

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2008.

Present.

Mr D. Brown.	Chairman
Mr R. Allum	
Ms R Cottingham.	
Mr M Frost	
Mrs M. Goodman.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mr K Miller	
Mr R Rodgers	
Mr Q. Webb.	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk

Two members of the public.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mr Rodgers who was attending his first Council meeting after co-option as a Councillor.  
Mr Rodgers signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **93.Public participation.**

It was reported that the cats eyes in the centre of the High Street are becoming dislodged. There were thirteen missing from Marlston Road to the Village Shop. It was decided to inform WBC Highways.

### **94.Apologies for absence.**

There was an apology for absence from Mrs Willis.

### **95.Minutes of the meeting held on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The minutes had been circulated.  
Minute 83 was in error and withdrawn from the minutes.  
With this amendment the minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **96.Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**

Minute 82.

i Parish notice boards.

It was decided to take this forward to the A.P.A. In the meantime questionnaires would be given to all the houses in Hermitage Green asking opinions on a number of matters including the possible location of a notice board.

- ii Standards Board of England.  
The Board confirmed that the Council has adopted the new Code of Conduct with an election for para 12 (2)

#### **97.The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.**

Mr Webb had no detailed matters to report.

#### **98.Planning.**

##### **Decisions from the Planning Authority**

		<b>Decision</b>
07/02155/HOUSE	East Bungalow, Wellhouse. Greenhouse.	<b>Approval</b>
07/02165/HOUSE	36, Pinewood Drive, Hermitage. Conservatory	<b>Approval</b>
07/02271/FULD	Land adjacent to the Old Vicarage. 2 new houses	<b>Approval</b>
07/02226/FULD	The Gabled House, Yattendon Road. 16 apartments	<b>Withdrawn</b>

##### **New planning applications.**

None had been received.

##### **Other matters.**

- i Denison Barracks.  
It was reported that the Barracks could be closed after 2010. There appeared to be other options which might become available.
- ii S.106 funding.  
WBC Legal Department is of the opinion that the amount of £24,310 available under an S.106 agreement could not be used for a contribution towards building changing rooms as part of a new Village Hall.

#### **99.Highways.**

##### **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 85.

- i Marlston Bridge traffic.  
There was wide ranging discussion about the present arrangements. It was decided to write to WBC and ask for a revision of the current system.
- ii Footpath with barbed wire.  
A report is awaited from WBC.
- iii Sewer replacement.  
It appears that start of the work is imminent.
- iv M4 noise  
A further report had been received noting the recent meeting with Trevor Gibbs. A summary would be prepared.

##### **New matters.**

- i WBC evaluation of Parish bids forecast for December 2007.  
It is not known if this has been carried out.

- ii Prohibition of driving.  
There is to be prohibition of driving at Streatley Hill and the A129 on the weekends of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 100.Environmental.

##### Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 86.

- i Dog waste bin.  
It was decided to purchase a bin from WBC. Costs would be £296.96 to buy and install the bin with £42.21 a year to for a weekly empty and monthly wash.

##### New matters.

- i Hermitage Green playground.  
The questionnaire which is to be sent to the residents will contain a question as to whether the playground should be altered and / or moved. The matter would be reviewed when the data is available.

#### 101.Finance.

- i Receipts  
Bank of Scotland.                      Interest                      December                      £136.71
- ii Payments authorised.  
Thames Water.                      Burial Ground                      £6.76  
F.C.Lawrence                      Grasscutting etc                      £348.08  
C.W.Goudge                      Salary & expenses                      £373.25
- iii Other.
  - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.
  - ii Two late grant applications were discussed.
    - (a) Hermitage & Curridge Youth Club.  
It was decided to make a grant of £1,000.
    - (b) Hermitage Pre-School  
It was decided to make a grant of £750.
- Both grants would be paid after the A.P.A in April.
- iii The Precept for 2008 / 2009 was set at £ 26,000.  
The Precept has been increased by £7,000 compared to 2007 / 2008, to partly provide for the increased need for services due to the additional number of houses which have been built in the Parish over recent years.

#### 102.Burial Ground.

There had been a meeting with the Agent of the applicant for a memorial. Plans for their suggestions are awaited.

#### 103.Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

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

**104.Items to be raised by Councillors.**

It was reported that the Footpath No 16 is fully flooded, possibly due to work by Contractors.  
It was decided to report this to WBC.

It was decided to send invitations to the people who usually attend the A.P.A.

**105.Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.45pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.**

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Chairman Date

**THE PUBLIC WERE THEN ASKED TO RETIRE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ADMISSIONS LEGISLATION.**

**106.Co-option of Councillors**

Mrs Groves proposed that Mr Andrew Hayes-Jones should be co-opted to the Council.  
Mr Frost seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

Ms Cottingham proposed that Mr Bradford Jennings be co-opted to the Council.  
Mr Frost seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

The Clerk would write to both gentlemen.

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Chairman Date.