

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21ST 2008.

Present.

Mr D. Brown.	Chairman
Mr R Allum	
Ms R Cottingham.	
Mr M Frost	
Mrs M. Goodman.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mr A. Hayes-Jones	
Mr B. Jennings	
Mr K Miller	
Mr R Rodgers	
Mrs K. Willis.	
Mr Q. Webb.	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

Twelve members of the public.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mr Hayes-Jones and Mr Jennings who were attending their first Council meeting after co-option as Councillors.

Mr Hayes-Jones and Mr Jennings signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

106.Public participation.

Concern was strongly expressed regarding the proposed widening of the pavement in the High Street. It was felt that any widening would result in traffic being unable to pass adequately in the narrowed space, particularly as there are usually vehicles parked on the Post Office side which themselves narrow the carriageway. Emergency services might not be able to pass other vehicles at a critical time, and many times there are vehicles parked in driveways. It was noted that, in the Parish Plan, there is a concern about pedestrian safety. The widening scheme was the subject of meetings earlier last year with WBC, but it was suggested that it would be useful if the responsible WBC Highways Officer could come to a Council meeting to address the subject before implementation.

It was reported that the lighting on the 30mph sign at the top of the Village does not work, and there are also other traffic signs, which should be lit, are not functioning.

107.Apologies for absence.

There was an apology for absence from Mr Pask.

108.Minutes of the last meeting held on January 17th 2008.

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

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

Minute 96.

- i Parish Council notice boards.
This matter is to be taken to the APA in April.
- ii APA Agenda.
The Agenda was discussed and agreed. The Chairman would arrange printing.

110. The report of the District Councillor.

111. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

		Decision
07/02330/HOUSE	Fairfields Farm, Red Shute Hill. Extension and conservatory	Approval

New planning applications.

07/02615/FUL Hermitage Primary School
Outdoor pavilion.

The Council returned “no objections”.

HERE MRS GOODMAN DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST AND RETIRED FROM THE MEETING.

07/02791/FUL The Birches, Slanting Hill.
Demolish bungalow & erect new dwelling

The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.

1. **The new dwelling would be too massive for the surroundings, and it would be out of keeping both with the Village vernacular and the provisions of the Parish Plan.**

HERE MRS GOODMAN RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

HERE MR RODGERS AND MR ALLUM DECLARED A PERSONAL INTERESTS AND RETIRED FROM THE MEETING.

08/00144/HOUSE Holly Lodge, Pond Lane.
Garage replacement.

The Council returned “no objections”.

HERE MR RODGERS AND MR ALLUM REJOINED THE MEETING

08/00131/FUL 11, Bryant’s Piece, Hermitage.
Side extension & porch.

The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.

- 1 **The extension does not accord with the building as required by SPG’s**
2. **The extension would not accord with the perceived vernacular.**

08/00026/FUL Bryants Cottage, Yattendon Road.
Revised plans for minor change to extension

The Council returned “no objections”

Councillors would be attending the meeting.

108.Finance.

Receipts.			
Bank of Scotland	Interest	January	£134.52
WBC	S.106 indexation.		£203.66
Payments for authorized.			
F.C.Lawrence	Grasscutting & Shelter tidy		£348.08
C.W.Goudge	Salary & expenses		£387.50
WBC	Dog bin & installation		£296.96
BALC	Councillor training day		£117.00
Mrs Groves	Mileage to CTD		£61.94
Bradfield Parish Council	Photocopy rent - half year		£27.50
Mortimer West End P.C.	Stationery & Computer supplies		
	Half year		£65.90

Other matters

- i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
- ii It was decided to obtain quotations for grasscutting & bus shelter tidy 2008 / 2009

109.Burial Ground.

- i Request for a memorial stone.
Nothing further has been heard from the Agents.
- ii Water supply.
Thames Water have been asked to investigate the supply to the tap.
- iii Request for a memorial.
Plans have been submitted for Council's approval. It was decided to research the existing burial ground rules before replying to the request.
- iv Request for a reserved grave space.
It was decided to grant the request.

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

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

111.Items to be raised by Councillors.

A number of items had been tabled for inclusion in this meeting's Agenda, and it was decided to take them forward to the next meeting.

It was reported that a manhole on Red Shute Hill was giving flooding problems, and it was decided to report this to WBC.

112.Date of the next meeting.

Thursday March 13th at 7.45pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date

