

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hermitage Parish Council held at Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9ST on Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm

- Present** Cllr N Burraston, Cllr R Marr, Cllr D Brown
- No members of the public
In attendance Ms N Pierce (Parish Clerk)
- 01.12.22 **Public participation**
None.
- 02.12.22 **Apologies for absence**
Dist. Cllr H Cole, Dist. Cllr G Simpson, Cllr R Cottingham, Cllr C Purchase, Cllr T Moran, Cllr A Goldsmith, Cllr E Chan, Cllr M Yam.
- 03.12.22 **Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2022**
The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 04.12.22 **Declarations of interest**
None.
- 05.12.22 **Actions agreed and matters arising from the minute of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere**
None.
- 06.12.22 **Report of the District Councillor**
Dist. Cllrs' report has been circulated and is on the website.
- 07.12.22 **Planning**
7.1 New applications:
22/02844/FUL, Land North of M4 East side of Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage, Thatcham. Adjacent Parish Council. Charge of use of land to residential Gypsy/Traveller site with 2no plots, 2no mobile homes, stables and associated fencing, hardstanding, and package treatment plant. Objection.
7.2 Decision notices:
22/02232/HOUSE, Orchard Side, Deacons Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham West Berkshire RG18 9RJ. Demolition of existing conservatory and formation of single-story rear extension with associated internal works. Approved.
7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Burraston to attend Consultation results meeting 16th December.
- 08.12.22 **Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer**
8. Financial position as of 30th November 2022
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| Balance carried forward | |
| (Inc. S106 contributions) | £231,071.74 |
| Receipts to 30 th November | £ 66,258.04 |
| Payments to 30 th November | £ 75,216.78 |
| Balance | £222,113.00 |

Plus, unpresented cheques	£ 8,733.50
Balance in hand	£230,846.50

Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer: noted

8.2 Payments for consideration December 2022

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge £ 269.57

8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor £ 769.10

8.2.3 Cost of administration £ 719.48

8.2.4 Expenses, Ink £ 21.24

8.2.5 Nick Burraston, Ink £32.10, title register/plan £12.00 £ 44.10

Total £ 1,823.49

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 November 2022:-

Burial ground - £903

8.5 Budget 2023/24: approved.

09.12.22 **Burial ground:**

9.1 Memorial stone for grave 5: approved.

10.12.22 **Highways**

10.1 Speeding: no update

11.12.22 **Environment**

Council received verbal reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports: Cllr Yam provided a report.

11.1.2 Pinewood Park: no update

11.1.3 To approve cradle swing replacement in pinewood park £207.22: approved.

11.2 Furze Hill: Cllr David reported a dead bough to be removed from a tree with hanging rope swing: to request quotation from contractor. Cllr Brown reported a dead tree: to discuss with Cllr Cottingham.

11.2.1 Recreation Ground: a further hole has appeared: Cllr Brown to request a quote from contractor.

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

11.3.1 To approve quotation to remedy ruts in the grass at Charlotte Close £100: approved. Cllr Brown to draft a letter to Eclipse for recovery of remedial work cost.

11.4 Grounds maintenance service costs 2023 (Dog bin emptying etc): to continue with current contracts.

11.5 Land at Charlotte close adverse possession: Cllr Burraston to conduct further searches. Cllr Brown to liaise with local resident.

12.12.22 **Other matters**

12.1 Village Hall: the Christmas function was a huge success.

12.1.1 Parking at the village hall: to arrange meeting with village hall: Clerk.

12.2 Defibrillator checks: done.

12.3 Approval of social medial policy deferred to January meeting: Cllr Chan to circulate updated social media policy.

12.4 To approve meeting dates 2023-24: approved and placed on website.

12.5 Two Councillor vacancies: January agenda for co-option.

13.12.22 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere

Correspondence accepted and noted.

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

None.

15.12.22 Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)

Councillor resignation Fay Ashwood

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

None.

17.12.22 Date of the next meeting Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40 pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____