

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 8.00pm in Hethe Village Hall

Councillors Present: C Sharpe (Chairman)

D Overton

Mrs J Elkington

Mrs H Pritchard

I Hodgson

P Ward

S Wallace

In Attendance

Mr D Jakeman (Clerk)

Representative from Brackley FC

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of interest

- 3. Vacancy for a Parish Councillor** Cllr. Sharpe proposed Sam Wallace seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Elkington. The chair and the full Council welcomed Cllr. Wallace to the team.

- 4. Brackley Football Club** Members thanked BFC for coming to the meeting. Councillors thanked Brackley FC for the way in which they are keeping the playing field. We asked them to mow parts of the field that we felt were being missed which they agreed to do. Brackley also asked the PC if they would be happy for a ladies team to start using the field on a Sunday. The Parish Council agreed that they could.

- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (24th October 2017) Members agreed the minutes and the Chair signed them off.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Pot Holes The road by Catholic Church – Cllr. Mrs Elkington met with Highways and they are going to dig out some of the verge and make good with recycled tar. This work has been agreed and accepted by highways but will not be started until the new financial year. **DJ**

7. General Maintenance A qualified arborist lives in Hethe and he has agreed to help with the removal of the trees. Cllr. Hodgson agreed to meet with the villager so that we could complete this work as soon as possible. The remaining work on the benches and notice boards will be picked up when the weather is better. **DJ IH**

8. Council Web Site The web site was now ready to go live but we still have some work to do over the coming months to bring it all together. Mike has agreed to help administer the web site as he has done so with the old one. Mike and Cllr. Sharpe were going to have some training on the site and then it will be moved into live mode. As discussed at the previous meeting the clerk has applied for some extra funding to help pay for this. We should know by the end of February if we will be granted extra funding. **CS DJ**

9. Planning Applications Bake House Cottage, Old Ploughman's Cottage have been approved. Montague Farm new sheep building and the Round House are still outstanding. Members decided that the Round House should be pulled up to committee. The clerk was asked to arrange this.

10. Budget 2018/2019 Members went through the budget and took a view on financial risks for the coming year. It was felt that the current precept of £3,800. Should remain the same. It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Overton and Seconded by Cllr. Sharpe and the full Council agreed that the precept will be set at £3,800.00

11. Hethe Community Park Cllr. Mrs. Pritchard is looking for more volunteers to join the committee and help with the Park inspections. We also discussed laying a tarmac path at the bottom of the park as the area can become quite muddy. It was decided to look at obtaining a grant to do this along with laying tarmac on the car park extension which currently has recycled tarmac on it. Cllr. Mrs Pritchard and Cllr. Hodgson are going to discuss this further with the village hall committee so that we can decide the best way forward. Further fund raising will take place at the village fete. We are also looking at better use of IT so that we can record the inspections electronically. **HP IH**

12. Clerks Report The clerk has received a thank you email from the British Legion for the donation the Parish Council gave to them on Remembrance Sunday. There is currently a consultation out on Air space for Kidlington and RAF Brize Airport. The District Council have been in touch and it is hoped that the conservation area review meeting will take place in the next couple of months. Payments agreed for clerk, £204, Village Hall £75, Nat Design £390.

13. Open Forum

14. Bad Weather Emergency Planning A list of people with 4X4 vehicles willing to take residents to the doctors or hospital or pick up emergency perceptions will be put on the notice boards should the snow come. **JE**

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Fibre Broadband We think that fibre is going to nearer points than it currently is to improve broadband connections for every household.

16 Date of Next Meeting