

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 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1 Public participation – this session will commence at 8pm**
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 18th January 2024 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:**

24/00064/HOUSE 5 Woodside Drive, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QD. Single storey side addition with ancillary internal alterations creating new utility and pantry.

24/00093/HOUSE 16 Lipscomb Close, Hermitage, RG18 9SZ. Single storey extension to side of the property.

24/00111/HOUSE, Clairewood, Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9RZ. Demolition of existing conservatory, utility room and front bay window. Rear and side/front extensions and new roof with dormer windows to allow for increased living space. Solar panels to front elevations.
 - 7.2 Decision notices:**

23/02273/HOUSE Fir Tree Cottage, High Street, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9SR. Proposed front/side porch. Approved.

23/02899/TPW - Tree Works Application - Furze Hill Wildlife Site, Hermitage. Approved.

22/03032/FUL Replacement of Existing Buildings with 2 no. Commercial Buildings Providing 5 no. Units for Use Class E(g) and B8 together with the relocation of an access and provision of car parking Windmill Farm, Yattendon Road, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9XP. Approved.

23/02521/HOUSE Fairlight, High Street, Hermitage, Thatcham. Withdrawn as requested.

7.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan: update.

7.3.1 To approve the rescheduling of the Decision Statement by West Berkshire Council until 27 March 2024.

8 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Payments for consideration February 2024

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge £ 269.57

8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor £ 713.00

8.2.3 Cost of administration £1,035.00

8.2.4 Tactical Management Ltd, dog bins (January) £ 64.44

8.2.5 David Brown, ink £ 68.99

8.2.6 Ruth Cottingham, NDP laminating pouches, ink £ 20.49

8.2.7 Barlow and Sons(Hermitage) Ltd, fencing materials (3 invoices) £1,031.55

Total £3,203.04

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 January 2024:- CCLA interest £276.79.

8.5 Removal of former councillor as Lloyds Bank signatory

9 Burial Ground

9.1 Memorial stone inscription request – plot 352

10 Highways

10.1 Report on unannounced Thames Water B4009 works

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

11.2.2 WBCS February tasks

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

11.4 Land transfers

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 Annual Parish Assembly (APA) Thursday 25th April

12.5 Berkshire Youth

13 Policy review

13.1 Code of Conduct

13.1 Disaster recovery plan

13.2 Information and Data Protection

13.3 General Privacy Notice

- 14 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**
SSEN moves to Weather Warning status for central southern England for 24 January
Ordnance Survey: Are we delivering what you need?
Residents Bulletin 17 January 2024
West Berkshire Council: Removal of mature trees on Stroud Green paves the way for a new green future
Police & Crime Bulletin Jan '24 - Tackling shoplifting and more officers
West Berkshire Council Environment News - January 2024
News of a new Rural Housing Enabling project for rural communities in Berkshire
BALC upcoming training to March 2024
Local Health Community Update - February 2024
West Berkshire Libraries News - February 2024
Improving Football Pitches And Facilities
Residents Bulletin 07 February 2024
- 15 Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council.**
- 16 Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
- 17 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
- To exclude the press and the public from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following items:-**
- Part Two - Complaint**
Part Two – 3 Councillor co options
- 18 Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

Nicky Pierce
Parish Clerk
9th February 2024
