

Hermitage Parish Council Update

- Following a full risk assessment, the council opened all their playgrounds on Saturday July 11th. It is hoped that everyone using these facilities stays within the guidelines issued by the government. Notices of what these are have been posted at the sites. Paramount is, of course, social distancing and using hand sanitiser or washing hands as soon as possible.
- A councillor has contacted West Berkshire Council about the trees and hedging between the school and Manor Lane. Overhanging branches and dead trees will be removed in the next few weeks.

Residents with trees and hedges growing next to the pavement are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure pedestrians can walk safely and that their greenery does not obscure road signs in any way.

- Regardless of lockdown easing, some people are still isolating and some households need help managing on a day to day basis. The community group is still operating and now includes a food bank among its services. Contact HermitageSpGp@gmail.com if you need help of any kind due to the Corvid 19 pandemic.
- Driving northwards, up the hill past the Fox pub, hopefully you have been greeted with a green smiley face on the vehicle activated sign (VAS) screen which is monitoring traffic speed. If you are a red face offender, the council hopes you will learn to keep to 30 miles an hour before more drastic measures are introduced. The VAS will be re-sited along the Hampstead Norreys Road from time to time.
- For some time HPC has been in talks with the builders Taylor Wimpey with a view to taking over the patch of ground near the bottom of Pinewood Crescent on which several old and straggly conifers grow. This follows representation from residents of Blake Road concerned about the safety of the trees which are not under the jurisdiction of the council and so do not get inspected as council owned trees do.
- The next meeting of Hermitage Parish Council is on Thursday August 20th. All meetings are usually held in the Adelaide Room at the rear of the church but are held electronically at the moment, and begin at 7.30pm. Members of the public can still attend through a request to the Clerk to be included in the Zoom invitation. 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.