

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24TH 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 no members of the public present.

62. Public participation.

There were no members of the public present.

63. Apologies for absence.

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

64. Minutes of the last meeting held on August 20th 2009.

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

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

Minute 51.

i Parish Plan.

There were twenty five people at the meeting to discuss the refresh on September 17th. Ideas about Village needs were discussed, with a major one being the need for a football field. Ten people were interested in taking it forward in a Steering Group, and the next stage is a meeting on October 8th to follow up. It was felt that the refresh launch needed to be a really well publicised and engineered effort.

ii Website.

This is ongoing.

66. Report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

An apology had been received from Mr Webb.

67. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

09/01197/CERTP	7, Brick Walk, Hermitage. Conservatory
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Decision

Refusal

09/01258/FULD Land at rear of Polperro, Hampstead Norreys Road.
New dwelling **Refusal.**

New planning applications.

09/01546/HOUSE Hedgeways, Deacons lane.
New porch.
09/01696/HOUSE Stronvar House, Manor Lane.
Rear extension
09/01505/HOUSE 7, Brick Walk, Hermitage
Conservatory

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

09/01800/HOUSE 35, Lipscombe Close, Hermitage.
Extension.

The Council objected to the application on the following grounds

- i The extension would be bulky and overbearing.**
- ii The application does not fit the street scene.**
- iii The materials are inappropriate.**

Other matters.

- i S.106 contributions.**
The Council noted the WBC information document on collection and application for funding.
- ii Dennison barracks.**
There is to be a meeting between the Chairman of the three Parishes.

68. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 54.

- i Yattendon Road hedges.**
It was decided to monitor the situation.
- ii High Street footway.**
WBC intend to start work at the end of October. It was decided to ask for details of the plan which is to be adopted.
- iii Marlston Bridge.**
It was decided to remind WBC to move the sign.
- iv Clear Streets Policy.**
This will be discussed at the next NAG meeting in October. It was decided to take up the question of the legality of parking on pavements with WBC.

69. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i Pinewood play area.**
It was decided to accept the quotation of £230 and £69 from Playground Services for the maintenance of the play equipment.
It was decided to ask the Scout Group what they specifically needed in relation to the hut steps.

- ii Football pitch.
The Limited Agency given to Veolia in relation to quotations from Scottish Electricity Board was noted.
It was decided to enquire further what services Sports Matters could provide.
- iii Village Hall Management Committee Working party.
There had been a recent meeting of the Working Party which reviewed progress.
A planning application is to be submitted.
- iv Bulbs and flowers.
It was decided to contact a landscape gardener and possibly Hilliers.

New matters.

- i Hermitage Green play area.
There has been no progress. Stewart Souden will be reminded to push the completion.
- ii Pang Valley Project.
A letter in support of the Project was written to the Chairman, Quentin Webb.
- iii New Councillors seminar.
This has been booked with BALC.
- iv Parish Council records.
There will be a cull of unnecessary records shortly. It was decided to write to the Village Hall Management Committee about the amount of material which has been stored in the Parish Council Room.

70. Finance.

- i Receipts

Bank of Scotland	Interest	£2.78
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- ii Payments authorised.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass & shelters	£375.75
BALC	Seminar for new Councillors	£70.00
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£375.32
Thames Water	Burial ground	£7.97
Lloyds TSB	Transfer	£30,000.00
Hermitage V.H.M.C.	Hall hire	£57.20
Ms R. Cottingham	Parish Plan costs	£74.99
- iii Other matters.
 - i The responses to the External Auditors appear to have been satisfactory.
It was decided that the Finance Working Party would review any comments from the external Auditors when the Annual Return has been received
 - ii The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
 - iii It was reported that the account with Lloyds TSB is now open.

71. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 57.

- i Grave spaces.
Consecration will take place on November 30th in the morning. The amount to be consecrated has to be decided, as does the question of any new facilities.

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- ii Grave of Jonathan France.
Application for a small tablet to commemorate Victoria Hudson (nee France).
Tablet size 12" x 12" x 2" of dark grey granite. It was decided to allow the addition of the tablet.

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

CCB – closure of CAWB.
BALC – results of training needs assessment.
West Berkshire Museum – building on the past – September 10th to September 27th.
Greening Cold Ash – film showing on October 2nd of “The Age of Stupid”.
Clerks & Councils Direct – September newsmag.
LCR – newsmag Autumn issue.
WBC Youth Service – annual report.
North Wessex Downs – opportunities for development – forum on October 15th.

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

The Treasure Hunt was very much enjoyed. The refreshments were deemed an impressive success.
The Chairman’s report is attached to these minutes.

74. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mrs Groves mentioned and discussed the allocation of allotments by another Council.

It was decided to place a notice on two of the notice boards to show that the full minutes were available at the Village store notice board. The minutes would also be available on the website once approved.

75. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday October 15th at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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15.10.09
Date