

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 8.00pm in Hethe Village Hall

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

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Interest Cllr Wallace agenda item 6

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (22nd October 2019) Members agreed the minutes and the Chair signed them.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. Brackley Football Club Some maintenance was required in the changing rooms the chair has discussed this with Brackley FC. CS

5 Village Hall Development The village hall committee are looking to redesign the village hall to enable the kitchen to be utilised better and making the hall more accessible for disabled people. The changing rooms also need to be upgraded. The committee are looking to ask an architect to draw up some plans so that the village can be consulted on what they would like the hall and the changing rooms to look like in the medium term. The village hall will hold a couple of sessions so that villagers can view the plans and give their opinion on. Some fund raising would need to be done and some money would come from grants. CS

6 Planning Applications Rose View, application passed. The Chapel At the planning meeting members decided to object to this because of the lack of information provided by the applicant. The PC comments can be viewed on CDC web site. Cllr. Wallace declared an interest as a neighbour and did not take part in the decision process. Firtree Cottage passed. Hethe Cottage plans not received yet.

7 Open Forum The PC was asked about the procedure to become a Parish Councillor. The clerk explained that the full Council comes up for election every four years and casual vacancies are advertised on the notice board and the web site. The PC was asked what it was doing about the climate crisis? Use of charging points, heat sources, planting in the conservation area, thinking about tree planting to be productive. Members agreed to have an agenda item so that this could be discussed going forward.

8 General Maintenance/Trees The trees have been cut down and the logs have been taken by a wide section of the community. This now completes most of the tree work for the time being. We will look to have the street furniture painted when the weather changes. Some work needs doing on the Changing Rooms guttering, tiles. The clerk will arrange this. **DJ**

9 Budget 20/21 The clerk went through the budget and the expenditure for this financial year. We have spent quite a lot in the playing field to tidy it up and enhance the area going forward. We hope to purchase a defibrillator shortly and we are contributing to the free bus that goes into Bicester. We also need to plan for some refurbishment in the changing rooms. Members also wanted to support the VE day celebrations. It was therefore decided to set the precept at £4,600 for the coming year. Proposed by Cllr. Sharpe and Seconded by Cllr. Wallace. **DJ**

10 Community Defibrillator We have still to agree this with the DAC and a plan needs to be drawn up as to where the wiring is going. We will also need a sign as to the location and will need to discuss with CDC planning about this as the church is in the conservation area. **DJ HP CS**

11 Hethe Community Park Still waiting for Trevor to quote Cllr. Mrs Pritchard is chasing him up. The new committee are working on the inspections schedule for the summer months. **HP**

12 Clerk Report VE day is the 8 May 2020, Free Counter Terrorism is being offered by the Police. Broadband in Hethe has been up graded details on web site. Payments agreed Village Hall £82.50, Tree services £1,980 Computer consumables £149.98 Clerk £287.50.

13 Hethe Parish Council Standing Orders The Clerk has issued the draft set of standing orders to members. We will be working through these during the year ready to approve and upload to the web site. **All**

14 Litter Pick Weekend. Members agreed to take part in this year's litter pick. The clerk will order the PPE. Litter bags etc. **DJ**

15 SLCC Membership Members discussed if it would be a good idea for the clerk to have membership of SLCC. Quite a few of the local clerks are members and the branch hold training and network events. It was decided that the clerk would make some enquires about joining and Council would discuss it further. **DJ**

16 Bad Weather Emergency Planning We have arranged for the snow plough to clear the roads should the snow come. Also, we have extra salt to fill the bins up with. **DJ JE**

17 Chair Closing Remarks The next Shelswell History Festival will not be held in Hethe. The community has started a food bank in the church.

18 Date of the Next Meeting