

# **Hethe Parish Council**

## **Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Hethe Parish Council Held on**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm In Hethe Village Hall**

**Councillors Present** S Wallace (Chair) Mrs S Hartwell, D Overton, F Boon, Mrs J Ramsey

**In Attendance:** D Jakeman (Clerk)

Flora Skinner, Mike Green **PCC**

- 1. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman** Cllr. Overton proposed and Cllr Mrs Ramsey seconded that Cllr Wallace to continue as Chairman. Cllr Mrs Hartwell proposed and Cllr Wallace seconded that Cllr Mrs Ramsey continue as Vice Chairman.
- 2. Election of Sub Committee -Village Hall** Cllr Mrs Ramsey agreed to continue as the PC representative. **Planning Committee** Cllr Mrs Elkington to continue as Chair of the planning committee with Cllr Overton, Cllr Boon & Cllr Wallace as committee members.
- 3. Apologies** Cllr. Mrs Elkington, M Tweedale
- 4. Declaration of Interest**
- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 & Annual Parish Meeting).** Council agreed the minutes, and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 6. Matters Arising**
- 7. Open Forum** Mike and Flora came to update the Council on the Church. A vast amount of money was needed to keep the Church operational, very few people attend the Church regularly, Mike and Flora would like more people in the village to help with keeping the grass cut and generally maintenance and fundraising to keep the Church open. A Village meeting is to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss what is needed to keep the Church open. It is hoped the Villagers will come to the meeting.
- 8. Annual Governance Statement** The Chairman went through the statement with Councillors and the full Council agreed the statements.
- 9. Certificate of Exemption** Members agreed as previous years to be exempt from a limited assurance review. Total annual gross income for the year was £9,778.00 total gross expenditure was £9,129.00.
- 10. Approve Accounting Statements, Account 24/25** Members agreed the full accounting statements which will be placed on the Council website. **DJ**

- 11. Recreation Ground and General Maintenance and Play Park** Playing field and play park are being mowed through the growing season. Hedge and tress to be pruned back later in the year. Ady will be varnishing the street furniture. **DJ**
- 12. Kick Wall** The Clerk has found a multi-use kick wall which would be fully funded by a grant. Cllr Mrs. Ramsey to further chat with the village children about the purchase. It was agreed to hold off until the July meeting when it is expected to gain approval from Councillors. Clerk to circulate the drawing and short video. **DJ JR**
- 13. Community Speed Watch** Cllr Tweedle to update at the July meeting **MT**
- 14. EV Charge Points** We are still waiting for information to come from the provider. Cllr Wallace to update as information becomes available. **SW**
- 15. Car Parking Village Hall/Recreation Ground.** Members discussed the car parking at the Village Hall when cars and vans were parked in the car park but not using the hall, play park or the field. In general this is not a problem, but vehicles should not be parked over night or left unattended regularly. Parish Council and Village Hall committee will monitor the situation, and appropriate action will be taken if necessary. **All**
- 16. Clerks Report** The Parish Liaison meeting will be held at CDC new offices in Castle Quarry on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. HS2 will hold an information display vehicle in the Village Hall Car Park at some point to be arranged. Financial payments were agreed for OALC £216.00, Dog waste £133.85, Insurance £752.88, Clerk £489.06, OPFA £49.00, Ady £300.00. Plans for 28 Hardwick Road, The Old Dairy, Bakehouse Cottage (Trees) our comments can be found on CDC website against each application.
- 17. PUY du Fou** Cllr Overton & Cllr. Mrs Elkington attended a private meeting with the developers recently. Plans have not been submitted yet; the PC will continue to monitor the situation and report further when more information is available. **DO JE**
- 18. Warehousing Near Baynards Green** Nothing further to report. **DO**
- 19. Locked Land** We are hoping for some help with land clearance, at this stage and then need to decide on site layout and exactly what the land is going to be used for. **SW**
- 20. Agenda Items for July Meeting** To be with the Clerk by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.
- 21. Date of Next Meeting** 8 July 2025