

HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL
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**Members of Hermitage Parish Council are summoned to attend a
Meeting of Hermitage Parish Council
The Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage**

Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1 Public participation

Members of the public are welcome at Hermitage Parish Council meetings but can only speak during the first 10 minutes which are reserved for this purpose. Anyone wishing to speak should please advise the Clerk of this at least 48 hours before the meeting. Councillors may ask for further information but otherwise cannot respond directly at the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence:
Cllr Burgess

3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th March to be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of interest

5 Actions agreed and matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

6 Reports

6.1 The report of the District Councillors – circulated for information

6.2 Chairmans report: any questions - circulated for information

7 Planning

7.1 New applications:

None.

7.2 Decision notices:

25/00195/ Windmill Farm, Everington Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham Approval of details reserved by Condition No. 3 (Biodiversity Method Statement) and 5 (Drainage) of Approved Application (number) 22/03032/FUL: Replacement of Existing Buildings with 2 no. Commercial Buildings Providing 5 no. Units for Use Class E(g) and B8 together with the relocation of an access and provision of car parking. WBC approved.

8 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Payments for consideration April 2025

8.2.1 Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd monthly charge £ 269.57

8.2.2 Grass maintenance/Contractor £ 770.59

8.2.3 Cost of administration £ 1,089.89

8.2.4 HMRC, Tax and NI £ 165.44

8.2.5 Administration expenses, green fest donation, postage/ink/paper £ 123.09

8.2.6 Tactical Management Ltd, dog bins (March) £ 242.94

8.2.7 John Rigby, batteries, clipboards, zebra pens	£ 27.84
8.2.8 Newbury College, APA fliers	£ 107.40
8.2.9 Autela Payroll services, Dec-March (4 months)	£ 129.65
8.2.10 The Fox Hermitage, APA catering	£ 500.00
8.2.11 Holy Trinity Church	£1,500.00
8.2.12 Hermitage Primary School	£ 550.00
8.2.13 Hermitage Pre School	£ 500.00
8.2.14 Hermitage Cubs	£ 500.00
8.2.15 Village Hall	<u>£1,000.00</u>
	Total £7,476.41

8.3 Direct Debits (March) previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment	£ 8.40
NEST monthly payment	£ 111.01

8.4 Receipts to be noted in March 2025:- Newbury dog training £50.

8.5 FWP report

8.6 PWLB - Loan balance 27th March 2025:- £169,361.63

8.7 CCLA – balance 31st March 2025: - £21,775.16

8.8 To update signatories for Newbury Building Society

8.9 To consider insurance premium renewal: - £2,078.87 for a 3-year term

9 Burial Ground

None

10 Highways

None

11 Environment

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds

11.1.1 Councillor inspection reports

11.2 Furze Hill

11.2.1 Recreation Ground

11.3 Other open spaces: Dines Way, Lipscomb Close, Charlotte Close

11.4 Transfer of land off Pinewood Crescent: progress report

12 Other matters

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

12.1 Village Hall

12.2 Defibrillator checks

12.3 APA 24th April

12.4 Hermitage football

12.4.1 To consider using ring fenced monies from youth club in the sum of £6,130

12.5 Hermitage Community Event

12.5.1 To consider £500.00 budget for the event

Part two: -

Appraisal and pay award

That by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business under Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.”

- 13 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**
Residents Bulletin 26 March 2025
North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan Consultation
Residents Bulletin 02 April 2025
West Berkshire Council unveils ambitious Highway Improvement Programme for the coming year
Royal Berkshire Trust Strategy Refresh
Residents Bulletin 09 April 2025
- 14 Reports from Parish Council representatives who have attended meetings of outside bodies on behalf of the council.**
- 15 Items to be raised by Councillors (information only)**
- 16 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent (information only)**
- 17 Date of the next meeting**
Thursday 24th April 2025 APA, 7.30pm for 8pm start at the Village Hall, Hermitage
Thursday 15th May 2025, 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

Nicky Pierce
Parish Clerk
11 April 2025
