

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 16<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
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Five members of the public.

### 33. Public participation.

*Mrs Turvey has not retired.*

*The ditch at the left hand side of the Church was looked after by the Vicarage – is it now the responsibility of WBC.*

It was decided to investigate and review this at the next meeting.

*There is a lime tree which is shooting from the base and needs trimming. This would be trimmed privately.*

*When is there to be a traffic survey.*

The Council has asked for this and will remind the surveyors.

*PCSO priorities will be raised at the next NAG and Hermitage will be looked at.*

*The 91k of S.106 money allocated for the Village Hall must be used within five years or there is a danger of losing it.*

The Council would mention this to the Village Hall Management Committee.

*Parking on the pavements in the Parish will become more prevalent with increased developments. Should this be used as base for resisting other encroachments.*

### 34. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mr Allum, Dr Kerry, Mr Pask and Mr Webb.

### 35. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The minutes had been circulated. An amendment was requested to Minute 19.

“Mrs Turvey.....is to retire” The words “is to retire” to be deleted.

With this amendment the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

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

Minute 19.

i The letter of thanks to Mrs Turvey was noted.

ii It was reported that the delivery of the notice boards is running late.



**37. The report of the District Councillor.**

Apologies had been received from the two District Councillors.

**38. Planning.**

**Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

No decisions have been received.

**New planning applications.**

09/1092/HOUSE	Cotswold, Deacons Lane. Extension and porch roof.
09/01127/HOUSE	Stronvar House, Manor Lane. Rear extension

**The Council returned "no objections" to these two applications.**

09/01258/FULD	Land at rear of Polperro. Detached dwelling.
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**The Council reiterated the objections presented as 09/00781/FULD.**

**Adjoining Parishes.**

09/01158/FULD	The Cottage, Fifield Farm. Covered swimming pool.
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**The Council returned "no objections" to this application.**

**Other matters.**

- i WBC Core Strategy.  
The study of this is ongoing.
- ii S.106 funding.  
It was decided to chase WBC for funds shown as collected and available under Open Spaces.
- iii Southwood TPO.  
The Tree Officer has confirmed that action will be taken against the apparent infringement.
- iv Dennison barracks.  
A meeting with Chieveley Parish Council has been mooted for September.
- v S.73 conditions.  
A reply has not been received to date, and Gary Lugg has been reminded.

**39. Highways.**

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

**Minute 19.**

- i Yattendon Road hedges.  
It was decided to write and enclose hedge leaflets for those properties with perceived hedge problems.



Minute 25.

- i Footway works on the High Street.  
The correspondence from Jon Winstanley was noted. It is expected that the letter from WBC to residents informing them of the proposed scheme will be sent after Jon Winstanley returns from holiday.
- ii Marlston bridge.  
Some work had been carried out. The situation would be monitored.
- iii Outlying Areas – Clear Streets.  
NAG has been informed about two particular “hot spots” in the Village. It was suggested to ask PC Simon Easton to put a newsletter in the Parish magazine highlighting such issues.
- iv Flashing lights.  
The previously installed pole, without lights, has now been replaced with a bigger pole without lights.

**40. Enviroment matters.**

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

Minute 26.


- i Allotments.  
Local Landowners have been approached without success. It was decided to see if Eling Estate has any spare land.
- ii Pinewood play area.
  - i The report from Digley Associates.  
The report shows most equipment to be low risk. There is some minor repair work to see to and it was decided to ask Playground Services for an estimate to do this. It was suggested that a stile is installed, and that the Council should write to the two residents in adjoining properties who might be concerned before going further.
  - ii Wilful damage.  
It was reported that there had been wilful damage to a tree, and this should be photographed and reported to the next NAG meeting. Fencing behind the goalpost is also damaged frequently. It might be as well to consider a more sturdy construction.
- iii Football pitch.  
Stewart Souden is chasing Miller Homes so that the pitch may be put into a condition to be handed over to WBC.
- iv Outreach work.  
This is being progressed.

**New matters.**

- i BAYCP.  
School would support BAYCP in providing recreational days for children on School land, but there is a problem of opening and closing the ground securely. It was decided that two Councillors will take this on.
- ii Village Hall Working Party.  
This has been arranged for July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- iii Pang Valley Project.  
It was decided to write in support of the Project in September.

**41. Finance.**

- i Receipts  
Grave inscription fees

 £75.00

	Bank of Scotland	Interest	£4.06
ii	Payments authorised.		
	F.C.Lawrence	Grass & shelters	£375.75
	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Notice boards	£2,731.83
	C.W.Goudge	Salary July	£387.77
iii	Other matters		
	i	The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.	
	ii	There have been thank you letters for grants from – BAYCP Pre-School playgroup. Mr Greenaway. Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee.	
	iii	The Finance W.P. inspected the Bank Statements.	

### 7. <sup>42</sup> Burial Ground.

#### Matters arising from the last meeting.

- i Grave spaces.  
A reply is awaited from the Bishop.

### 11. <sup>43</sup> Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

WBC – Community & Emergency Response Plan – Template.  
 WBC – Guide to developing a Community Emergency Plan.  
 WBC - Snelsmore Common – Newsletter.  
 WBC – Dealing with the downturn - event at Thatcham July 31<sup>st</sup>.  
 WBC – West Berkshire Heritage Forum – from the West Berkshire Museum –  
 meeting to discuss setting up a Forum July 29<sup>th</sup>.  
 NHS - Stop germs – wash your hands.  
 NHS – Germs spread – use tissues.  
 WBC – Summer action packs available at the Wharf in Newbury  
 WBC – Revealing portraits exhibition at the Wharf, Newbury.  
 BALC – Training needs assessment – Training Partnership.  
 Clerks & Councils Direct – monthly news.  
 LCR - Summer news bulletin.

### 12. <sup>44</sup> Reports from Parish Council Representatives who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman had attended a meeting under the auspices of the Cold Ash Greening Committee, and discussed the subjects raised.

### 13. <sup>45</sup> Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no further items raised by Councillors.

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14. <sup>46</sup> Date of the next meeting.

Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

The meeting closed at approximately 20.50 hrs.



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Chairman

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Date