

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 19TH 2008.

Present.

Mr D. Brown. Chairman
Mr R Allum
Ms R Cottingham.
Mrs M. Goodman.
Mrs F. Groves.
Mr A. Hayes-Jones
Mr B. Jennings.
Mr R Rodgers
Mrs K. Willis.

Mr Q Webb. District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge Clerk

Twenty four members of the public.

16.Public Forum.

There is concern about the proposed footpath widening. Mr Winstanley has responded.
This subject comes up for discussion in Agenda item No 7.
Maybe the Council could already have taken some action.
There is a public meeting fixed for August 1st where any options may be discussed.

School restricting access has caused a problem, but the idea of a fence was not appropriate, and the Council should not pay for a fence.
This was purely a suggestion to try and overcome a difficulty. This will be discussed under Agenda item No 7.

17.Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Mr Frost, Mr Miller and Mr Pask.

18.Minutes of the last meetings held on May 15th 2008.

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

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

Minute 7.

- i Flooding in the North part of the Village.
This would be discussed under Agenda item No 8.

Minute 11

- i Marlston bridge.
This has not been placed on the current Agenda. It was reported that the Council is waiting for a detailed reply from Highways in response to the Council letter of May 23rd.

20. The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Webb would comment where needed.

21. Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

		Decision
08/00622/HOUSE	16, Hermitage Green, Thatcham. Conservatory	Approval
08/00629/HOUSE	Bluebells, Deacons Lane. Conservatory replacement.	Approval

New planning applications.

08/00754/HOUSE Pinewood Cottage, Chapel Lane.
New fence to front.

The Council had no objections to the application.

Adjoining Parish application

08/00868/FULD Land at Hillier Garden centre
Modifications to 06/02883/FULD

The Council had no further comments.

Other matters.

- i Denison Barracks.
The report from Chieveley Parish Council was noted. It was decided to appoint three Councillors from this Council to represent the Council in any meetings with Chieveley, Cold Ash and the M.O.D or their Consultants in connection with Dennison Barracks. The three Representatives are Ms Cottingham, Mrs Goodman, and Mrs Groves.
The letter and comments from Richard Benyon MP was also noted.
It was decided to inform Chieveley of this decision.
- ii S.106 agreements.
The up to date schedule of contributions from Developers in the Parish was distributed. It was decided to ask Ms Cottingham, Mr Rodgers and the Clerk to look at this funding and report to the next meeting.

22. Highways

Matters arising from the last meeting.

Minutes 7 & 11.

- i Footpath widening in the High Street.
There is to be a public meeting on August 1st chaired by Richard Benyon MP. Before then a letter from Jon Winstanley giving notice of the meeting would be distributed by WBC to all Parishioners. An earlier meeting, in view of School holidays, was discussed. This idea would be examined, but if it could not be arranged, the August 1st date would stand.
- ii Manor Road.
Mr Govier is waiting for a reply from WBC to his letter. It was decided to ask Chieveley Parish Council for details of any actions which they have taken.

- iii M4 noise.
The papers were noted.

New matters.

- i No parking signs.
It was decided to go ahead with two signs, one opposite the Fox and one at the Village Hall.

23.Environmental.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 12.

- i Notice boards.
It was decided to purchase a noticeboard for Hermitage Green and to place the question of a notice board for Forest Edge on the next Agenda.
- ii School access.
The Council were disappointed that the Governors have decided to restrict access to the School grounds and also have not accepted the idea of a fence.
It was decided to ask Mrs Willis, the Chairman and Mr Frost to meet the Governors and seek a solution.
- iii Hermitage Green play area.
It was decided to ask Ms Cottingham to investigate the possibility of finding an area for ball games.
- iv Flooding in the Parish.
The problems with flooding and sewerage in Orchard Close were discussed with reference to the copies of letters written by Residents to Thames Water, WBC. and District Councillors Quentin Webb and Graham Pask. It was decided to acknowledge these letters and to urge WBC to lead in finding a solution.

New matters.

- i Play area inspections.
There has been a play area inspection and Mrs Willis would seek quotes for the repairs detailed by the report.

24.Finance.

- i Receipts

Bank of Scotland	Interest	May	£135.00
Burial Ground	Interment	May	£375.00
WBC	Precept 50%		£13,000.00
- ii Payments authorized.

F.C.Lawrence	Grass & shelters		£363.83
Mr D Brown	Telephone		£51.65
	Stationery		£9.98
Digley Associates	Playground inspection		£52.88
C.W.Goudge	Salary & expenses		£373.39
- iii Other matters.
 - i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted..

- ii Small payments delegation.
It was decided to allow for expenditures up to £300 between meetings. Such expenditure would be authorised by any two Councillors, in line with the Financial Regulations.
- iii The Council noted the acknowledgement of grant letters from
The Downland Youth Network.
Hermitage Cubs.
Home Start.
Hermitage Village Hall.
Hermitage Horticultural Society.
Holy Trinity Church.
- iv The Annual Return for the Council for the year to March 31 2008 was signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman and the Clerk.

25. Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Minute 14.

- i Grave spaces.
An examination of the records and the burial ground showed that there are five spaces available. It was decided to urgently seek the authority to dedicate further land for burial.

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

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

27. Items to be raised by Councillors.

- i Parish Council meeting place and dates.
It was decided to continue to meet for the present in the Adelaide Room. The next meeting would start at 7.00pm instead of 7.45.

28. Date of the next meeting.

Thursday July 17th at 7.00pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date