

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 21ST 2011.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman.	Vice-Chairman
Mr D. Brown.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Dr M. Kerry.	
Dr J. Lawler.	
Mr R. Marr.	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr B. Willis.	
Mr Q. Webb	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

One member of the public.

35 Public forum.

HERE DR KERRY DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST AND SPOKE IN THE PUBLIC FORUM.

The WBAGI Group is asking for the support of this Council to further the campaign opposing any application by Grundon for an incinerator to be built in the AONB. Such a development would be a severe precedent for industrial building in an AONB.

The building would be large and on it's own, making it very visible.

It is said to be as tall as Newbury BT, but this seems unlikely. A decision would need an agenda item.

Council should look at all the evidence before coming to a decision.

It is planned to be smaller than Colnbrook.

Council felt support for WBAGI should be an agenda item for next time.

The Chairman welcomed the PCSO who patrols this Parish, along with other Parishes.

There have been serious thefts of heating oil, and businesses would be advised to protect their tanks.

The area for patrol is too large to cover comprehensiveley, so there have been patrols mounted at night to deter such thefts.

Is there a NAG date set for the next meeting.

The dates are being discussed.

36 Apologies for absence.

Mrs Cunningham and Mr Burgess have presented apologies for absence.

37 Minutes of the last meeting held on July 7th.

The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

38 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 6.

- i Communication.
Website.

It was decided by a majority vote that Council should look into the possibility of a separate Parish Council website.

Mission Statement.

It was decided by a majority vote that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Minute 8

- ii Standing Orders.

It was decided to amend the date of the meeting held immediately after that of an election in an election year. The draft would be available at the next meeting.

Minute 23

- lii Minute publication.

It was decided by a majority vote that minutes would only be published after approval at a Council meeting. Informal notes of the meeting could usefully be part of the monthly Village Newsletter.

Councillors Brown, Lawler and Marr wished to record their disagreement with this decision.

Minute 24.

- i Village vision.

The report is attached to these minutes.

- li Housing needs survey.

It was decided to ask Arlene Kersley to come and talk to the Council at the next meeting.

39 The report from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb was concerned that the dog bins were being emptied regularly.

It is worrying that there is no date for the next NAG meeting.

There have been no problems with storm water on the roads as yet, but if there are, Mr Webb would be glad to know.

If the allotments plan is coming together Mr Webb could put in a Member's bid to help the cost of their establishment.

The road repairs in Marlston Road are going ahead as planned.

There are thoughts of holding a Parish Conference at WBC to talk about broadband speeds and availability.

Mr Webb was asked whether the Planning Department had managed to overcome it's obvious problems. There are still staffing difficulties which will take some time to rectify.

40 Planning.

Appeal.

10/01817/FULD Stable View, Hermitage.
 Travellers' caravan site.
 The Informal Hearing will be held on July 20th at WBC Newbury.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

11/00741/HOUSE	30, Pinewood Crescent Conservatory	Approval
11/00790/HOUSE	28, Briant's Piece. Extension	Approval

New planning applications.

11/01025/HOUSE	The Gable House, Yattendon Road. Minor revision to agreed application.
11/01025/HOUSE	11, Pinewood crescent, Hermitage Conservatory

It was decided to deal with these two applications at the next meeting.

Other matters.

- i S.106 funding.
The annual report is being followed up with WBC. An analysis with up to date information should be available for the next meeting.
- ii Lawrence equipment site.
The letter from Mr Whipp to WBC with a complaint about working hours and noise was noted. It was decided to suggest to Mr Whipp that a log is kept of problems and sent to WBC, keeping the Council informed.
- iii Grundon Chieveley proposals
It was decided by a majority vote that the decision whether or not to support WBAGI should be considered at the next meeting.

41 Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- Minute 27.
- i Salt bins. WBC have been sent the details of the proposed site.
 - ii Wellhouse Lane street name signs. WBC have confirmed in progress.

42. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- Minute 28.
- i Pinewood play area.

- ii The monthly equipment inspection was satisfactory.
- ii It was decided to obtain further quotations for the repair work needed in the play area.
- iii Football pitch.
There were no new matters to report.
- iv Dog bins.
It was decided to order two bins, one at Pinewood Park and one at Forest Edge, with a budget cost of £266.98 plus VAT.
- v Hermitage Village Hall.
There was a positive meeting between Village Hall Management Committee representatives and Councillors. The Group discussed development options for a new Hall. The Group would now meet on an ad hoc basis.

43. Finance.

- I Receipts.
Lloyds TSB Interest £109.45
- li Payments authorised.
F.C.Lawrence Grasscutting & inspections £447.00
West Berkshire Council Election costs £100.00
Mrs F. Groves Mileage £9.62
Hermitage Village hall Hall hire £11.20
C.W.Goudge Salary & exes £330.80
HMRC PAYE £71.00
Hermitage Horticultural society £60.00
CCB Seminar £60.00
BALC Seminar £70.00
T. Stares Internal audit to March 31 2011 £200.00
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
 - ii It was decided to pay the rest of the grants to local bodies approved by the Council, and noted at the Annual Parish Assembly, at the next meeting.

44. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- i New path.
The path has been completed.
- li Application for a memorial.
This is pending, as the design details have not been received.

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

Safer Communities – smartwater and select DNA products for domestic metal marking to deter thefts.
WBC Mobile Library services – timetables.

SITA funding leaflet.

NALC e-bulletin – current and general information relating to Parishes

WBC – Fire at Priors Court Road recently.

Clerks and Council s Direct – newsmag.

46. Reports from Parish Council Representatives who had attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

Mr Marr had attended a meeting with WBC which discussed the application of Precepts to the funding of the new Village Hall.

47. Items to be raised by Councillors.

The Chairman reported that BALC is looking for suggestions to provide County wide training.

The allocation of Councillor’s roles should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr Brown and six other Councillors requested an up to date copy of the Parish Councillors Guide.

48. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday August 18th at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date