marlston Bridge.
There has been no response from Highways to the letter of May 23rd. It was decided to remind WBC Highways and to contact the Chief Executive about the matter.
- iv No parking signs.
This is in hand.

New matters.

- i Footpath maintenance.
Two Parishioners have reported that there is excess hedge growth on two footpaths. It was decided to inform the Rights of Way officer.

36. Environmental

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 23.

- i Notice boards.
This is ongoing.



- ii School access.
There have been discussions with the School Governors about the restriction which has been imposed upon public access to the fields, which had previously been used freely.
School will allow supervised group play activity under certain circumstances.
It was decided to see whether the area had ever been designated an open public space.
It was also decided to see whether the Council is duty bound, or has the right, to appoint a Governor to the School. This would be an Agenda item for the next meeting.
- iii Hermitage green play area.
This had already been discussed.
- iv Play area inspection.
A quote has been received for £35 for trimming and this was accepted. A sign will be bought for the gate. When hedges do need trimming Mr Lawrence will quote. There are some maintenance matters which need attention.
A quote will also be obtained for felling an old tree.
There are supply cables on a post which may need better protection and this would be investigated.

New matters.

- i Communication channels.
It was decided to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting, allowing time to examine and comment on the project scope perception produced as a spreadsheet for this meeting.
- ii BT realignment of telephone boxes.
BT intend to cull a number of boxes. There is no impact on this Parish.

37. Finance.

- i Receipts.

Bank of Scotland	Interest	June	£130.93
Camp Hopson	Interment		£275.00
- ii Payments authorised.

Mr Brown	Meeting expenses	£17.67
Thames Water	Burial Ground	£1.53
F.C.Lawrence	Grass & Maintenance	£643.18
C.W.Goudge.	Salary & Exes	£373.73
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.

38. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 25.

- i Grave spaces and expansion of the Burial ground.
The Registrar has indicated that, for the consecration of additional land, proof of ownership is required together with planning permission for change of use. Both these matters will now be taken forward.
- ii Water supply valve.
Thames Water have been asked to look at their supply valve.

New matters.

i Grave marker.

It was decided to accept the design put forward by Mrs Pounds to mark Mr Pound's grave.

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

Community Furniture project – annual review 06 / 07.
North Wessex Downs – funding for Group schemes.
LCR – newsletter.
Thames Valley Police – become a Special Constable.
CPRE – Countryside Voice.
Clerks & Councils Direct - newsletter.
CCB – newsletter.

40. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Volunteers have undertaken to provide the Parish Walk refreshments.

Streetcare have been contacted about the potholes in Yattendon Road. Mr Webb has alerted Highways as well.

It was requested that the Parish plan be noted as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr Webb was asked whether, when the highway is dug up by a utility company and subsequently collapses, who repairs the road. Mr Webb said that it is the utility company's responsibility.

Display boards would be a useful asset for the Council to be able to show planning applications before the Council meeting. It was decided to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

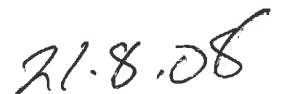
Mr Webb had been informed about the coming meeting between Jon Winstanley and a private group to discuss issues connected with widening the footpath in the High Street. Mr Webb understood that this would be a meeting to discuss technical points and not a policy discussion.

41. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday August 21st at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.



Chairman



Date