

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 8.00pm in Hethe Village Hall

Councillors Present: C Sharpe (Chairman)
Mrs. H Pritchard
Mrs. J Elkington
Mrs S Hartwell
S Wallace
D Overton
In Attendance Mr D Jakeman (Clerk)

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (23rd October 2018) Members agreed the minutes and the chair signed them off.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Pot Holes OCC have marked up all the pot holes in the village. It was also hoped that the area by the Catholic Church would also be picked up soon. **DJ**

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy Sandra Hartwell was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Elkington and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Pritchard. The Chairman and the other members welcomed Cllr. Mrs. Hartwell to the team.

6. Open Forum

7. General Maintenance/Trees Malcolm bench will be replaced in the Spring. The clerk is obtaining a quote for the two trees and general tidy up around the edge of the field etc. It was agreed to replace the bollards and it was hoped that the Village Hall would help with this. Completing this will depend on the cost of the trees so may slip this year. **DJ**

8. Budget 19/20 Review Clerks Salary Members discussed the budget in detail which the clerk had prepared. The Parish Council would like to provide a Defibrillator and also need to set money aside to up grade the changing rooms, possible work on the Town Well at some point in the future and the need to cut trees down and keep the playing field and the park in good condition. As well as pay towards the free bus service and the disposal of dog waste. It was also agreed to increase the clerk salary in line with the national agreement. The Parish Council have therefore found it necessary to increase the precept by £400.00. Which was Proposed by Cllr. Sharpe and Seconded by Cllr. Wallace. All members agreed the increase.

9. Planning Applications Plans for 6 Hardwick Road were withdrawn by the applicant. Palmer Cottage is still outstanding.

10. Community Defibrillator Now that the phone box has been take away by BT we need to find somewhere else to locate this before we are in a position to obtain costings etc. We could use the Village Hall but felt the Church may be a better place. Cllr. Mrs Pritchard agreed to make some enquires. To be discussed further at the next meeting. **DJ HP**

11. Hethe Community Park We will probably need to send another person on the training course when it next runs. Otherwise the park is being well used and the volunteers are doing a really good job to which the Parish Council is grateful. **HP DJ**

12. Hethe Fete/Possible Replacement /Shelswell History Festival There will be no Village Fete this year instead the Shelswell History Festival will take place on the playing field. Shelswell History are looking for helpers please contact a member of the committee if you can help.

13. Transparency Code/GDPR All Councillors and the clerk are now using the new email address. The clerk is working through updating Parish Council contacts with the new address. This will take some time. The old address will remain operational for the time being while this is being sorted out. Cllr. Sharpe will work towards bringing the Community Park check list on line. **All**

14. Town Well The Well appears to have come back up to the correct level and we assume that because of the very dry summer we had that the water table dried up a bit which caused the issue. The Parish Council have added this to the budget so that over time we can put some money aside. It is being held at risk as we have no funds for it at this time. **DJ**

15. Clerks Report Measures have been put in place with the electricity company should we have a power cut for several hours. The Web Site has had 5257 views over the last twelve months. Best were 119 views on one day. Payments were made to the Clerk £513, Navitas £59.99, New Computer equipment £610.51.

16. Bad Weather Emergency Planning The list would be updated and placed on the notice board should the snow come. The Council also agreed to use the snow plough to keep the roads open. Grit is held in stock and the bins will re refilled if necessary. **JE**

17. Any Other Business

17.1 McDonalds Litter Cllr. Sharpe has received several complaints from residents about the litter since the new store opened. Cllr. Sharpe agreed to discuss the matter with McDonalds. **CS**

18. Date of the Next Meeting