

Hethe Parish Council

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

Councillors Present: S Wallace (Chairman)

Mrs. S Hartwell

Mrs. J Elkington

Mrs. J Ramsey

D Overton

In Attendance Mr D Jakeman (Clerk)

1. Apologies Cllr. Ward

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 26th July 2022 Members agreed the minutes and the chair signed them.

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

5. Open Forum

6. Ardley Football Club Ardley have decided to leave Hethe and have now removed their belongs from the changing rooms. **DJ**

7. Hethe Community Park The maintenance contractor will be servicing the equipment and cleaning it shortly. Keeping the grass cut and doing the safety inspections was proving difficult since COVID so it was decided to employ a contractor to do this from next financial year. This will cause a rise in the Council Precept. **PW DJ**

8. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance. Keeping the grass cut on the Recreation Ground has always been done by the football teams in the past as part payment for using the pitch. This has gone well but with some difficulty and gaps in cutting. Members discussed this and agreed for the work to go to a contractor next year. This will cause a rise in Precept. All the benches, wooden bins, notice boards, bus shelter and fence around the well will be painted/varnished in the spring/summer. Further hedge and grass strimming will be done as required. **DJ**

9. EV Charge Points Village Hall Car Park. We are continuing to monitor this at the present time there are no government grants available. If funding becomes available, we will probably locate them on the parking area by the bottle banks. We are not a priority area for funding. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with OCC to discuss this further. 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 DJ**

10. 20 MPH Speed Zone Throughout The Village It was agreed that we would ask OCC to change the speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH throughout the village. Speeding has become a problem over recent months and residents have asked the Parish Council to bring Hethe into line with other villages. **DJ SW**

11 Clerks Report Financial Payments were agreed for ROSPA £109.20 British Legion £60.00 Dog waste £126.98 Clerk £509.65, Receipts VAT refund £1,454.46 Precept £2,950

12 Bad Weather Emergency Planning Members agreed to fund the snow plough if we need it. We also decided to look at the possibility of a grant towards a generator. **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 trees to grow to support climate change. **FB JM**

14 Chairman's Closing Remarks The Chair thanked everyone for coming. We would look at the possibility of funding a bench/seating in remembrance of The Queen. Also the bench in Hardwick Road has broken and a possible replacement will be discussed at the next meeting.

15 Date of Next Meeting