

Hethe Parish Council

**Minutes From Hethe Parish Council Meeting Held on
Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 7.30pm In Hethe Village Hall.**

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

In Attendance: D Jakeman (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies** Cllr Overton.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, 9th July 2024.** Members agreed the minutes and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 4. Matters Arising - Water at the allotments.** The Clerk has received a reply from Carter Jones and members felt that this could be investigated further by Carter Jones and the Clerk was asked to write a follow up email. **DJ**
- 5. Open Forum** Sandy Dallimore attended the meeting as he is the candidate for the County Council elections next year. Sandy introduced himself and a general discussion took place.
- 6. District Councillor**
- 7. Warehousing Near Baynards Green** Cllr Overton attended the meeting for this. Cllr Overton to update the Council at the next meeting. **DO**
- 8. PUY du Fou** A number of Councillors attended the seminar, and it was felt that this would use prime agricultural land, cause traffic mayhem, problems with drains and sewage, large hotels would be built and would be out of keeping for our area which is already being over developed with difficulties in the current infrastructure not supporting the amount of traffic that flows through our towns and villages. Members were opposed to any further development and would not support this project.
- 9. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance** The hedge to the side of the field by the path needs cutting back and some general work on the trees, pruning etc. Bollards to also be replaced. **DJ**
- 10. Play Park & Kick Wall** We have applied for a grant to help with paying for a kick wall. We are still looking at designs for a kick wall and talking to the children of the village. The play park equipment will be serviced during the winter months. **DJ JR SW**

11. **Clerks Report** Cherwell Parish Liaison meeting is on Teams on the 6th November. It was decided not to refresh the web site for the time being while we wait for the roll out of the dot gov email system. The web site has had 7,842 views over the past year. We usually have about 23 people looking at the web site each day. Financial payments were agreed for Countrywide £1,257.84, Clerk £676.05, Dog Waste £133.85, British Legion £60, HMRC £131.20, South Central Ambulance £200, Play Safe LTD £122.40 Receipts Precept £4,875 Interest £7.13 other receipts £120.00
12. **Community Speed Watch** Cllr Tweedale discussed this with Council, and it was decided to try and set up a group of volunteers to do this. Training would be provided and the equipment needed is also provided. As agreement has been given Cllr Tweedale agreed to make enquires into setting this up. To update further at the next meeting. **MT**
13. **Locked Land – To Consider acquiring this land** We have applied for a grant so we can take this project forward. The Clerk will look at obtaining some costing for land clearance. **SW DJ**
14. **EV Charge Points** We now have a few companies that are providing this. You need to agree to them using the land for a period, and they install the equipment and the parish, and the operating company receive a small payment every time they are used. We are waiting for a proposal to come from the operating company which also includes other parishes to make the project viable. Cllr Wallace will update as information becomes available. **SW**
15. **Emergency Winter Planning, Snow Plough** It was agreed to fund the snow plough if required. We have enough salt to fill up the bins if we need to. **JE**
16. **Agenda Items for January Meeting** To be with the Clerk by 8th January 2025
17. **Date of next meeting** 21st January 2025