

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20TH 2007

Present.

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

Three members of the public.

43.Public participation.

There was flooding along the road opposite the Post Office in July due possibly to the ditch being unserviceable. It was not known to whom the ditch belonged, though it was believed that WBC had cleared it some time ago. The Council would investigate.

The Village website should be brought up to date. The Village name sign is missing on Priory Court Road and the Council would report this to WBC.

44.Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Miller, Mr Frost and Mr Pask.

45.Minutes of the last meeting held on August 23rd 2007.

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

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

Minute 34.

- i Village Hall.
Councillors, Mr Webb and representatives from Hermitage Football Club met the Developers at the proposed football field to discuss the layout for pitch use. WBC will take ownership from the developers in due course and, it is understood, would eventually hand over the land to the Village Hall.
- ii Village website.
There were no further matters to report.
- iii Village Walk.
The annual Walk had been very well supported, and thanks were tendered to all those who had made the organisation possible.

47.The report of the West Berkshire Councillor.

There were no further matters to be discussed.

48.Planning.

Decisions from the Planning Authority.

		Decision
07/01400/HOUSE	Meadow Pipit, Manor Lane. Extension & garage roof	Approval
07/01455/FUL	Bridge House, Chapel Lane. Section 73 garage to annexe	Refusal

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

New planning applications.

07/01656/HOUSE Woodside House, Yattendon Road.
Conservatory & Garden shed

The Council returned “no objections”.

Here Mrs Groves returned to the meeting.

07/0721/HOUSE Wellhouse barns, Wellhouse.
07/0722/LBC New connection & link to barns

The Council returned “no objections”.

07/01835/FUL Land adjacent to Old Vicarage.
Marlston Road, Hermitage.
Two dwellings and garages.

The Council returned “no objections”, but asked that the following comments be taken into account.

- 1 There are serious concerns that the upkeep of the ditch should be properly regulated.**
- 2 It is requested that the ditch upkeep be specified in a planning condition attached to any permission.**

Other matters.

- i GOSE.
Report of the Inspector’s Panel on the South East Plan on CD.
The Council noted the report.
- ii WBC
S.106 funds from 04/02208/RESMAJ
The Council had received £24,310 in June 2005 and was looking into the correct application of these funds.

49.Highways.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 37.

- i Bus shelter repairs.
These have been completed.
- ii Hemitage Green footpath
The state of the footpath continues to cause concern. The surface is uneven and poor and there is barbed wire adjacent to the path posing a possible danger to users. WBC are looking into the matter with the Developers.

- ii Footpath impaired by a leaning tree.
This has not been cleared and it was decided to remind WBC of this.
- iii Flood report for WBC.
This had been submitted.
- iv Subsidence and clearance by the Village Hall.
Some work had been carried out but there was more to do. It was decided to remind WBC of this.

New matters.

- i WBC Highways structure and procedures.
These were noted.
- ii V.A.S.
WBC have confirmed that a speed indicator device is being placed on the Yattendon Road.
- iii Parish bids.
The bids from the Parish for inclusion in the rolling Capital programme have been submitted to WBC.

50.Finance.

- i Receipts since the last meeting.

Bank of Scotland.	Interest	August	£103.50
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- ii Payments authorised.

Grants from last year.

Village Hall	£1,500.00
Pre-School	£1,000.00
Cubs	£1,000.00
CAB	£100.00
Downland Youth	£150.00
Pang Valley Project	£100.00
Air ambulance	£75.00
Community furniture	£75.00

Invoices.

F.C.Lawrence	Grasscutting	August	£318.08
	Bus shelters		£30.00
C. Rumens	Bus shelter		£950.00
	Wall in burial ground		£1,100.00
B.A.L.C.	Seminar Sept 22 nd		£37.00
C.P.R.E.	Subscription		£27.00
Sovereign Housing	Ground rent		£5.00
C.W.Goudge.	September		£336.28

- iii Other.

- i The Statement of Receipts & Payments to date was noted.

- ii It was noted that the amount of £24,310 from the S.106 agreement for the development at the Arena site had been paid to this Council in June 2005. A further amount of £206.66 from the same agreement is being paid from WBC to the Council shortly. These amounts are part of the balance at the Bank of some £44k, and it was decided to ringfence the amounts..
- iii A loan was undertaken by the Council some time ago to facilitate a grant to the Village Hall of £20,000. The amount of the loan outstanding from the Council is some £11,000, and it was decided to ringfence this amount as well in the funds at the Bank.
- iv The telephone banking authorisation for the Clerk. was completed.

51.Burial Ground.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 39.

- i Wall repairs.
These had been completed.
- ii Gully by the ground.
This has not been cleared and it was decided to urge WBC to assist.

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

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

53.Items to be raised by Councillors.

Mrs Groves had attended the first meeting of the local Neighbourhood Action Group. The intention is to set up a Committee of representatives for the area acting with the Police. The Committee would meet on a regular basis, probably quarterly.
This area is considered a low problem area.

54.Date of the next meeting.

Thursday October 18th at 7.45pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church.

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Chairman

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Date