

**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 20<sup>th</sup> February 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 will listen but cannot respond directly at the meeting.

### **2 Apologies for absence:**

### **3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 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:**

24/01920/FUL, 1 Longworthy, Newbury Road, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9TB. Demolition of timber bungalow and garage, erection of new self-build detached dwelling and garage.

WBC approved.

24/02073/HOUSE, Spindleberry Wood, Slanting Hill, Hermitage, Thatcham RG18 9QQ.

Proposed first floor extension, single storey side extension, alterations to openings including new rooflights, and new garage with home office in roof space.

WBC approved.

24/02592/COND, The Cabin, High Street, Hermitage, Thatcham. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Sustainable drainage) and 5 (External lighting) of planning permission 24/01285/FUL - Rear extension over existing rear aspect to create bedroom with en-suite with internal alterations.

WBC approved.

#### **7.3 Response to Emerging Local Plan**

#### **7.4 Report on HPC response to appeal 23/00815**

## 8 Finance and report of Responsible Finance Officer

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

8.2 Payments for consideration February 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 £ 1,090.09

8.2.4 HMRC, Tax and NI £ 165.24

8.2.5 Tactical Management Ltd, dog bins (January) £ 242.94

8.2.6 Ainsworth and Willis, salt bin refill, Slanting Hill £ 79.51

8.2.7 Steve Tilbury Consulting Ltd £ tbc

Total £ 2,617.94

8.3 Direct Debits (January) previously approved:

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

NEST monthly payment £ 111.01

8.4 Receipts to be noted in January 2025:- None.

8.5 To consider FWP report and grant applications 2025-26

8.6 To consider the transfer of interest, on developer contributions, to ring fenced funds

## 9 Burial Ground

None

## 10 Highways

10.1 Speedwatch update

## 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

11.2.2 To agree contractor for tree works

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

11.3.1 To agree contractor for tree works

11.4 Transfer of land off Pinewood Crescent: progress report

11.5 Consider following up on the Berkshire Digital Infrastructure project with Vodafone to improve signal in southern part of the village

## 12 Other matters

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

12.1 Village Hall

12.2 Defibrillator checks

12.3 Approval of revised standing orders

12.4 APA 24<sup>th</sup> April

12.4.1 Consider suggested residents survey

12.5 Hermitage village event

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"

**Part two: - Councillor Co-option**

- 13 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.**  
Residents Bulletin 22 January 2025  
West Berkshire Council brings forward collection of certain plastic pots, tubs, and trays  
Residents Bulletin 29 January 2025  
Police & Crime Bulletin Jan '25 -Crime prevention, shop theft & child abuse  
GreenFest 2025 Saturday 5 April - Get Involved! Town and Parish Councils  
Berkshire LNRS Public Consultation - Chance for Parish and town councils to engage  
Thames Valley Police launches antisocial behaviour campaign  
West Berkshire Libraries News - February 2025  
Residents Bulletin 5 February 2025  
Chief executive's bulletin - 6 February 2025  
West Berkshire Council publishes its 2025/26 budget  
Residents Bulletin 12 February 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church

Nicky Pierce  
Parish Clerk  
14 February 2025

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