

Hethe Parish Council

Hethe Parish Council Meeting, Minutes From

Tuesday 20th January 2026 held at 7.30pm In Hethe Village Hall

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

In Attendance: D Jakeman (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (14th October 2025)** Council agreed the minutes, and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 5. Open Forum**
- 6. District & County Councillor**
- 7. Puy du Fou** Nothing further to report at present.
- 8. Warehousing Near Baynards Green** Tritex and Albion Land development/planning permission. This has been refused by Cherwell District Council planning committee. This is good news for the local community. **DO**
- 9. Planning Consultation 25/03345/LB The Dower Lodge.** Councillors discussed this and we have no objections. The comments to the other applications we have had can be found on the District Council website.
- 10. Consider a grant for North Oxfordshire Residents Action Group** This is donating to the fund for legal advice, leaflet dropping, etc to help fight off the five projects, which are the Warehousing at Baynards Green, Puy du Fou, Ardley Rail Depot, Heyford Park (new town) Hawkwell Housing Development at Bucknell. The group were looking for a donation of £3K which is quite substantial for a small village. The PC decided to delay a decision on this until later in the year.
- 11. Consider a grant for Citizen Advice** Members agreed a grant of £50.00
- 12. Consider a grant for ST Edmund & St George Church** Members agreed a grant of £120.00 Both grants would be paid in the next financial year.

13. Recreation Ground, General Maintenance and Play Park The grant for the kick wall has been approved and the Clerk will arrange with the contractor for it to be installed. The roller will need to be removed. The trees/hedge etc will be cut in February. We still need to find a suitable contractor for the play park, to fix the zip wire. This will be quite expensive, the costs to run the play park are more than was first thought, due to covid and increasing costs of materials and labour.

14. Budget Precept 2026/2027 Review the Clerk's Salary The Clerk went through the budget, it is necessary to hold quite a bit of money in reserves because we must keep money aside in case of an election and we need to keep money for the upkeep of the play park. It was decided to set the Precept at £11K and the Clerk salary to rise by £143.75.

15. Locked Land No further updates

16. Clerks Report The Clerk reminded Councillor's that they are all up for Election in May. The Clerk has been asked if a dog bin can be provided outside the Church. Councillors were not keen on this being in the centre of the conservation area. If you want to take items to the rubbish tip you now need to go online and book an appointment. Bicester Green have several fix it cafés, details can be found online. The Country Council are working on a Blueprint for Street Design. Financial payments, Navitas Design £88.19, Clerk £708.84, Section 137 payment £40.00, 123 Regs £45.58, Receipts. Bank Interest £5.68. VAT Refund £1,502.52

17. Date of Next Meeting