

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 16th September 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, Cllr I Hunter, Cllr M Yam (19.33), Cllr A Goldsmith (19.48), Dist. Cllr G Simpson
- 3 members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.09.21 **Public participation**
One member of the public spoke about a plaque, another public spoke about the bus shelter survey.
- 02.09.21 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Cllr N Burraston, Cllr C Purchase
- 03.09.21 **Minutes of meeting held on 19th August 2021**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4.09.21 **Declarations of interest**
None
- 05.09.21 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
None
- 06.09.21 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist Cllrs' report is on the website. Dist Cllr Simpson also provided a verbal update. HPC commended WBC on its support of the Afghanistan plight. Dist Cllr Simpson to provide information on cadet fire crews.
- 07.09.21 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
21/02257/HOUSE, Old Forest, Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage, RG18 9SA. Proposed side and rear extension, following demolition of garage and conservatory. New roof to property to provide first floor extension. Render external walls. Objection.
21/02267/HOUSE, 30 Briants Piece, Hermitage, RG18 9SX. Single storey extension and alterations. No objection.
7.2 Decision notices:
21/01649/FULMAJ, Sanctuary Wood, Standing Hill, Hermitage, RG18 9QG. Relocation of driveway access and associated work to significantly improve visibility and safety. Refused.
7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: zoom meeting with consultant, report expected.
- 08.09.21 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**
8. Financial position as of 31 August 2021

Balance carried forward (Incl S106 contributions)	£215,709.38
Receipts to 31 August	£ 34,206.37
Payments to 31 August	£ 28,631.02
Balance	£221,284.73
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 968.73
Balance in hand	£222,253.46

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Receipts and payments for consideration September 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	£ 53.73
8.2.5 Triangle Management Ltd (dog bins)	£ 68.40
8.2.6 WBCS – donation 3 visits	£ 240.00
8.2.7 Your Space self-storage 6 months, 25/9 to 11/3	£ 315.36
8.2.8 Barlow's (Hermitage) Ltd	£ 683.95
	Total £ 2,962.49

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment	£5.99
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09.09.21 **Burial ground**

Nothing to report.

10.09.21 **Highways**

10.1 Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) 2021-2026; completed by Cllr Russell.

11.09.21 **Environment**

Council to receive verbal reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds; nothing to report

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports; Cllr Ashwood did the inspections.

11.2 Furze Hill; cows in the car park 15th September

11.2.1 Recreation Ground; a resident has contacted the council about dog mess.

11.2.2 CAFC storage container; approved pending planning permission (if necessary). If ground is soft to use boards to place the container to protect the grass.

11.2.3 New management plan; ongoing. Greenham Trust is offering free trees.

11.3 Other open spaces; Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close.

Dines way swings; both have been replaced.

11.4 Defibrillator checks: done

12.09.21 **Other matters**

12.1 Village Hall: Cllr R Marr provided a report; one trustee has left and a new one joined as Treasurer; AGM 7th October; Beer Festival 16th October; Christmas singing to be arranged.

13.09.21 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**

Correspondence accepted and noted.

- 14.09.21 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**
None.
- 15.09.21 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
Cllr R Cottingham attended Zero Carbon bus meeting.
Cllr F Ashwood audited the hardship fund. HPC thanked Cllr Purchase, Andy Murray, Jon Turner, and all concerned for all their hard work.
Cllr Ian Hunter resigned. Cllr S Russell thanked him for his work for the council.
Cllr R Marr raised the issue of flu jabs at the British Legion, poorly organised and overcrowded. Cllr D Brown to advise The Downland Surgery.
Provisional date for Christmas tree event Friday December 3rd.
Wreath to be ordered for Remembrance Sunday.
- 16.09.21 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
None
- 17.09.21 **Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm at the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.22 pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____