

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr S Russell, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown, Cllr F Ashwood.
- 1 member of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.08.22 **Public participation**
None.
- 02.08.22 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Dist. Cllr G Simpson, Cllr T Moran, Cllr N Burraston, Cllr M Yam, Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr E Chan, Cllr C Purchase.
- 03.08.22 **Minutes of meeting held on 21st July 2022**
A single word was added to the minutes which was signed. Minutes otherwise correct and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.08.22 **Declarations of interest**
None.
- 05.08.22 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Agreement between current resident of 15 Colyer Close and Hermitage Parish Council re bus shelter, allowing a semi-permanent plant trough to be placed there. The land remains the property of West Berkshire Council under lease to Hermitage Parish Council.
- 06.08.22 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist. Cllrs' report is on the website.
- 07.08.22 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
22/01877/HOUSE The New House, Deacons Lane, Hermitage RG18 9RH. Removal of a single storey store to the side of the detached garage and construction of a pitched roof extension attached to the garage. Provision of a home office/games room within the roof spaced of the existing garage and extension. No objection.
7.2 Decision notices:
22/00382/HOUSE, Wexford Cottage, High Street, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9ST. Construction of single storey extension to the rear of the property, with demolition of existing conservatory. Approved.
20/00912/FULEXT, Land at End of Charlotte Close Hermitage Thatcham. Erection of 16 dwellings and associated landscape and highway works. Amendments: Amend Conditions 8 (bats and newts licenses) and 9 (newts' mitigation). Approved.
22/01451/FULD, Marari, Pond Lane, Hermitage RG18 9RN. Replacement dwelling. Approved.
7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Cottingham provided a report and minutes.

7.3.1 Date for special meeting re NDP agreed as September 7th.

08.08.22 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**

8. Financial position as of 29th July 2022

Balance carried forward	
(Inc. S106 contributions)	£231,071.74
Receipts to 29 th July	£ 36,630.65
Payments to 29 th July	£ 47,701.64
Balance	£220,000.75
Plus, unrepresented cheques	£ 12,968.31
Balance in hand	£232,969.06

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Payments for consideration August 2022

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge	£ 269.57
8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor	£ 669.10
8.2.3 Cost of administration	£ 719.48
8.2.4 Your space self-storage August 2022- February 2023	<u>£ 315.36</u>
Total	£ 1,973.51

8.3 Direct Debits previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment	£ 5.99
NEST monthly payment	£ 66.92

8.4 Receipts to be noted July 2022:-

CCLA interest - £219.97

Metro interest - £1

09.08.22 **Burial ground**

Meeting in September for resident to select a grave plot.

10.08.22 **Highways**

10.1 Speeding: No speeding enforcement work done in August due to light traffic during school holidays and volunteers being on holiday.

11.07.22 **Environment**

Council received verbal reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds: clerk has arranged for annual inspection to be done.

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports done by Cllr Yam.

11.2 Furze Hill: Exclusion zone fencing repair work up to the £1,200: approved.

11.2.1 Recreation ground: drainage line had hole in it: Cllr Russell to fill with soil and grit.

11.2.2 Purchase and installation of new waste bin up to £600 plus installation costs: approved.

11.2.3 To approve purchase of shed: deferred to September meeting.

11.2.4 Purchase of brush cutter £495: approved.

11.2.5 Quotation to cut the hornbeam hedge and trim field maple trees £70: approved.

11.3 Other open spaces. Dines Way: a resident has requested the limb of an overhanging tree be removed, arborist to look at week commencing 6th September, Lipscomb Close: monument in Lipscomb Close does not require cleaning, Charlotte Close: resident has made a complaint about works traffic blocking drive.

11.4 Climate and biodiversity working group: the group has met and had a good idea generating session, next meeting 31 August to decide what to take forward.

11.5 Moving Traffic Offences enforcement powers consultation - To agree if HPC should respond to WBC survey on Moving Traffic Offences and if so, what that should be: agreed no response required.

12.08.22 **Other matters**

12.1 Village Hall: nothing to report. Cllr Chan attended a recent meeting and spoke about the proposed Christmas event.

12.2 Defibrillator checks: done.

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

Correspondence accepted and noted.

Clerk to send copy correspondence to Cllr Cottingham.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

17.08.22 **Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

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

Signed

Dated
