

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 19th July 2022, at 8.00pm In Hethe Village Hall

Councillors Present: S Wallace (Chairman)

P Ward

F Boon

Mrs. J Elkington

Mrs. J Ramsey

D Overton

In Attendance Mr D Jakeman (Clerk)

1. Apologies Cllr. Mrs Hartwell

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 17th & 24th May 2022 Members agreed the minutes and the chair signed them.

4. Matters Arising - Lay-by Near Catholic Church This was long overdue and Cllr Corkin was taking this matter forward on behalf of the Parish Council. The clerk will write to Councillor Corkin again. **DJ**

5. Open Forum

6. Jubilee Celebrations / Tree Planting The Jubilee Celebrations went very well everyone enjoyed themselves and some great photos posted on the web site of the event. Thanks to the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council for putting this event together. The Parish Council have received a complaint about Planting a Walnut tree on the playing field. There are several walnut trees about in Hethe including a substantial one in the Church Yard. The PC have sought legal advice and informed insurers. Members voted all in favour of the tree staying where it is as it is now established. Should underwriters take a different view the Parish Council will look at the issue again. Cllr. Wallace agreed to look at putting a name plate by the Walnut Tree. **SW**

7. Hethe Community Park The annual safety check by RSOPA will be carried out in July. The Play Park grass has been cut and Cllr Ward was asked to set up a WhatsApp group of volunteers to help check the equipment and cut the grass and empty the bins. Also some fund raising needs to be done to help maintain the Play Park. Cllr Ward confirmed that he was checking the equipment every week and keeping a written record of the inspections. **PW**

8. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance. Ardley football club have cut the grass and will continue to do so during the mowing season. Councillors noted that some of the road signs were dirty, and branches were blocking the signs. Cllr. Boon agreed to cut the branches back and clean the signs. **FB**

9. EV Charge Points Village Hall Car Park. Cllr Wallace attend the Zoom meeting on EV Charge Points. Since the meeting we have been informed that we are not a priority area. We are trying to have this reviewed. We have also written to the Baroness about the possibility of purchasing the bit of waste land at the top of the Hardwick Road which could be used for EV charge points parking. **SW**

10 Hethe Conservation Area Members have read through the report and will continue to monitor the area to ensure that the village maintains its rural status.

11 Clerks Report Financial Payments were agreed for Jubilee Celebrations £526.22, Election Costs £100.00, Clerks salary £509.65, Walnut Tree £75.95, Receipts Grant from CDC for Jubilee £200 collection from residents £82.00

12 Code Of Conduct The Clerk has previously circulated the New Code of Conduct. Members agreed to adopted it. **All**

13 Climate Change Cllr Mrs Ramsey and Cllr Boon have already started to put some information together so that a Public Meeting can be held in the Village Hall. It was hoped that other local Parish Councils would also join in. The idea of the presentations would be to help residents find suitable plants and trees to grow to support climate change. **FB JM**

14 Chairman's Closing Remarks The Chair thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good summer holiday.

15 Date of Next Meeting