

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 19th August 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, Dist. Cllr G Simpson
- 3 members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.08.21 **Public participation**
Two members of the public spoke about the bus shelter.
- 02.08.21 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Cllr M Yam, Cllr N Burraston, Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr I Hunter
- 03.08.21 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22ⁿ July to be agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 4.08.21 **Declarations of interest**
None
- 05.08.21 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
None
- 06.08.21 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist Cllrs' report is on the website. Dist. Cllr G Simpson also provided a verbal update.
- 07.08.21 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
21/01817/HOUSE, Rylestone, High Street, Hermitage, RG18 9RE. Single storey front porch extension and partial garage conversion. No objection.
21/01904/HOUSE, The Old Vicarage, Marlston Road, Hermitage, RG18 9SU. Single storey rear extension to the kitchen, two storey rear extension to enclose a new staircase, alterations to the existing garage building to form a home gym and conversion of existing independent annex into ancillary accommodation for recreational use by the applicant's family. No objection.
21/01829/FUL, The Bungalow, Long Lane, Cold Ash, Thatcham. (Adjoining Parish). Replacement dwelling, new vehicular access, and associated works. No objection.
7.2 Decision notices:
21/01370/HOUSE, 14 Stretcher Drive, Hermitage, Thatcham, West Berkshire RG18 Single storey extension. Approved.
7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Consultant quotation £935; approved. First developer meeting held.

08.07.21 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**

8. Financial position as of 30 July 2021

Balance carried forward	
(incl S106 contributions)	£215,709.38
Receipts to 30 July	£ 33,816.37
Payments to 30 July	£ 26,888.81
Balance	£224,337.04
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 390.65
Balance in hand	£223,027.59

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Receipts and payments for consideration August 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		£ 2.28
8.2.5 Triangle Management Ltd (dog bins)		£ 68.40
	Total	£ 1,671.73

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

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

Burial ground: rule review for resident's living in the parish in the past 10 years; agreed, to be updated in the January 2022 update review. Scattering of ashes to be considered prior to the update review.

10.08.21 **Highways**

10.1 Bus Shelter replacement: survey in place, this will be distributed to as many residents as possible; survey close date 26 September 2021.

10.2 National Bus Strategy: HPC response; smaller and more buses.

11.08.21 **Environment**

Council to receive verbal reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds; Thursday team did all the tightening.

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports; Cllr Yam did the inspections.

11.2 Furze Hill; nothing to report

11.2.1 Recreation Ground; Clerk has emailed contractor to cease strimming close to MUGA as damaging trees.

11.2.2 New management plan; first walk around with contractor done.

11.2.3 WBCS; bashing brambles, strimming, chopping down in butterfly larder to be done.

11.3 Other open spaces; Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close. Dines way swing; this has been tested and is fine.

11.4 Defibrillator checks; done

11.5 Eling Way benches; concrete slabs now in place. Clerk to obtain update on installation of benches.

11.6 Waste bins; nothing to report.

11.7 Local Climate Action Plan; The Greening Campaign; Cllr Russell provided an update. Would be good for someone to take a leading role in this climate change initiative.

- 12.08.21 **Other matters**
12.1 Village Hall: Cllr Marr provided a report, concerns about football teams parking at the village hall when functions resume.
- 13.08.21 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Correspondence accepted and noted.
- 14.08.21 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**
None.
- 15.08.21 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
Cllr Cottingham meeting with rights of way officer regarding HPC stretch of Eling Way.
- 16.08.21 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
None
- 17.08.21 **Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm at the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.49 pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____