

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH 2009.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman.	Vice-Chairman.
Mrs J. Cunningham.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Dr. M. Kerry.	
Mrs K. Willis.	

Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk
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There were two members of the public present.

76. Public participation.

For the Polperro appeal, will the Secretary of State use the same criteria as WBC.
The appeal will be governed by legal rules which are the same for everyone.

Would it be a good idea to have the Parish Council records open to the public for a day before they are submitted to the Berkshire Record Office.

In 1990 it was decided to send the records to the Record Office, though this did not happen. A decision will be taken about this and the amount of material which is presently stored in the Parish Council room at the Village Hall.

It seems the footway in High Street is being widened, though the hedge is really the problem. What is the final decision about the hedge.

The hedge is being kept back to the boundary, and the widening has been reduced to 300mm as a compromise.

It is proposed to raise a petition in the Village to insist that the hedge is reduced.

It was stressed that taking part in such a petition is outside the Council's remit.

77. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Mr Allum and Mr Webb.

78. Minutes of the last meeting held on September 24th 2009.

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

79. Matters arising from the minutes not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 65.

i Parish Plan.

The Steering Group has met and will met again on November 4th. The launch will be after Christmas, and there could be a piggy-back event relating to the Patronal festival in the Spring. As an adjunct, and as a vehicle for Plan publicity, it was decided to fund a Village Christmas tree purchase up to a cost of £300, including any lights and installation. Plan information would be displayed.

There had been a request for Plan seed money of some £500. This would be considered when the Steering Group had both a Constitution and a Bank account.

- ii Website.
It was decided to fund the purchase by John Lawler of appropriate new software to enable Dr Lawler to bring the website back on line. The suggested cost of the software would be some £50. The domain fee paid by Dr Lawler would also be reimbursed.
- iii Notice board communication.
Notices have been placed on two notice boards stating that the Council draft minutes are available for inspection on the Village shop notice board.

80. The report of the District Councillor.

An apology had been received from Mr Webb.

81. Planning.

Appeal.

09/01258/FULD Land at Polperro, Hampstead Norreys Road.
New house.

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State which will be decided by written statements.

Decision from the Planning Authority.

09/01546/HOUSE

Hedgeways, Deacon lane
New porch

Decision

Approval

New planning applications.

None had been received.

Other matters.

- i Dennison barracks.
There is nothing further to report.
- ii Neighbouring Parish applications.
WBC do have a duty to inform the Council of any adjoining application which might be relevant, and it was decided to ask why the Council had not been notified of the application for the Oare site.
- iii S.106 funding.
Two amounts have been received - £4,736.35 and £352 from Marlston Road developments since 2006.

82. Highways.

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

Minute 68.

- i Hedges.
The hedges in Yattendon Road had been trimmed. It was reported that the Leylandii at Orchard Side in Deacon's Lane should perhaps be trimmed, and it was decided to write to the owners.

- ii High Street works.
These had been discussed earlier. It was decided to inform Highways of the disquiet felt generally by lack of effective communication both with the Village and the Council.
- iii Marlston bridge.
It was decided to again remind WBC to move the traffic sign.
- iv Clear Streets Policy.
WBC have been asked for a view on the legality of pavement parking.

83. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 69.

- i Pinewood play area.
The quotes for repairs by Playground Services in the sum of £ 343.85 inc VAT was accepted.
The Scouts have asked for help with new lighting and are obtaining a quotation. Recent anti-social behaviour had occurred in the Village and it was felt it would be useful to see if Schools could incorporate something into the citizenship curriculum. The PCSO might also mention this at a School visit.
Scouts have asked for consent to allow low level air rifle target practice in the hut. It was decided to ask Scouts for their insurance cover before considering this further.
- ii Football pitch.
This was discussed generally.
- iii Bulbs and flowers.
Mr Gilchrist will be involved with drawing up a plan and Mr Marr will see if the Horticultural Society would help.
It was suggested that householders who would be close to planted beds are approached and see if they would be willing to help in maintenance. Hilliers will not supply bulbs at a good price the moment. Mr Marr said that he might be able to help, which was welcomed by the Council..
- iv Hermitage Green.
Stewart Souden has been asked to expedite the playground completion.

New matters.

- i Flytipping at Forest Edge.
It was decided to inform WBC.
- ii Stile.
Mr Perry is to give a quotation.

84. Finance.

- i Receipts.

Bank of Scotland	Interest	£0.97
West Berkshire	Council Precept 50%	£13,000.00
Church & Co	Ashes interment	£80.00
- ii Payments authorised.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass & bus shelter	£375.75
Fund transfer	B of S to Lloyds	£30,000.00
Mazars	Audit 08/09	£327.75
R.Cottingham	Treasure Hunt costs	£33.59
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£ 380.43

- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii The Annual Return had been completed by the external auditors following the 5% audit check with two comments for the Council to action..
 - i To minute the acceptance of the risk assessment.
 - ii To seek free banking.

85. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 71.

- i Consecration.

It was decided to leave some 10% of the new area unconsecrated.
It was decided to authorise payments up to £200 to provide markers for the consecrated area.
- ii It was decided to allow the interment of ashes into an existing grave for Kirby on November 5th.

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

Sue Ryder care – Nettlebed Hospice data and newsletter.
Pang Valley Project – asking for another letter of support by the end of November.
Police – fireworks posters which will have been placed on two notice boards, plus trick and treat displays to discourage unwanted visitors.
West Berkshire Museum – closed end September to April 1.
Shaw House – Big Draw October 24th – November 1st art and sketching.

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

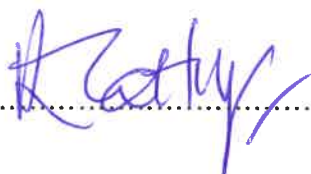
There were no reports.

88. Items to be raised by Councillors.

It was reported that there may be a tenant for the Lawrence site.

89. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday November 19th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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19.11.09
Date