

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr S Russell, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr E Chan, Cllr F Ashwood, Cllr M Yam, Cllr C Purchase
- 7 members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.03.22 **Public participation**
None
- 02.03.22 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Dist. Cllr G Simpson, Cllr T Moran, Cllr N Burraston
- 03.03.22 **Minutes of meeting held on 17th February 2022**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.03.22 **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Brown declared a prejudicial interest and Cllr Cottingham declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.1 - 22/00400, Cornish Cottage, Priors Court Road, Hermitage. RG18 9TG.
- 05.03.22 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
None
- 06.03.22 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist. Cllrs' report is on the website.
- 07.03.22 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
22/00382, Wexford Cottage, High Street, Hermitage. RG18 9ST. Construction of single storey extension to the rear of the property, with demolition of existing conservatory. No objection.
22/00400, Cornish Cottage, Priors Court Road, Hermitage. RG18 9TG. Proposed addition of first floor storey to existing chalet bungalow and ancillary car port with attic room, widen existing access. Objection.
7.2 Decision notices:
22/00033/HOUSE THE PROPOSAL AND LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT: Part Retrospective: the erection of a gazebo and proposed erection of a shed both in the rear garden Warwick House, Deacons Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire RG18 9RH. Retrospective application approved.
7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Cottingham provided a report.
- 08.03.22 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**
8. Financial position as of 28 February 2022
Balance carried forward

(Inc. S106 contributions)	£215,709.38
Receipts to 28 February	£ 76,652.53
Payments to 28 February	£ 54,374.63
Balance	£237,987.28
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 480.00
Balance in hand	£238,467.28

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Receipts and payments for consideration March 2022

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	£ 571.00
8.2.4 Yours space self-storage		£ 315.36
8.2.5 Traffic Technology, Progen and equipment		£ 3,138.00
8.2.6 Webb and Cook, tree works		£ 4,830.00
8.2.7 Cllr Russell, ink		£ 37.67
8.2.8 Sky's The Limit Entertainment, bouncy castle Jubilee		£ 230.00
	Total	£10,022.36

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

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

8.4 Parish Clerk's appraisal: to take place 30 March.

8.5 Metro Bank: to reinvest £40,000 into Community 1 Year Fixed rate (expired June 2021) due to Metro not reinvesting when requested in May 2021. To reinvest £38,000 into Community 1 Year Fixed rate (expires 31st March 2022) and transfer £2,460 interest and some capital to Lloyds.

09.03.22 Burial ground

To obtain a quote from mowing contractor to clear moss from the burial ground path as slippery. Clerk.

10.03.22 Highways

10.1 Speeding: Cllr Purchase provided a report. Cllr Russell thanked everyone involved for their huge efforts in cleaning and painting the white gates at the ends of the village, speed watch signs to be ordered. Clerk.

11.03.22 Environment

Council received verbal reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds: see below

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports done by Cllr Yam.

11.2 Furze Hill: Cllr Cottingham provided a report, also tree surveys have been received.

11.2.1 Recreation ground: nothing to report

11.3 Other open spaces. Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close: nothing to report.

11.4 Parked contractor's vehicles on Station Road Hermitage: to be reviewed.

12.03.22 Other matters

12.1 Village Hall: Cllr Marr provided a report

12.1.2 Village Hall car parking: Football car parking has been arranged at the primary school.

12.2 Defibrillator checks: done

12.3 APA: caterer has been booked. To add speeding report and NDP to the agenda. Clerk.
12.4 Platinum Jubilee celebration: Dennison Barracks to support. Child/Adult bouncy castle booked. Cllr Russell to liaise with Jane Staunton regarding plans. Cllr Ashwood to help coordinate.
12.5 Virtual meetings: The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP responded to HPC letter.
12.6 Proposal for Conservation Area status and volunteers: Cllr Cottingham to invite representative to speak at the June meeting.

13.03.22 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Correspondence accepted and noted.

14.03.22 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**
Cllr Brown circulated the report from PPG.

15.03.22 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**

16.03.22 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
Cllr Ashwood raised a speeding problem in the village hall/preschool carpark and has requested signage to slow car users down, to speak with village hall committee.

17.03.22 **Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST.
Annual Parish Assembly
Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm for 8pm meeting, Village Hall Hermitage

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.51pm

Signed _____

Dated _____