

Hermitage Parish Council Update April 2019

- ❖ The Annual Parish Assembly is only days away – Thursday April 18th in the village hall starting at 8pm but with refreshments (from Jane Staunton) available from 7.30. As well as updates from the district and parish council, plus village organisations, you will hear from a member of the transport team at West Berkshire Council. The steering group for developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan will also bring you up to date now that work has begun.

Try and get there if you can. It's not all about listening to others, it's an opportunity for you to have your say in a social atmosphere with delicious food and wine.

- ❖ The planning department at West Berkshire Council has approved the plans to build a Co-op on the brown field site next to the White Horse. There is no information on when work might begin on this development but a notice attached to the railings suggest it will be soon.
- ❖ The recreation ground is looking smart with fencing renewed around the perimeter. Fencing work in Pinewood Park and around the exclusion zone at Furze Hill to be done shortly.
- ❖ The strong winds we endured in March caused some tree damage but, thankfully, not too much. SSE was quick to clear a silver birch branch which had fallen onto power cables near to the scout hut in Pinewood Park.
- ❖ The parish council pays for the eight dog bins in Hermitage to be emptied weekly so there is no reason for them to be full to the top or overflowing. If you find this to be the case, please report the matter to West Berkshire Council by going to Report a Problem on their web site or calling 01635 551111.
- ❖ Several village organisations once again successfully applied for a grant from the parish council. Cheques will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly this month. (See item 1) Grants are awarded annually to organisations that can demonstrate they work for the good of Hermitage residents and are open to all. Applications are invited in November; this is widely publicised but put the date in your diary if you run an organisation which you think may be eligible. The Clerk to the council can send you the criteria if this would be helpful.
- ❖ The date of the next parish council meeting is Thursday April 11th. All monthly meetings are held in the Adelaide Room at the rear of the church and begin at 7.30pm. Agendas, minutes and information about the council are posted on notice boards throughout the village and on www.hermitage.org.uk.
- ❖ Hermitage Parish Council can be contacted through the clerk, Nicky Pierce, by emailing hermitagepc@outlook.com.