

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 December 2021 at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr S Russell, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown, Cllr Moran, Cllr C Purchase, Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr F Ashwood, Cllr M Yam, Cllr E Chan
- 1 member of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.12.21 **Public participation**
None
- 02.12.21 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Dist. Cllr G Simpson, Cllr N Burraston
- 03.12.21 **Minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2021**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.12.21 **Co-option of Councillor**
Emma Chan was co-opted.
- 05.12.21 **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Brown expressed an interest in agenda item 10.1.
- 06.12.21 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
None
- 07.12.21 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist Cllrs' report is on the website.
- 08.12.21 **Planning**
8.1 New applications:
None.
8.2 Decision notices:
21/02489/HOUSE, Sandicotes, Marlston Road, Hermitage, RG18 9SY. Two single storey rear extensions, one with a pitched roof, the other with a flat roof. New window on right hand elevation; two rooflights to extension on rear elevation, with one lantern light. New pitched porch roof to front elevation. Internal alterations.
Approved.
21/02437/COND1: 4 High Street, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9SR. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (cms), 8 (arboricultural method statement) and 9 (trees) of approved 17/03334/FULD - Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 1 x two-bedroom, 2 x three-bedroom dwellings and associated works. Approved.

21/02511/FUL THE PROPOSAL AND LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT: Engineering operation to create a new swimming pond Mayflower Barn, Wellhouse Farm, Eling Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9UH Refused.

21/02605/COND2 THE PROPOSAL AND LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 'Landscaping' and 15 'Protection from external noise' of 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. Approved.

8.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Meeting held Tuesday 14th December. Grant secured to employ consultant.

09.12.21 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**

9. Financial position as of 30 November 2021

Balance carried forward	
(Incl S106 contributions)	£215,709.38
Receipts to 30 November	£ 65,735.25
Payments to 30 November	£ 45,559.41
Balance	£235,885.22
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 450.00
Balance in hand	£236,335.22

9.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

9.2 Receipts and payments for consideration December 2021

9.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge	£ 256.73
9.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor	£ 713.60
9.2.3 Cost of administration	Salary £ 700.72
9.2.4 Clerk expenses, stationery	£ 18.79
9.2.5 Cllr Sue Russell, ink & mileage	£ 78.77
9.2.6 Cllr Roy Marr, ink	£ 36.49
9.2.7 Barlow & Sons (Hermitage) wire mesh and nails	£ 91.89
9.2.8 Sundew Ecology – management plan	<u>£ 1,477.00</u>
Total	£ 3,373.99

9.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

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

9.4 Budget 2022-23 to be finalised in January. Precept increase of 3% approved.

10.12.21 **Burial ground**

10.1 Memorial headstone to be revisited in line with burial ground rules.

10.2 Memorial inscription approved.

11.12.21 **Highways**

11.1 Speeding; Cllr C Purchase provided an update.

12.12.21 **Environment**

Council received verbal reports or updates on the following:

12.1 Playgrounds; see below

12.1.1 Councillor inspection reports; done by Cllr Michelle Yam.

12.2 Furze Hill; Cllr Ruth Cottingham provided a report.

12.2.1 Recreation Ground; grass has been aeriated, getting muddy. Cold Ash Football Club has received a letter regarding unacceptable parking at the Village Hall.

- 12.2.2 New management plan; Cllr Ruth Cottingham provided an update.
- 12.2.3 Quotation £4,830 including vat to remove dead ash trees and approved felling in the exclusion zone; approved. 4 quotations requested; 1 quotation received.
- 12.3 Other open spaces; Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close; nothing to report.
- 12.4 Bus Shelter quotations considered; Littlethorpe quotation approved.

13.12.21 Other matters

13.1 Village Hall: Cllr R Marr provided a report, 2022 increase in pricing will be 3% and may increase to 4.5

13.2 Defibrillator checks: done

13.3 APA date of Wednesday 27th April 2022, agreed.

13.3.1 APA speaker discussed, clerk to write to climate change speaker, and caterer.

13.4 Platinum Jubilee celebration; Cllr Russell provided a proposal, Sunday 5th June with every organisation/club/society to contribute to one event to be held at the village hall; agreed.

13.5 Should council need to revert to informal procedures for January and future meetings, the following extract of minute note 13.05.2021, meeting 6th May 2021, will come into effect:

Mechanism agreed for dealing with:

13.1 planning applications, Cllr N Burraston in conjunction with chair and vice chair.

13.2 payments, normal process

13.3 urgent matters, Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk with communication with councillors by email as necessary

until face-to-face meetings are possible again in the normal location or zoom meetings permitted.

14.12.21 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere

Correspondence accepted and noted.

15.12.21 Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council

Cllrs Russell and Cottingham to attend a meeting regarding the Newbury showground.

16.12.21 Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)

If a new editor is not found for the parish magazine, following current one moving out of the area, a committee will publish it.

17.12.21 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)

None

18.12.21 Date of the next meeting

Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.39pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____