

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL
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**Members of Hermitage Parish Council are summoned to attend a
Meeting of Hermitage Parish Council
The Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage**

Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1 Public participation

Members of the public are welcome at Hermitage Parish Council meetings but can only speak during the first 10 minutes which are reserved for this purpose. Anyone wishing to speak should please advise the Clerk of this at least 48 hours before the meeting. Councillors will listen but cannot respond directly at the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence:

3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2023 to be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of interest

5 Actions agreed and matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

6 Reports

6.1 The report of the District Councillors – circulated for information.
6.2 Chairmans report: any questions

7 Planning

7.1 New applications:

23/02899 conservation work in Furze Hill Woods.

7.2 Decision notices:

23/02585/COND SITE: Land at End Of, Charlotte Close, Hermitage, Thatcham
Approval of details reserved by Conditions (3) District Licence and (4) District Licence
Mitigation of approved application 22/01607/NONMAT, added to planning permission
20/00912/FULEXT: Application for a Non-Material Amendment Following a Grant of Planning
Permission 20/00912/FULEXT - Erection of 16 dwellings and associated landscape and highway
works. Amendments: Amend Conditions 8 (bats and newts licenses) and 9 (newts' mitigation).
Approved.

23/02183/HOUSE Erynwood, Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9RS.
Proposed single storey side extension to create family room and shower room. Approved.

23/02255/HOUSE 27 Lipscomb Close, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9SZ. Demolition of existing
single skin front porch and erecting of double height, double glazed glass porch. Approved.

23/02824/TPW Tree Works Application, Ash die back Furze Hill Wildlife Site, Hermitage.
Approved.

7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: update.

8 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Payments for consideration January 2024

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge £ 269.57

8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor £ 703.00

8.2.3 Cost of administration £ 1,065.55

8.2.4 Administration expenses, 2024 Diary, Ink £ 52.07

8.2.5 Tactical Management Ltd, dog bins (December) £ 32.64

8.2.6 Autela Payroll Services (October to December) £ 80.36

8.2.7 WBC, Grounds Maintenance £ 604.00

8.2.8 HMRC income tax and NI £ 602.00

8.2.9 Navigus Planning, NDP £ 585.00

Total £ 3,994.19

8.3 Direct Debits (December previously approved:

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

NEST monthly payment £ 104.02

8.4 Receipts to be noted in December 2023:- Burial Ground £61.00 & £65.00.

8.5 Budget 2024-25

8.6 Precept 2024-25

8.7 Grants 2024-25

9 Burial Ground

10 Highways

11 Environment

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports

11.1.2 To consider using a contractor for minor playground repairs

11.2 Furze Hill

11.2.1 Recreation Ground

11.3 Other open spaces: Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close

11.4 Land transfers

11.5 Battery Box Dines Way

11.6 To consider moving all dog and litter bin collections from WBC to Tactical Management from 1 April 2024.

12 Other matters

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

12.1 Village Hall

12.2 Defibrillator checks

12.3 Website update

12.4 To consider transfer of residual SEN resilience funds to Hermitage Primary School

13 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

West Berkshire Council: Renewed commitment to pedestrianisation in Newbury town centre

Ridgeway National Trail Winter 2023

NHS in Hampshire to launch public consultation

NALC EVENTS

West Berkshire Council Unveils Comprehensive Support Package for Residents Facing Winter Challenges

West Berkshire Flood Risk - Members and Parish Councils Update

West Berkshire Town and Parish Climate Forum (WBTPCF) - presentation from Councillor
West Berkshire Council: Government intervenes to prevent withdrawal of Local Plan Review
NALC newsletter
Local Health Communications Update - December 2023
Residents Bulletin 20 December 2023
Police & Crime Bulletin Dec '23 - Review of the year and more updates
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin
West Berkshire Council: Transformative vision for Newbury's Wharf takes a significant leap forward
December Business News - Happy holidays from the West Berkshire Council Team
Seasons Greetings from West Berkshire Council
December 2023 Environment Newsletter from West Berkshire Council
Storm Henk Update
SEEN Distribution - Storm Henk Update - 2nd January
WBDC Flood Update
Consultation on proposed term dates for 2025/26
West Berkshire Town and Parish Climate Forum (WBTPCF) - BBOWT presentation
West Berkshire Council: Unlock the Power of Flood Protection: Join the Pang Valley Flood Protection Exhibition!
West Berkshire Heritage What's on
Volunteering Online Resource at The Downs School
Residents Bulletin 10 January 2024
Flooding Update 10/1/24 FAO Ward members, Town and Parishes and Flood Wardens

- 14 Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council.**
- 15 Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
- 16 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
- 17 Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

Nicky Pierce
Parish Clerk
12th January 2024
