

Hethe Parish Council

Minutes From Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on

Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30pm In Hethe Village Hall

Councillors Present S Wallace (Chair) Mrs J Elkington, Mrs S Hartwell, F Boon,
M Tweedale, D Overton

In Attendance: D Jakeman (Clerk) Cllr Grace Conway-Murray District Councillor

- 1. Apologies** Cllr Mrs Ramsey. Apologies accepted.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
- 3. Vacancy For A Parish Councillor** Mark Tweedale applied for the position of Councillor. Members Co Opted Mark onto the Council and Cllr Wallace welcomed him to the team on behalf of the Council. Cllr. Tweedale signed the acceptance of Office.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14th May 2024.** Members agreed the minutes and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 5. Matters Arising** Clerk to follow up about the water at the allotments.
- 6. Open Forum**
- 7. Planning Application 24/01316/F The George, Main Street** Members discussed the planning application which would be an improvement, therefore no objections were raised.
- 8. District Councillor** Cllr Wallace welcomed Cllr Conway to the meeting. Cllr Conway was elected at the recent local elections and is representing Hethe on the District Council. Cllr Conway updated us on the change of leadership at CDC which is now controlled by the Liberal Democrats. This would result in some changes to policy. The Local Plan is currently being worked on and there will be some changes to it to reflect what the new administration wants to achieve.
- 9. Warehousing Near Baynards Green & PUY du Fou** Members discussed the impact the Warehousing would have on the local area and the worry over the possible damage that may be caused to woodland and farmland. Reports have been commissioned by local landowners which oppose the development. Members also apposed the development and would attend the local consultations that are planned.

Puy du Fou; which was not on the agenda to be discussed as it has just occurred, and we were asked to discuss it by Bucknell Parish Council. This again would have a large impact on the local area and cause lots of extra traffic movements. Members decided to support Bucknell Parish Council and would attend the consultation meetings.

10. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance The new benches have now been installed. These were part funded by the County Council. The wooden signpost has been repaired. The playing field and play park are being cut every two weeks. The bollards at the entrance to the playing field will be replaced during the summer. The nettles around the sides of the playing field will be cut shortly. It may be necessary to cut back the hedge by the path in the autumn. **DJ**

11. Clerks Report We have a new bus company providing transport to Bicester etc. Timetables are on our web site and the notice boards. The 20MPH speed limit is now in operation throughout the village. Financial payments were agreed for A Gould £1,033, Countrywide £1,257.54 Clerk £174.95.

12. Defibrillator Training This will take place in the Village Hall on 22nd July 2024 at 7pm to 9pm. Please book a place with Councillor Mrs Ramsey or one of the other Councillors. It would be appreciated if you would donate £10.00 per person towards the training event. **JR**

13. To Consider Building a Kick wall for the Children We have asked a contractor to provide a quote and some ideas to progress this forward. We are thinking of building a wooden structure on the left-hand side of the field at the bottom. Any ideas from children would be welcome. **DJ**

14. Locked Land – To Consider acquiring this land We have approached a solicitor to discuss this, and the initial cost would be around £800.00. The Council will look at grant funding to clear the land which we are intending to build raised allotment gardens to encourage children to engage with nature and climate change. Any remaining plots would be offered to adults living in the village. **SW**

15. Agenda items for October Meeting To be with the clerk by the 1st October 2024.

16. Date of next meeting 15th October 2024.