

## HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2007

Present.

Mr D. Brown.	Chairman
Mr R. Allum.	
Ms R Cottingham.	
Mrs F. Groves.	
Mr K.D.Miller.	
Mr G. Pask.	District Councillor.
Mr Q Webb.	District Councillor
Mr C.W.Goudge	Clerk.

#### **19. Public participation.**

There was a discussion about the arrangements for the Village Walk, and a notice has been placed at the Forest Edge location. Details should be put into the Village website. It was also mentioned that the website needs to be brought up to date with Parish Council matters and the Clerk would get in touch with Mr Lawler.

The Village Hall Management Committee reported that there were hopes to launch a new fund raising project. A Lottery grant has been applied for and the results are awaited. West Berkshire Council are of the opinion that the planning application for the Village Hall which has laid dormant since being granted some time ago cannot be renewed. A letter had been received from the Charity Commission regarding the Playing Field.

#### **20. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Frost, Mrs Goodman and Mrs Willis.

#### **21. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2007.**

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

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

The printed report is attached to these minutes.

West Berkshire Council is looking at the ramifications of LDF implications mainly around Newbury and Hungerford. The fact that gardens are “brownfield sites” can be a contentious matter when considering the impact of infilling.

**23. Planning.****Decisions from the Planning Authority.**

		<b>Decision</b>
07/00751/HOUSE	10. Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage Conservatory	<b>Approval</b>
07/00813/FULD	Land adjacent to the Old Vicarage. Two dwellings.	<b>Withdrawn</b>

**New planning applications.**

07/01121/HOUSE	Red Roof, Chapel Lane. Extension to create two storey dwelling. Amended plans had been submitted which eliminated the carport and extension over.
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**The Council objected on the following grounds.**

- 1. The roof line is too high, would be dominant in the area, and be an intrusion into the street scene.**
- 2. The extension would overshadow the neighbours and not meet the criteria for extensions set out in the West Berkshire SPG on this subject.**
- 3. The extension would represent overdevelopment in a narrow site.**

07/01238/HOUSE	Rivendell, Hampstead Norreys Road Vehicular access.	<b>No objections</b>
07/01250/HOUSE	Mulberry Cottage, Deacons Lane First floor extension.	<b>Support</b>
07/01338/FUL	1 & 2, Concrete Cottages, Wellhouse. Demolish & replace two semi-detached dwellings	<b>Support</b>
07/01152/HOUSE	Woodpeckers, Hampstead Norreys Road. Side extension.	<b>No objections</b>
07/01156/HOUSE	56, Hermitage Green, Hermitage. Conservatory	<b>No objections</b>
07/1400/HOUSE	Meadow Pipit, Manor Lane. Extensions.	<b>No objections</b>
07/1455/FUL	Bridge House, Chapel Lane Section 73 application.	<b>No objections.</b>

**The Council commented that -**

- 1. The solid gate is out of keeping with the vicinity.**
- 2. The access is acceptable in principle.**

**Adjoining Parish applications.**

07/01290/FUL	Hilliers Garden Centre, Priors Court Road. New building in garden centre
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**The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.**

- 1. The location of the building is inappropriate.**
- 2. The building would be grossly visually intrusive.**
- 3. This Council supports the Chieveley Parish council objections.**

07/01140/FUL	Florence Cottage, Bucklebury Alley. Remove sheds and replace.	<b>No objections</b>
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07/1314/HOUSE Fencewood House, Slanting Hill.  
Railings and gates.

**The Council objected to the application on the following grounds.**

- 1. The proposed gates are not compatible with the neighbourhood and are not in keeping with the rural area.**

**Other matters.**

- i S.106 data.  
The Council noted the details of amounts raised by WBC from S.106 agreements in the Parish. Further details would be provided at the next meeting.

**24. Highways.**

**WBC**

- i Footpath widening in High Street.  
The proposals were noted.
- ii Hermitage School pedestrian crossing.  
The plans were noted.
- iii West Berkshire Freight Route Network Consultation.  
The questionnaire was noted and would be brought forward at the next meeting.
- iv Parish bids for Highways.  
The Council noted that WBC will welcome bids from the Council for the allocation of monies raised by S.106 in the Parish. Bids will be asked for in the Autumn.
- v Highways Improvement programme.  
The programme was noted. There are no works suggested for the Parish.
- vi Revision of local bus services.  
The Passenger Transport Team will be reviewing the local bus services in the Parish. This would be brought forward for comment at the next meeting.

**Other.**

- i Arena footpath.  
It was reported that the footpath is unfinished and has barbed wire on the fence at the side, posing a possible danger to pedestrians. It was decided to ask WBC to look into the matter.

**25. Finance.**

- i Receipts.  
Bank Statements were not yet available.
- ii Payments authorised.

Thames Water	Burial Ground supply.	£1.31
F.C.Lawrence	Grasscutting & tidying	£696.16
B.A.L.C.	Postage on booklets	£7.50
R.F.Gleave	Internal audit to March 2007	£100.00
Zurich Insurance	Premium 07 / 08	£483.90
Hermitage Village Hall.	Hall hire	£29.40
C.C.B	Grant	£25.00
West Berkshire Council	Election costs	£100.00
C.W.Goudge	Salary June / July & postage	£649.28

- iii Other.
  - i Internal audit.  
The Auditors observations were noted.
  - ii Council computer.  
It was decided that the computer should be offered to Mrs Riordan for £50.00
  - iii Parish Council Loan.  
The loan, which raised money for the Village Hall some years ago, has some seven years to run. It was decided to look into this and to bring it forward for the next meeting.
  - iv Material damage Insurance.  
The playground equipment is not covered under the Council's Policy. It was decided to examine the matter.

**26. Burial Ground.**

- i It was reported that the brickwork is poor in places and should be assessed to see whether it causes a possible danger to users of the Burial Ground.

**27. Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**

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

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

There were no further items under this heading.

**29. Date of the next meeting.**

**Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church at 7.45pm.**

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Chairman

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Date