

# Hampstead Norreys Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020** at **7:30pm** in the Memorial Room, Village Hall

Councillors present: Councillor David Barlow (Chair), Fiona Bennett, Caroline Herman, Ros Maskell, Harriet McCalmont and Gwenan Paul.  
Councillors not present: Councillor Colin Layton.  
In attendance: Sarah Marshman (Clerk).

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19/20-106 **To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Council**

Apologies were received from Councillor Colin Layton.

19/20-107 **To receive any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**

There were none.

19/20-108 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

19/20-109 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chairman.

19/20-110 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The tree at the allotments has now been removed.

19/20-111 **Planning Applications**

**a) To consider the following new applications:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
20/00387/ DEMO	Land South Of Eling Farm Bungalows and North Of Keepers Cottage Eling Hermitage Thatcham	Proposed demolition of timber built machinery and storage shed (12m x 5.5m timber under ribex cement/asbestos).	No objections

**b) To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**

There were none.

19/20-112 **To consider making a response to West Berkshire Council regarding the following:**

**a) To review the settlement boundary and consider providing suggestions of how this should be redrawn;**

The Council considered the current settlement boundary and the suggested sites in the Housing and Economic Land Availability. It was resolved to make

recommendations to expand the settlement boundary as shown by the red line in Attachment 1.

**b) To complete the audit of current provision of service and facilities in settlements and accessibility to them;**

The audit was completed. It was resolved to provide the completed audit to West Berkshire Council.

**c) To provide comments on the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) sites in Hampstead Norreys Parish.**

It was resolved to provide the following comment to West Berkshire Council:

“It should be noted that rising groundwater results in natural springs within Hampstead Norreys. This can lead to flooding. However, flooding has not been witnessed on any of the suggested sites. The sites suggested in the HELAA are away from the watercourse, follow the current road network, have houses already on the sites and seem to create a natural boundary for the settlement.”

**19/20-113 Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were received regarding the current situation with the coronavirus.

**19/20-114 Matters for future consideration and information**

Notification has been received that the Village Agent scheme is effectively closing.

Meeting closed 8:40pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

**Parish Council Meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7:30pm** in the Memorial Room

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

Attachment 1:

