

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9TH 2008.

Present.

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

Thirteen members of the public.

90. Minutes of the last meeting held on October 16th 2008.

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

91. Apologies for absence.

There was an apology for absence from Mr Marr.

92. Planning application.

08/02136/FULD Thistledown, Hampstead Norreys Road.

The Parish Council Working Party presented their report, which was to be attached to these minutes.

The meeting was then opened to the public for any additional comment on this application which had not been covered by the Working Party.

There should be no further developments in the Village following the expansion of the last three years.

There will be a loss of hedgerows as a result of this application.

The trees surrounding the properties will also be felled.

The changes shown in the amended plans were so small they made little difference to the original concept and should not be given any weight.

Here Mrs Groves declared a Personal Interest and retired from the meeting.

The Council considered the application with the points raised by the Public and decided to object to the application both on those grounds and those specified in the Working Party report. It was decided that, should the application be called to Committee, the Council would wish to speak.

Here Mrs Groves rejoined the meeting.

93. Public participation on other matters.

There are still some pavements which need repairing. It is believed that, at the end of Orchard Close, the road and pavement are being repaired together.

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

- i Pre School storage in the Village hall.
This is ongoing.
- ii Resignation of a Councillor.
Mr Frost has given notice of his resignation from the Council due to work commitments. The Council noted this with regret, and wished to put on record their thanks for the many ways in which Mr Frost had contributed to the work of the Council.

95. Planning**Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

		Decision
08/01472/HOUSE	Units 1-3, Wellhouse Farm Barns.	
08/01473/LBC	Buildings replacement.	Approval.
08/01761/HOUSE	Wayside, Yattendon Road.	
	Conservatory	Approval.
08/01471/LBC	Unit 5 Wellhouse Farm Barns.	
	Garage replacement	Withdrawn
08/01985/HOUSE	Brackenveldt, Hampstead Norreys Rd.	
	Conservatory.	Approval

New planning applications.

08/01813/HOUSE	Haycroft, High Street. Fence & gate replacement.	
	The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the suggested fence conflicts with the Hermitage VDS.	
08/01999/HOUSE	The Benhams, Yattendon Road. Retrospective – fence & gate.	
	The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the suggested fence conflicts with the Hermitage VDS.	
08/02051/HOUSE	30, Pinewood Crescent. Window replacement, extension & new shed.	
08/02165/HOUSE	Morinda, Hampstead Noerreys Road. Extension over garage, new porch & balcony.	
	The Council returned “no objections” to these two applications.	

Other matters.

- i Southwood, Yattendon Road.
Tree removal which appears to be the subject of a TPO.
It was decided to ask the Tree Preservation Officer to come to a Council meeting to discuss TPO's.

- ii Post Office House.
The Council discussed the legality of an entrance being made to the Highway. It was decided that, in this case only, it was probably acceptable from a Highways perspective. The Enforcement Officer should be asked whether there had been the necessary planning application.
- iii Hermitage Green.
Plans are being discussed with Stuart Souden.
- iv Miller Homes.
Plans are expected shortly for Forest Edge, with possibly a new planning application. The football pitch had not been sown as Miller Homes had undertaken to do. It was decided to arrange a meeting with Miller Homes together with the District Councillor.

96. The report of the District Councillor.

Mr Webb felt that all the matters which he wished to raised had already been covered, and would be glad to answer any questions from the Council.

97. Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 83.

- i Footpath widening in the High Street.
It was decided to ask Jon Winstanley for an up to date report.
- ii Speeding in the Village.
Mrs Groves had attended the recent NAG meeting and mentioned the concern which residents have in Hermitage. The PCSO who believed that there were no speeding problems had moved away from the area. It was decided to see if a speed check could be set up in appropriate places.
- iii Marlston Bridge.
It was decided to press for a reply from Highways. It was believed that Jon Winstanley opposed any alteration to the existing scheme.
- iv No parking signs.
It was decided to keep the signs for the time being, and to investigate whether they could be sold.
- v Parish footpath leaflet.
This is a new leaflet, which should be ready in March.

98. Environment.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 84.

- i Thatcham Outreach.
It was reported that some Youth uses the Park regularly for relaxation, and it would seem an appropriate time for Outreach to contact them. It was decided to ask Thatcham Outreach to come to a Council meeting.
- ii CCTV for the new changing rooms.
This is not yet relevant as yet, but the draft plans are available for inspection.
- iii Football pitch.
The Council will keep in mind the possibility of ownership. In the meantime it was decided to ask Stuart Souden for a meeting to discuss open spaces and that aspect of S.106 funding.
- iv Trees in the playground area.
These had been trimmed.

New matters.

- i Trees in Bryant's Piece.
It was decided to ask Mr Perry for a quote to attend to the trees. If the quote is less than £300 Mr Perry would be asked to carry out the work right away.
It was also decided to ask Mr Perry for a quote to deal with the tree in Dines Way.
- ii HVHMC.
Mrs Groves attended a meeting of the Committee. It was decided to ask the Committee if they would like a board at the Village Hall. It was also decided to see if a second board should be purchased for the Village. The Council decided in principle to purchase the two boards up to a value of £1,300 for the boards and installation.

99. Finance.

- i Receipts.
Bank Statements for November had not yet been received.
- ii Payments for authorised.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass and shelters	£360.83
N.J.Perry	Tree work at playground	£450.00
C.W.Goudge	Salary & exes	£372.27
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
 - ii Change of Bank.
The Bank would be asked if they would allow free banking. If not, the Council would consider changing Banks.
 - iii Grant enquiries received.

Hermitage & Curridge Y.C.	£2,000.00
Hermitage Hort Society	£125.00
Hermitage pre-School	£1,345.93
Hermitage V.Hall	£1,500.00

100. Burial Ground.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 86.

- i Grave spaces.
WBC have now decided that a planning application may be needed for change of use. It was decided to make enquiries locally to check the status of the ground before going any further.
- ii Unauthorised interment.
It was reported that Smallbone had interred ashes without consent in an existing grave. It was decided to make sure that this Director was aware of the Burial Ground regulations.
- iii Cemetery management DVD.
It was decided to order this DVD at a cost of some £30.

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

WBC – Outcome into the Review of Area Forums.
 WBC – Certificates for Major Incident course.
 CCB- Stakeholder meeting November 19th.
 WBC- Rural Housing Protocol.

Fire Authority – Integrated Risk management Plan 2009 / 2010
WBC – Draft Parish Charter.
WBC – Representation on NAG Groups of WBC Officers.
Communities and Local Government – Communities in control.
NALC – Newsletter.
CPRE – Stop the Drop.
Clerks & Councils Direct.
WBC – Children & Young People’s Plan 2008 – 2011.
CCB – Newsletter Issue 06.

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

102. Reports from Councillors who had attended meetings of Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council.

Councillors had attended the recent WBC District Parish Conference in Newbury. It was felt that the Conference was a useful gathering which welcomed comment and questions from Parishes. There are some four Conferences planned for next year.

The Council was represented at the meeting of the HVHMC, part of which was reported earlier in the meeting. The Committee noted that Sarah Ward would be glad to help in the refreshing of the Village Plan.

Councillors had also attended the recent BALC annual meeting. The meeting reported on the year’s results and mentioned their emphasis in helping to promote Quality Parish Councils.

103. Items to be raised by Councillors.

Low flying helicopters had been reported over the Village, and it was decided to contact RAF Odiham to see if this could be ameliorated.

It was decided to contact Chieveley Parish Council to progress any talks about Denison Barracks.

The electricity supply cable on the pole in Pinewood Playground is perceived to be potentially dangerous, and it was decided to contact S.E.B to have the cable sheathed properly.

104. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday January 15th at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date

