



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 March 2026 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

1 Public participation

Council meetings are not a forum for public engagement (special meetings may be arranged if required) but HPC welcomes residents to express their views and oversee council operations. The first 10 minutes of the meeting are reserved for this purpose. Anyone wishing to speak should please advise the Clerk of the subject at least 48 hours before the meeting. Councillors may ask for further information but otherwise cannot respond directly; written responses to questions may be supplied where appropriate.

2 Apologies for absence

None.

3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2026

To be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of interest

Members are reminded to declare any interest on any item on this agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting in accordance with Hermitage Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

5 District Councillors' Reports and Information from West Berkshire Council

Reports circulated for information and questions.

6 Planning

6.1 New applications

26/00140/FULMAJ, Land at End Of, Charlotte Close, Hermitage, Thatcham. Erection of 16 dwellings and associated landscape and highway works. Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Permission 20/00912/FULEXT.

26/00380/HOUSE, 1 Briant's Piece, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9SX. Proposed conversion of existing single-storey bungalow into a chalet-style two-storey dwelling, including side and rear extensions, alterations to roof form, external re-elevation with render finish to replace existing brickwork and landscaping.

6.2 Decision notices

25/02886/COND, Land at End Of, Charlotte Close, Hermitage, Thatcham. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'External Materials' of approved application 20/00912/FULEXT:

Erection of 16 dwellings and associated landscape and highway works. WBC approved.

25/02837/CERTP, 37 Dines Way Hermitage Thatcham RG18 9TF. Placement of Solar Panels on house and garage roof. WBC lawful.

26/00158/CERTP, Birchwood, Chapel Lane, Hermitage, Thatcham. Proposed conversion of garage and associated alterations. WBC lawful.

26/00143/CERTP, The Willows, Newbury Road, Hermitage, Thatcham. Installation of an air source heat pump. WBC lawful.

6.3 Pavement and fence at Little Orchard, Hampstead Norreys Road

To advise situation on permission and safety status on new fence.

7 Finance

See also Clerk and RFO's report

7.1 Payments for consideration March 2026

To review and approve items of expenditure and note regular payments

7.2 Receipts (to note)

None.

7.3 Receipts and Payments to date

1. To review 2025/26 receipts and payments/budget to date

2. To approve retaining the £40,000 held in the Lloyds deposit account (maturity date 24th March) for a further 3 months.

7.4 Grants

To agree changes to 2026-27 budget to allow for funding of grant to surgery.

8 Administrative matters

1. To agree updated social media Policy (VB)

2. To approve CIL Procedure (NP)

3. To approve CCTV Policy (Scouts/NP)

8.1 Website

1. To agree date(s) for taking gov.uk website live and switching to gov.uk emails.

2. To discuss/ agree offer of help with website and how this would be managed.

8.2 Facebook

New business Facebook page set up, to agree to remove the current Facebook page.

8.3 PC Meeting room

To consider future location of monthly PC meetings

9 Burial Ground

1. Burial of ashes Tuesday 24th March at 3:30 pm, grave plot E28

2. To discuss who to instruct to make new wooden templates

10 Highways

1. To receive/ discuss update on road safety/ parking near Hermitage School (PD)

2. Update re tree on the pavement opposite the Post Office (NP)

3. To discuss remedial work to the pavement necessary after fence installation.

11 HPC properties

Council to receive reports or updates on the following:

11.1 Playgrounds

Furze Hill (VB) Hermitage Green (DB) Pinewood Park (AG)

To agree increase in quotation for the painting at Hermitage Green from (2025) £1,700 to (2026) £1,820 Scott2B Ltd and agree month to paint.

To consider when to do the Hermitage Green surface repair to enable clerk to obtain current quotations.

11.2 Furze Hill & Recreation Ground (RC)

11.3 Other open spaces

Dines Way (AG), Lipscomb Close (DB), Charlotte Close (DB)

11.4 Land off Pinewood Crescent

To discuss progressing consultation with residents (RC/AG)

12 Other matters

12.1 Village Hall

Report from March meeting (VB)

12.2 Defibrillator

1. To note Checks performed
2. Location of defibrillator missing from The White Horse location (NP)
3. Defibrillator training (NP)

12.3 Action Log review

Confirm progress on Actions not already discussed

12.4 APA 23rd April

To agree content of meeting & fliers and discuss distribution.

12.5 Government Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation

To agree support for WBC 3-council proposal (AG)

13 Other correspondence received

Councillors to advise if they want to see any of the items listed separately

14 Reports on meetings of outside bodies

15 Any other business (information only)

16 Date of the next meeting

Thursday 16th April 2026, 7.30pm Ordinary meeting in the Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 23rd April 2026, 7.30pm for 8pm Annual Parish Assembly at the Hermitage Village Hall

Nicky Pierce
Parish Clerk
13th March 2026