

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 25th January 2022, at 8.00pm In Hethe Village Hall

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

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 26th October 2021 Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and the Chair signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

5. Budget 22/23 The clerk went through the current year spend extra money has been spent on the playing field due to covid and we have upgraded the equipment in the Play Park to the current standard as regulations have changed. Members wanted to keep the precept as low as possible this coming year which will mean that some non-essential works will run over. It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Overton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Elkington to set the precept at £5,900 it was also agreed to increase the clerks' wages by £100.

6. Hethe Community Park Cllr Ward is working on setting up the volunteer helpers that we had before to help with the checks and general tidying up of the area. Cllr. Ward confirmed that he is keeping the record of the safety checks. The clerk has arranged for a contractor to remove any low branches that overhang the park. **DJ PW**

7. General Maintenance and Grass Cutting The Playing field contractor will be clearing the nettles from the sides of the field cutting the hedge and generally tidying up next month. We have a tree down in the waste land area. This piece of land is owned by someone that is not a resident of Hethe Cllr. Mrs. Ramsey agreed to see if she could locate the whereabouts of the landowner. **DJ JR**

8. Community Defibrillator We are waiting approval from the PCC national office. They do have a back log of correspondence due to covid. The clerk will discuss the location with South Central Ambulance and Cllr. Wallace agreed to look at some grant funding. **DJ SW**

9. Open Form Adam from Ardley Football Club came to the meeting and asked if the Parish Council were happy with the football arrangements. Parish Councillors confirmed they were. We are also very pleased that local boys were playing in the Ardley teams. The commentary on the PC website from the recent match was very good.

10. Electric Charging Points As we move to electric cars this will cause some problems in Hethe due to the way the village is constructed. Electric charging is being carried out via a cable going across the footpath. The clerk was asked to check with OCC on the current policy for installation when cable goes across public land. **DJ**

11. Ardley Football Club The clerk confirmed that Ardley were very happy with the location and the pitch is being well kept and local boys have been playing on it after school. The PC are not looking to hire the pitch out they will work in partnership with Ardley. Local boys from Hethe are playing in Ardley teams and parents are welcome to enquire if they have children that would like to play. We will put the fixture list on the website to help with planning. **DJ**

12. Tree Planting For Platinum Jubilee Members decided that they would like to plant a tree for the Platinum Jubilee. We need to find a suitable location for the tree. Members agreed to think about it and discuss further at the next meeting. **All**

13. Clerks Report There is a meeting in St Peter Church Stoke Lyne to discuss the warehouse development at Baynards Green 28th January 7pm. The Police liaison meeting are ongoing. The full Council will be on Election this May. Payments agreed Village Hall £30 Play Park £841.68 Web Site £59.99 Clerk £479.70

14. Chairman Closing Remarks Cllr Sharpe thanked everyone for their support over the time he had been Chairman and said he would be sad to leave Hethe but it was time to move on to a new chapter in his family life. Cllr Sharpe said he would resign from the Council at the close of the meeting.

14.1 Layby Near Catholic Church Members discussed this area again which OCC were supposed to be sorting out prior to lockdown. The clerk was asked to follow it up with OCC. **DJ**

15. Date of Next Meeting