

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown, Cllr T Moran, Cllr M Yam^(19.53),
Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr E Chan, Cllr N Burraston Cllr C Purchase, Cllr F Ashwood.
- 3 members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.10.22 **Public participation**
Two members of the public spoke about agenda item 22/02189/ADV, Land at end of Charlotte Close, Hermitage. Deanfield Homes Ltd. 'Land Acquired' sign board. 1220x2000mm Panel; Leg height: 915mm, Aluminium composite.
One CAFC representative spoke about football parking.
- 02.10.22 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Dist. Cllr G Simpson, Cllr S Russell.
- 03.10.22 **Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2022**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record with amendment to 7.1 & 7.2 and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.10.22 **Declarations of interest**
None.
- 05.10.22 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
- 06.10.22 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist. Cllrs' report is on the website.
- 07.10.22 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
22/02232/HOUSE, Orchard Side, Deacons Lane, Hermitage RG18 9RJ. Demolition of existing conservatory and formation of single storey rear extension with associated internal works. No objection.
22/02189/ADV, Land at end of Charlotte Close, Hermitage. Deanfield Homes Ltd. 'Land Acquired' sign board. 1220x2000mm Panel; Leg height: 915mm, Aluminium composite. Objection.
22/02364/MDOPO2, Land at The Old Farmhouse, Newbury Road, Hermitage. Request under section 106A subsection (1)(a) to modify planning obligations within section 106 legal agreement dated 16th November 2018 in relation to planning permission.
17/03290/OUTMAJ.
Proposed modification: Clause 1.1.3 – to include the Shared Equity Dwellings required section schedule clauses c), d), and p). Modification of affordable housing provisions to allow for Shared Equity Tenure. No objection.

7.2 Decision notices:

22/01826/Use of an area of land adjacent to Foxglove Barn, Wellhouse, Elling, Hermitage RG18 9UH as residential garden for purposes incidental to the residential occupation of the property. Foxglove Barn Wellhouse Farm Eling Hermitage Thatcham PART II - DECISION West Berkshire Council hereby certify that on 28th July 2022 the operation or use described in the First Schedule of this certificate in respect of land specified in the Second Schedule to this certificate and edged red on the plan attached to this certificate, was LAWFUL within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

22/01877/ The New House, Deacons Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire 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.

Approved.

22/01336/Pinewood Corner, Deacons Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire RG18 9RH. First floor side and rear extension.

Approved.

7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Cottingham provided a report and minutes.

NDP is supportive of the extension of Eling Way and would like to work with WBC to ensure the route is suitable.

08.10.22 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8. Financial position as of 30th September 2022

Balance carried forward

(Inc. S106 contributions) £231,071.74

Receipts to 30th September £ 36,630.65

Payments to 30th September £ 61,240.91

Balance £206,461.48

Plus, unrepresented cheques £ 10,539.09

Balance in hand £217,000.57

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Payments for consideration October 2022

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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 Expenses, Ink £ 21.24

8.2.5 Wicksteed, annual playground inspection £ 324.00

8.2.6 Castle Water, burial ground £ 13.66

8.2.7 Newbury College, NDP printing £ 273.12

8.2.8 British Legion, poppy wreath £ 70.00

Total £ 2,360.17

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 September 2022:- None.

8.5 FWP report: approved.

8.5.1 Transfer of £20,000 from savings account to current account: approved.

8.6 A bid to WBC's Helping our communities fund to upgrade Pinewood Park: a bid is not going to be put forward.

- 09.10.22 **Burial ground**
Nothing to report.
- 10.10.22 **Highways**
10.1 Speeding: Cllr Purchase provided a report. Approx. 5,000 cars travel through Hermitage over a 3-day period, with 30% travelling over 30 miles per hour.
- 11.10.22 **Environment**
Council received verbal reports or updates on the following:
11.1 Playgrounds: moss in Furze Hill Park: to ask contractor to remove, Cllr Cottingham.
11.1.1 Councillor inspection report not done in October.
11.1.2 Annual inspection done on 28th September: Cllr Cottingham advised Thursday team have done some work, more short terms works to be done.
11.2 Furze Hill: Cllr Cottingham provided a report.
11.2.1 Recreation ground: nothing to report.
Standing Order suspended 19.48, reinstated 20.03: to discuss Football parking with Cold Ash football club representative.
11.2.2 Football parking: no football parking at the village hall car park. CAFC to place a sign at the village hall car park to direct attendees to the school to park and for a representative to stand at the car park to redirect traffic to the school, to place a sign at the school to show where parking should take place, to update the postcode to the Hermitage Primary School postcode. A final reminder is now in place for the ongoing use of the recreation ground.
11.3 Other open spaces. Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close: nothing to report.
11.4 Climate and biodiversity working group: Cllr Chan provided a report, next meeting 26th October at The Fox, including a talk about energy saving homes. Toy swap 12th November.
11.5 Further Tree planting on HPC land: to await confirmation of trees.
- 12.10.22 **Other matters**
12.1 Village Hall: hall hire prices to increase by 7%.
12.2 Defibrillator checks: done.
12.3 Approval of social medial policy deferred to November meeting.
- 13.10.22 **Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
Correspondence accepted and noted.
- 14.10.22 **Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council**
Planning training online 17th November 2022.
- 15.10.22 **Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
Cllr Sue Russell Chair, resignation received 19th October.
Election of new Chair, November meeting.
November meeting rearranged to 16th November.
To consider cost of living crisis hub document.
An update on the progress of Hermitage Green playpark lease requested by Cllr Burraston.
November meeting apologies Cllr Purchase, Cllr Ashwood.
December meeting apologies Cllr Ashwood.

16.10.22 **Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
None.

17.10.22 **Date of the next meeting**
Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.53pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____