

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 19th December 2024 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 will listen but cannot respond directly at the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence:

3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2024 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

7 Planning

7.1 New applications:

None.

7.2 Decision notices:

24/01430/PACOU, Boars Hole Farm, Marlston Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9UB. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a Proposed: change of use of a barn on the site from its current agricultural use to a commercial/storage/distribution/business (Class B8/Class E) use. WBC planning permission not required.

7.3 To consider changes in the emerging local plan.

8 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Payments for consideration December 2024

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 £ 1,060.45

8.2.4 HMRC, Tax and NI £ 146.92

8.2.5 Tactical Management Ltd, dog bins (November) £ 224.26

Total £ 2,461.79

8.3 Direct Debits (October) previously approved:

1&1 Ionas (web site) monthly payment £ 44.40

NEST monthly payment £ 107.08
8.4 Receipts to be noted in November 2024:- HMRC VAT reclaim £3,671.33.
8.5 Draft budget 2025-26
8.6 To review Standing Orders:- 1C and 34.

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 To receive report on Downs School open forum

13 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.
Residents Bulletin 27 November 2024
West Berkshire Community Connect is expanding

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 16th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

Nicky Pierce
Parish Clerk
10th December 2024
