

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18th 2010.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham

Mrs M. Goodman.

Mr R. Allum.

Mrs J. Cunningham.

Mrs F. Groves.

Dr. M. Kerry.

Mrs K. Willis

Chairman

Vice-Chairman.

Mr G. Pask

Mr C.W.Goudge

District Councillor.

Clerk

There were ten members of the public present.

146. Newbury Outdoor Academy.

The Chairman welcomed Mr David Hopper.

The Academy provides all sorts of outside activities, working on social interaction. Their own kit is transported in appropriate vehicles. It might be sensible to talk to any group of Youth in the Village and ask them what they would like to do. The amount of £3,000 would probably fund about 10 visits, but depending very much on what is decided.

The Council's overall idea is to give youngsters a life within the Village. The older teen agers meet in the park and there is nothing for them. Maybe a kick start would be a weekend activity, possibly linking with Cold Ash.

147. Public participation.

A member of the public wished to raise the question of the Thistledown application, no 10/0017 3/FULD.

HERE MRS GROVES AND DR KERRY DECLARED PERSONAL INTERESTS AND LEFT THE MEETING.

The Council considered the comments and observations which the Council's Planning Working Party had put forward and decided to object to the application. The Planning Working Party comments would form the basis of the Council's objection and these would be emailed tomorrow to the Planning Officer concerned with the application. The application is to be considered by the West Berkshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee on Wednesday, following the site visit this week, and comments and observations will be accepted up to next Tuesday. The Chairman would represent the Council at the Committee meeting. The public had nothing to add to the comments which the Council would be submitting.

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HERE MRS GROVES AND DR KERRY REJOINED THE MEETING.

A member of the public -wished to raise objections to the application for Southwood.

10/00399/FULD

Southwood, Yattendon Road, Hermitage.
Five bedroom detached house.

The Council objected to the application.

The extension to the car parking at Chieveley Surgery became snared in legal problems with WBC Planning Department. The Surgery is now considering putting in an application for the use of an extended carpark by staff at the Surgery. This Council will be kept up to date with any developments.

148. Apologies for absence.

There was an apology for absence from Mr Webb.

149. Minutes of the last meeting held on February 18th 2010.

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

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

Minute 135.

i Parish Plan.

It was decided to make a grant of £500 as seed money for the Village Vision Group.
A further £500 would be available in the next financial year.

151. Report of the District Councillor.

Mr Pask said that the Highways budget has been prioritised so that the worst affected roads will be repaired first. Potholes should always be reported to Streetcare right away.

Is it possible to sweep the road.

Highways do not always sweep as many times as one would like, but if there is a problem contact Streetcare.

What is the litter pick routine. Slanting Hill is well littered, though some is in private land.

The picks do get done, but maybe not very frequently.

152. Planning.

Appeal decision.

09/0125 8/FULD

Land to rear of Polperro.
Detached dwelling.

**Decision
Appeal
dismissed.**

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New planning applications.

10/00173/FULD Thistledown and land to the rear of five houses
Four detached and two semidetached houses.

10/00399/FULD Southwood, Yattendon Road.
Five bedroom detached house and garage

The Council objected to these two applications. The Council's observations are attached to these minutes.

10/00308/HOUSE Oakwood, Slanting Hill.
Detached double garage and garden store.
10/00480/HOUSE 26, Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage.
Conservatory.

Amended plans.

10/00150/HOUSE The Bam, Marlston Hermitage.
Covered swimming pool.

The Council returned "no objections" to these three applications.

Other matters.

- i WBC Local Development Framework Core Strategy proposals.
It was decided to comment to WBC, with a relevant statement about Dennison Barracks,
- ii Planning Aid South.
The Seminar is fixed for April 8th.
- iii Rural exception site housing.
The Council noted this CCB initiative for affordable housing on exception sites.

153. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 138.

- i Hedges.
Nothing further to report,
- ii High Street bollards.
Mr Pask would ask Highways to look at the bollards,
- iii Marlston bridge.
Works have been completed,
- iv Speed roundals.
This is with WBC.
- v Christmas tree.
It was decided to postpone any planting by the Fox. The Council contractor will have to contact the Utilities before a permanent home could be settled.

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New matters.

- i BT phone box.
It was decided to ask BT to hurry up the box removal,
- ii Traffic surveys.
It is reported that WBC will be carrying out surveys. It was decided to follow this up.
- iii Hermitage Green speed sign.
It was decided to draft a note for WBC asking for the 30mph speed limit be reduced.

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

Minute 139.

- i Pinewood play area.
It was decided to ask Mr Lawrence to repair the side gate.
Playground Services would be contacted to inspect the matting,
- ii Allotments.
There are two neighbourhood farms who will be contacted to see if there is spare land.
- iii Hermitage Green and Forest Edge.
It was reported that the low level lighting promised has not been installed. Mr Pask would tell Highways.
- iv Royal Garden Party.
Two nominations have been sent to BALC for the ballot,
- v Chapel Lane bridge works.
Health and Safety Authority has confirmed that a key to the fence is not mandatory.

155. Finance.

- i Receipts.

Camp Hopson	Burial fees	£30.00
PWLB	Over paid refund	£5.78
- ii Payments authorised.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass & shelters	£375.75
West Berkshire Council	Burial ground rates	£20.35
BALC	Sub 10/11	£257.30
Thames Water	Burial ground water	£7.54
C.W.Goudge	Sal & exes March	£380.04
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.

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156. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i Minute 141.
New path.
Quotes are being obtained. The Council formally thanked Mr Marr for all his work in producing the drawings for the path.

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

North Wessex Downs - newsletter.
NALC - news mag.

158. Reports from Councillors who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

Mrs Willis attended the Downs Youth Network A.G.M.

159. Items to be raised by Councillors.

There were no matters raised.

160. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday April 22nd at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.


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Chairman


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Date