Hermitage Parish Council Update March 2019

- This financial year will soon close and the council is busy making plans for its activity and expenditure for the next one. The Annual Parish Assembly is held to give all residents an opportunity to find out what these plans are, to comment on them and to ask any questions relevant to council activity in the village.

  This year the assembly is being held on Thursday April 18th in the village hall. The meeting starts at 8pm with refreshments available from 7.30, giving a chance to mingle with your parish councillors and your two current West Berkshire District councillors.

  A guest speaker will be announced as soon as this is confirmed, hopefully an officer from West Berkshire Highways Department.

- 2019 is an election year for local and district councils. Currently HPC has nine councillors but its quota is for 11. It's some years since the council had its full complement which limits the amount of work that can be done and puts pressure on the nine that have volunteered.

  Is this the chance you've been waiting for to offer just a modest amount of time to support your village? If you would like to know more about what's involved please contact the Parish Clerk, details at the bottom of the page or Chairman Ruth Cottingham at ruth.cottingham@hermitage.org.uk.

- Whatever the weather Spring is on its way and birds are beginning to build nests. Please remember this before starting any hedge trimming and look carefully before commencing work. If you have a hedge alongside a pavement, make sure that it is not obstructing pedestrians or obscuring road signs.

- As the weather improves more people are thinking about house renovations. If you are arranging a delivery, please help prevent congestion on the roads by requesting a time that avoids morning and evening rush hours. Whenever possible the delivery vehicle should be on site to keep roads and pavements free.

- Work has been continuous at Furze Hill to keep footpaths clear of fallen trees caused by poor weather. The new hedge, planted to the left of the main gate to the village hall, is looking good already and should prove to be a welcome addition in time. The council is indebted to the small band of willing volunteers who carry out this and similar work.

- The date of the next parish council meeting is Thursday March 21st and then 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@outook.com.