

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes of Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 24th January 2023, at 8.00pm In Hethe Village Hall

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

1. Apologies Cllr. Wallace

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 25th October 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 has contacted Highways again but they don't appear to be very interested in the job. Remove from action points next meeting if we can't move it forward. **DJ**

4.1 20 MPH Speed Zone Throughout The Village We have applied to OCC and hopefully this will be implemented soon. **SW**

5. Open Forum

6. Kings Coronation We are going to have a Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May 2023 on the Playing Field and we will also make use of the Village Hall. The focus will be on the environment so we would like residents to bring their own cutlery and food. In the afternoon there will be games for the children on the field. At 5pm bring your own afternoon tea 7.30 onwards streaming the Coronation Concert. Monday 8th May 2023 The Big Clear up. Further details and arrangements for the day will be published nearer the time. **JR**

7. Budget 23/24 This coming year the Council will have a contractor to cut the Playing Field and to keep the grass cut in the Play Park. We will also be painting the street furniture and replacing some furniture. We are also facing high inflation on any services that we need to buy in. It was also agreed to raise the clerk's salary by £600.00 to reflect the increase in workload and to bring the salary in line with the current pay scales. It was therefore agreed to increase the Precept to £9,000 which was Proposed by Cllr. Ward and Seconded by Cllr. Overton. **DJ**

8. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance & Seating It was agreed to replace the bench at the top of the Hardwick Road and delegate the decision on the purchase to Cllr Mrs Hartwell and Cllr. Mrs Ramsey and the Clerk. Grass cutting and painting street furniture will begin next financial year. **DJ SH JR**

9. EV Charge Points Village Hall Car Park. We have made some progress on this which is good news. Cllr Wallace will update Council at the May meeting. **SW**

10. Tree Planting by OCC Oxfordshire County Council have secured enough budget to plant a tree in every Parish. A Fastigate Beach tree will be planted in Hethe.

11. Clerks Report Financial payments were agreed for Trevor Stewart £379.20 ICO £35.00 Clerks fee £484.90 Navitas Design £83.99 Section 137 £25.00

12. Hethe Community Park The Council contractor has now completed all the recommendations from the ROSPA inspection. The zip wire has been serviced and wire tightened up. **DJ PW**

13 Climate Change Cllr Boon reported that the afternoon tea meeting went well but not many people attended. There was a general interest in climate change. We will probably have more information available in the hall when we do the big lunch in May. **FB**

14 Chairman's Closing Remarks The Chair thanked everyone for coming.

15 Date of Next Meeting