

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 8.00pm in Hethe Village Hall

Councillors Present: C Sharpe (Chairman)

Mrs. H Pritchard

Mrs. J Elkington

Mrs. S Hartwell

S Wallace

P Ward

In Attendance Mr D Jakeman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** Cllr. Overton
2. **Declaration of Interest**
3. **Minutes of the AGM 2018** (17th April 2018) Members agreed the minutes from the previous year and the chair signed them off.
4. **Police Report**
5. **Brackley Football Club** Mick discussed the mowing of the playing field and informed the Parish Council that their contractor had been approached and some harsh words had been exchanged. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had no issues with Brackley and that they would investigate the contractor issue and resolve it. Brackley confirmed that they were happy to still use the pitch, but it did cost them a lot of money to maintain it. Also quite a lot of villagers use it to walk their dogs and are not picking up the mess and using the bins provided by the PC this is a H&S issue for the Children and it was hoped that members of the village would address this issue if they use the playing field as somewhere to walk their dogs.
6. **Chairman Report.** At the beginning of the year we addressed the adoption of the new General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR. This involved the creation of a new web site for Hethe (www.hethe.org) and for the first time an email system owned by the Parish Council. With a great deal of support from Mike Green and Lorraine Cheney (<https://www.navitasdesign.co.uk/about-us/>), the web site has attracted:

Number of views:

All time - 7,610 (in 2018 – 4,782, so far in 2019 – 2,828)

Best ever – 358 on 18th April

Monthly increase: from 168 in Feb 2018 to 997 in 29th April 2019

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There have been favourable comments about our web site all year thank you again to Mike Green for his continuing support.

Following this our changing rooms needed a facelift after water damage from a leaking pipe brought part of the ceiling down. This was managed (in-part) by Councillor Iain Hodgson whom we have lost to foreign climes. I take this opportunity to thank Iain for all his hard work for Hethe both as a parish councillor and as treasurer of the village hall. Iain was replaced by Sandra Hartwell who was co-opted onto the council at the last meeting. A big welcome to Sandra who has lived in Hethe all her life and has a full history of community work within the village.

The dry spell during the Summer caused the village well to lose 50% of its water. We suspected a broken well but, no. The dry weather had caused the water to go elsewhere. Fortunately, it has returned.

There is a new flag flying at St Edmund & St George's Church. Supplied by Paul & Jackie Morrow and flown by Dean Overton.

I will finish the year's account with the progress of tree management. After lengthy discussions concerning two large Ash trees adjacent to the Community Park. These trees are now destined to be removed to make the path to the park free of falling boughs.

7. Country Councillor Report.**8. District Councillors Report.**

- 9 **Village Hall** The Village Hall is being well used by several organisations both from Hethe and the surrounding area. Some maintenance to be carried

out to keep pathways clear and trim some of the trees. The village hall committee have appointed an architect to look at redesigning parts of the hall mainly the kitchen area the entrance and the bit between the changing rooms and the hall and moving the toilets. The committee greatly missed Iain Hodgson now that he has moved away, and they wanted to express their thanks and gratitude for all the hard work he has put in over the years.

10. Hethe Community Park This has been a great success for Hethe and is used by most of the Children in the Village and the surrounding area. Cllr. Mrs. Pritchard wanted to express her thanks to all the people that help keep the park up and running with keeping the area free from rubbish and checking the equipment and for David cutting the grass.

11. St. Edmund & St George Attendance The church continues to attract an average of ten people to regular services, which is significantly increased at Easter, Christmas and on Remembrance Day. In addition to the regular services, this year we have celebrated six baptisms, one of which attracted a congregation of 115. There was one wedding with an attendance of 72. The Church Building Repointing of the stonework on either side of the porch has been completed and paid for from reserved funds. The porch itself needs repair and this is being specified by our architect. One section of dry-stone wall has collapsed and is awaiting repair. Mission and Evangelism. The coffee mornings continued every 2nd Monday of the month. The location of the coffee mornings has alternated between the village hall and St Philip's Hall. Financial Review Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £7,442 which included £4,374 from collections at services and donations and £1,233 tax refunded from the Gift Aid scheme. There were no receipts into restricted funds. Collections and other donations decreased by 8%; fund raising decreased by 30%. Total unrestricted income decreased by 14%. The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £2,804 on unrestricted funds and £2,123 on restricted funds. A sum of £1,500 was transferred from a deposit account to cover the shortfall in working funds. Adding bank balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2018 on unrestricted funds totalled £852 and on restricted funds £7,842. The unrestricted deposit account balance carried forward was £1,070 and restricted balance in shares £3,230. The PCC have started a new Parish Giving Scheme and 100 Club to encourage more regular giving. Thanks, we would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a special place in the community. They undertake varied roles from helping to maintain the churchyard, to church cleaning, to providing flowers, to being members of the PCC – all are to be thanked for their work. We wish to mention our

churchwardens, Mrs Pauline O’Gorman and Mrs Flora Skinner, who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

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