

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes From Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th July 2023, at 8.00pm In Hethe Village Hall

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

1. Apologies Cllr. Ward

2. Declaration Of Interest

3. Minutes Of The Previous Meeting (16th May 2023) Members agreed the minutes and the Chairman signed them.

4. Matters Arising

5. To Consider building a kick wall for the children Members agreed to investigate providing a kick wall with a hoop. Cllr. Mrs Ramsey agreed to consult the children in the village on where they would like it positioned and discuss with the village hall committee. The clerk is going to speak to the play park installer for a price guide and brochure. To be discussed further at the next meeting. **DJ JR**

6. Review the Parish Council Start time A request has been made from one of the residents that it would be a good idea if the PC meeting started at 7.30pm. Members agreed to change the time of the meeting to 7.30pm going forward. PC meetings last for about 1.5 to 2 hours maximum. Residents are encouraged to come to the meeting and contribute views & ideas in the Open Forum. **ALL**

7. Hethe Community Park The grass is now being cut by a contractor along with the playing field. The full play park inspection will also be carried out in July. **DJ**

8. Recreation Ground & General Maintenance The Street furniture and Notice Board etc have now been varnished. The railings around the well will be painted by the end of the summer. The Playing field is being cut by a contractor throughout the mowing season. Members decided to replace the broken bench along with the one in Hardwick Road. **DJ**

9. Pitch Hire Brackley Town FC would like to play children's football on Saturday mornings setting up two smaller pitches going across the field. These will be marked out during August 2023. Brackley will also provide 2 sets of goals which will be available for the children in the village to use should they want to. The goals that are currently in situ will be staying. If any boys or girls would like to join BFC please speak to the team staff when they are here. Brackley will also hire the Village Hall. Members agreed that Brackley will be the only team to hire the pitch to ensure that the field is available to the village community for the rest of the time. **DJ**

10 Open Forum

11. EV Charge Points We asked a charge point contractor to look at providing charge points in the Village Hall car park. Unfortunately the contractor is over subscribed and will probably be unlikely to help us in the short term. The PC will continue to look for solutions and funding when it becomes available from central government. **SW DJ**

12 Locked Land – To Consider acquiring this land This is the piece of land to the side of the green lane which leads to the Playing Field. The Parish Council have been trying to trace the owner of this land which is locked and is currently full of nettles and rubbish which has been dumped. The PC would like to acquire this land and bring it back into use. We discussed maybe a community garden raised beds that may be used as children's allotments. We will probably instruct a solicitor to help us with this. To be discussed further at the next meeting. **SW DJ**

13 Clerks Report I have written to the PCC about the defibrillator and have been informed that it has passed one stage in the procedure, and we should have sign off shortly. The tree that OCC planted has been removed and OCC are miffed about this as to why anyone would do that. Each Councillor on OCC now has new Priority funding, members agreed to apply for funding for the benches. I have written to CDC about the poor state of two Sanctuary Houses in Hardwick Road which are currently empty and in need of a major upgrade. Sanctuary Housing have no funds to complete the work. We will follow this up further. Financial payments: grass cutting £838.56, Clerk £664.60, general maintenance £875.00 Coronation Event £224.30, Receipts interest £3.93.

14 Planning Applications Green Farmyard We had no objection but made a comment about the supply of green energy to the site. **Land North of the A4421 Bicester Road Fringford** Hethe PC were asked by Fringford PC if we would registrar an objection for this application. Hethe PC members agreed to support Fringford PC on this and have registered an objection.

15 Climate Change Summer is the hottest time of the year, and we need to remember to do all we can to help with climate change. **ALL**

16 Chairman's Closing Remarks The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and wished all a good summer break.

17 Date of the Next Meeting 17th October 2023, starting at 7.30pm.