

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 21ST 2009.

Present.

Ms R Cottingham.	Chairman
Mrs M. Goodman.	Vice-Chairman
Mrs J. Cunningham	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mr M. Kerry.	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr Q. Webb	District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

Seven members of the public.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Ms R.Cottingham, as Chairman, opened the meeting.

1. The Election of the Chairman for the coming year.

It was proposed by Mrs Groves and seconded by Mrs Willis that Ms Cottingham be elected Chairman. The proposition was approved unanimously.
The Chairman then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Mr Allum, Mr Pask and Mr Marr.

3. The election of the Vice Chairman for the coming year.

It was proposed by Mrs Willis and seconded by Mr Kerry that Mrs Goodman be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The proposition was approved unanimously.

4. Parish Council Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The following appointments were made.

Hermitage Village Hall Management Committee.	Mr Allum.
	Mr Kerry
Hermitage School Governors	Mrs Willis.
Neighbourhood Action Group	Mrs Groves.
	Ms Cottingham

5. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

These were approved.

It was decided to recognise the Chairman's Allowance, as specified in the LGA 1972 Act, in the sum of £150 per year. It was also decided that this allowance should only be used for properly authorised expenditure approved by Council.

6. Registers of Member's Interests.

Councillors were reminded to make sure their Register was up to date.

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

7. Public participation.

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Simon Easton who has taken over this patch together with PCSO Alex Demeyer. Both are fully conversant with the Parish and are looking forward to making their faces known to everyone.

Some children use the Park for youth activities which sometimes get out of hand.

Mrs Willis is very aware of this, as it had sometimes occurred during Mrs Willis's work and the Police have been informed when it was needed.

If it is truly urgent ring 999, otherwise ring the 0845 number. The PCSO's have fortnightly meetings with the Youth Service to discuss any current problems, particularly focusing on teenage drinking.

Is it worthwhile to simply visit the Parish and been seen to sit in your stationery car.

It is fully intended to undertake this sort of profile awareness routine.

The Chairman thanked the PCSO's for coming to the meeting and suggested that it might become a programmed part of appropriate future meetings.

There is a planning application for Polperro – can this be discussed.

It was decided to read the comments on Polperro from the Working Party. This was felt to be very comprehensive and the Council would be using the comments as the basis for a formal decision later in the meeting.

Two representatives were present from BACYP, and hard copy about the Group was distributed. This work very much fits in with the need in Youth activities mentioned before, but the cost needs to be affordable for local people, as an alternative to the sometimes higher costing WBC programmes.

The Chairman thanked the Representatives for discussing their activities with the Council

Funding from the Council was touched on and would be an item for Finance.

8. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not referred to elsewhere.

Minute 150.

i Notice Boards.

A quote had been received for installation of the boards. It was decided to seek a second quotation.

The boards will be installed next to the bench in Charlotte Close and outside School.

ii APA matters.

It was reported that four Parishioners have expressed interest in becoming part of a Parish Plan Working Group. It was decided to write to other Village organisations and set up a Plan meeting to encourage further support.

9. Report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb reported that WBC is in the process of changing the make up of some of the principle Committees and responsibilities.

Mr Webb is particularly keen to help in any way which would further the promotion of a new Village Hall and playing field.

10. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

		Decision
09/00175/FUL	Post Office, High Street. Pin hole shutters	Approval

New planning applications.

09/00781/FULD Land to rear of Polperro, Hampstead Norreys Rd.
New chalet bungalow.

The Council decided to object to the application on the grounds detailed in the Working Party report which would be submitted to WBC Planning.

09/00806/FUL O2 mast, Spring Plantation.
Additional antennae to existing mast

The Council returned “no objections”.

Other matters.

- i Dennison Barracks.
Chieveley Parish Council has been contacted, and a reply is awaited..
- ii S.106 contributions.
The schedule of contributions to March 2009 has been received. There appear to be no changes from the March 2008 data. A spreadsheet would be mailed to Councillors.
- iii Lawrence Farm equipment site.
There have been no applications since 1996.
- iv Adherence to conditions.
The Council decided to write to Gary Lugg expressing their general dissatisfaction that WBC too easily allow agreed planning conditions to be ignored or changed..

11. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 153.

- i Footway works on the High Street.
The Council considered the email from Jon Winstanley dated May 8th. After discussion, it was proposed that the compromise scheme for reduced width of pavement widening be adopted, provided that driveways on both sides of High Street were marked and bollards positioned on the eastern footway. The proposition was seconded. The Council voted to accept the proposition by four votes in favour, one against and an abstention by Mr Kerry.
- ii Speed surveys.
There was nothing further to report.
- iii Marlston Bridge.
It was decided to ask WBC to place a “Keep Clear” sign across Marlston Road at the junction with Slanting Hill.
- iv WBC resurfacing programme 2009 / 2010
The programme was noted. It was decided to bring to the attention of WBC the quality of the repairs to Hampstead Norreys Road by Freewood Road as a result of the excavation and fill in of a gas main.

- ii Application for a memorial.
Details had been submitted by the monumental mason which appeared to be in compliance with the Council's rules for the Burial Ground. It was decided to approve the request.

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

WBC Arts & Leisure – Healthy & Active Parishes – data about the programme.
WBC Shaw House – Record breaking picnic May 25th.
WBC Shaw House – The trouble with servants – Lecture May 14th.
North Wessex Downs – Leader funding Launch reception – June 2nd.
CPRE – Annual report 2008 and notice of an Historical Luncheon at Basildon park on November 24th.
Clerks & Councils Direct – newsmagazine.
BALC / NALC Power of Well being – briefing notes.

The correspondence was noted and, where appropriate, placed into circulation.

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

There were no further reports.

17. Items to be raised by Councillors.

It was reported that branches and debris are still being dumped at the corner of Chapel Lane. It was decided to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The WBC Local Development Framework Consultation would be considered.

18. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday June 18th at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date