

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr S Russell, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown, Cllr Moran, Cllr C Purchase, Cllr F Ashwood
- 3 members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.07.21 **Public participation**
One member of the public spoke about the bus shelter.
- 02.07.21 **Apologies for absence**
Dist Cllr H Cole, Cllr M Yam, Cllr N Burraston, Cllr A Goldsmith, Dist Cllr G Simpson, Cllr I Hunter
- 03.07.21 **Matters previously brought to council and agreed while Covid regulations prevented meetings taking place**
Adoption of:
Standing Orders
Financial Regulations
Investment and Fraud
Payments made:
May 2021
June 2021
Minutes from the meeting 6th May
Update 18th June
Internal Auditor report and IA plan
AGAR and variance report to 31 March 2021
Hermitage Green open spaces transfer; Gardner Leader solicitors approved.
Proposals for event at the recreation ground; approved.
- 04.07.21 **Declarations of interest**
None
- 05.07.21 **Matters arising item 3 that are not referred to elsewhere**
None
- 06.07.21 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist Cllrs' report is on the website.
- 07.07.21 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
21/01649/FULMAJ, Sanctuary Wood, Standing Hill, Hermitage, RG18 9QG. Replacement dwelling and detached garage with guest accommodation above. Objection.
To forward to Western Planning Committee.

21/01740/HOUSE, 18 Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage, RG18 9WL. Rear extension and garage conversion. No objection.

7.2 Decision notices:

21/00772/HOUSE, 17 Hermitage Green, Hermitage RG18 9SL. Loft conversion and make hipped end roof gabled. Approved.

21/00043/FULD: Reconfiguration of the pub grounds (including the rearrangement of the parking and pub garden, and removal of the outdoor store) and erection of 4 new dwellings together with access, parking and landscaping White Horse, Newbury Road, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9TB. Approved

21/01074/REG3: External compound for air source heat pumps (heating plant) consisting of a reinforced concrete base and wooden acoustic fencing. Hermitage Primary School, Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire RG18 9SA. Approved

21/01173/FUL: Siting of 2nr 20ft storage containers to the side of the Telephone Exchange. Containers are to be used for the storage of equipment and materials in support of the roll out of telecoms infrastructure in the area. ATE Hermitage, Chapel Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire RG18 9th. Approved

7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: next stage to discuss housing survey with developers and landowners. There will be a small display at the opening of the completed Furze Hall at the village hall on 24 July.

08.07.21 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8. Financial position as of 30 June 2021

Balance carried forward	
(incl S106 contributions)	£215,709.38
Receipts to 30 June	£ 33,594.42
Payments to 30 June	£ 24,966.76
Balance	£224,337.04
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 0.00
Balance in hand	£224,337.04

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Receipts and payments for consideration July 2021

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge	£ 256.73
8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor	£ 643.60*
8.2.3 Cost of administration	Salary £ 700.72
8.2.4 Clerk expenses, stationery	£ 3.80
8.2.5 Triangle Management Ltd (dog bins)	£ 68.40
8.2.6 Autela Payroll Services Ltd	£ 65.52
8.2.7 Ruth Cottingham, weldmesh recreation ground gates	£ 12.00
8.2.8 Parish Online annual subscription	£ 100.80
	Total £ 1,851.57

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment £5.99

* In line with agreement at meeting of May 6th, this has been paid.

8.4 FWP: Cllr T Moran provided a report

09.07.21 Burial ground

Burial ground: rule review on next agenda.

- 10.07.21 **Highways**
10.1 Bus Shelter replacement: survey agreed to consult residents on type of materials; wood, steel/see through, or no preference.
- 11.07.21 **Environment**
Council to receive verbal reports or updates on the following:
11.1 Playgrounds: Cllr Ashwood did the inspections. People have climbed on scout hut roof, door knob has been replaced again.
11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports: metal hand rail near concrete path needs strengthening.
11.2 Furze Hill: exclusion zone fencing, materials £474 + vat, labour £850 +vat. Agreed.
11.2.1 Recreation Ground: needs mowing. Fencing quotation £220 + vat. Agreed.
11.3 Other open spaces: Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close. Dines way swing; concerns about rope, to be checked.
11.4 Defibrillator check: HPC to take responsibility for monthly checks for school. defibrillator. To write to school to confirm verbal agreements.
11.5 WBCS: tasks for July and August agreed.
11.6 Furze Hill Management Plan: Cllr R Cottingham provided a report; £2,550 + vat budget agreed.
11.7 Eling way: installation of benches outstanding, shortage of concrete. Enquiries have again been made about West Berkshire delegating the maintenance of the Hermitage stretch to HPC.
- 12.07.21 **Other matters**
12.1 Village Hall: Cllr R Marr provided a report, opening of Furze (small) Hall 24 July. Councillors are delighted the village hall is complete congratulations to all involved.
12.2 Hermitage Support Group: Covid 19: Cllr C Purchase provided a report.
12.3 Parish Online: Cllr R Cottingham provided a report.
12.4 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies: Cllrs pleased Hermitage is to remain in Newbury constituency.
- 13.07.21 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Correspondence accepted and noted.
- 14.07.21 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**
Cllr R Cottingham attended BALC executive.
Cllr D Brown attended Patient Representative Group
Cllr S Russell attended Community Land Trust and Women's Forum of Councillors
- 15.07.21 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
Cllr C Purchase: Speed watch, to advise for agenda
Cllr R Marr: Platinum Jubilee 2022
Cllr D Brown: use of electric scooters in Hermitage
- 16.07.21 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
None
- 17.07.21 **Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 19th August at 7.30pm at the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage,
Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.52 pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____