

**Heytesbury Imber and Knook Parish Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 @ 7-15pm**

**Membership:** Councillors D Bond (Vice Chair) S Buttenshaw, E Colvin, T Eastman, P Fellowes, L Gould, D Hiscock, A Moore, L Morris (Chair) A Perry, and V Sturmeay.

**Present:** Cllrs Bond, Buttenshaw, Colvin, Eastman, Fellowes, Gould, Morris, Perry and Sturmeay.

**Officers:** H Parks

**Public and Press:** 1 member of the public.

**PC/19/35 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor Moore

**PC/19/36 Minutes**

**PC/19/36.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**PC/19/36.2 Matters Arising**

None

**PC/19/37 Declarations of Interest**

None

**PC/19/38 Chairman's Announcements**

None

*Standing Orders were suspended to allow for public participation at 7.17pm*

**PC/19/39 Public Participation**

**PC/19/39.1** Mr Anthony Wilson spoke on item 12 Heytesbury Sports Fields. He copied his notes for all members and outlined that he thought this was the last chance to secure in perpetuity the 12 acres of Heytesbury Park and the playing fields for the benefit of the village.

**PC/19/39.2 To receive any petitions or deputations.**

None

*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.21pm and the members agreed to bring item 12 forward as the next item for discussion.*

**PC/19/40 Heytesbury Sports Fields**

Councillor Sturmeay announced that she had met with the two sports clubs, Heytesbury Football and the Cricket Club who were both concerned with the future of the land and whether they would be able to secure licenses to continue running their clubs. She was

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concerned that following meetings last year with new agents nothing further has come forward. The Sassoon Trust intimated that they would amend the plans for a prospective village hall, and reduce the size, taking into account all of the comments put forward to the planning authority.

When the last plans were withdrawn, no reason was given by the developers/trust as to why. There was a detailed discussion on the plan being outside the policy limits and there seemed to be no likely agreement to planning unless social housing was proposed.

Councillor Sturmey proposed that the Parish Council proactively engage with the Sassoon Trust about the security of tenure for the two sports clubs, writing a letter to this effect.

Following more discussion, Councillor Sturmey agreed to withdraw this proposal.

Councillor Sturmey put forward a new proposal, asking that the Parish Council write a general letter of enquiry to the Sassoon Trust about their plans for the Parkland. Seconded Councillor Eastman. Voting unanimous in favour.

### **PC/19/41 Financial Information**

#### **PC/19/41.1 Payments for approval:**

001282 £20.00 Acorn Education Trust

001283 £210.00 Heytesbury Social

001284 £83.18 H Parks

001285 £290.37 H Parks

001286 £72.60 HMRC

It was proposed by Councillor Gould and Seconded by Councillor Perry that the above payments were approved. Voting unanimous in favour.

#### **PC/19/41.2 Balances of the Bank Accounts for noting:**

Treasurers Account £ Balance @ £6229.62 @4<sup>th</sup> June

Bus Instant Access £ Balance @ £4193.29 @9<sup>th</sup> May

Village Hall Fund £ 4596.81 @15<sup>th</sup> June. *Confirmation has now been received that this account balance has transferred to the Raymond Trust.*

These are the same balances reported in June – no updated statements have been received by the Clerk.

Noted

#### **PC/19/41.3 Monthly financial report:**

Noted

### **PC/19/42 Planning Applications**

**19/06209/TCA** Site Location: River House Mill Street Heytesbury BA12 0EE

Proposal: - T1 Sycamore, recent large branch loss. Reduce all lateral branches by up to 1.5 metres where required to reduce branch end weighting.

No objection

**19/06507/FUL** Site Location: 46 High Street, Heytesbury, BA12 0EB

Proposal: - Two storey side extension with single storey lean-to at rear (revision of 19/02809/FUL)

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Councillor Bond proposed and Councillor Eastman Seconded, objecting to the plans on grounds of overdevelopment of the site and not in keeping with the character and conservation of Heytesbury High Street.

The site was originally home to two large chestnut trees which were still on the land until the 1990's. The trees provided shelter for union meetings with farm workers and this was one of the reasons why this site was previously declared a "heritage site".

Voting in Favour of the objection 7. Against 1. Abstention 1.

#### **PC/19/43 Substantive Highways Scheme Fund**

The members had no suitable projects to put forward.

#### **PC/19/44 Winter Preparations**

Councillor Fellowes will check the salt bins and provide details to the Clerk on those which require filling. There was no requirement for any new equipment due to the stocks already held.

Members felt that a future press release to the parish about stocks might be useful. It was also suggested that plastic scoops be purchased and kept by members living nearest the salt bins, to use when required.

#### **PC/19/45 Community Land Trust (CLT)**

Members were not against CLT's in principle but at this stage they felt waiting for the results of the Housing Needs survey would be better. It was resolved to defer this item to the September meeting.

#### **PC/19/46 Community Governance Review**

Not required.

#### **PC/19/47 Allotments**

##### **PC/19/47.1 Grass Maintenance**

The grass has now been cut and stirmed, but the area highlighted for maintenance was not in a good state and it was identified that the area suffered with rutted soil and many bricks buried in the land. Some of the area needs tidying and it was felt that Selwood had not reinstated the ground properly. There is also a 4ft metal lid, found on the site which the members did not know why this was in situ.

Councillor Gould proposed that the Parish Council write to Selwood and ask for their comments and seek an offer for flattening the site. The Parish Clerk to write to idverde asking for the cost of adding this to the monthly contract. Seconded Councillor Colvin.

Voting unanimous in favour.

##### **PC/19/47.2 Tenancy Agreement**

Members approved the Tenancy Agreement with one amendment. (a) The rent for the land shall be £1 per annum if demanded. Proposed Councillor Colvin, Seconded Councillor Gould. Voting unanimous in favour. The Chairman would sign the agreement once updated on behalf of the Parish Council and the Association will need to countersign.

**PC/19/48 Items for a press release or statement from the Parish Council.**

None. Members did not wish to comment on the playing fields to the press at this time. It was suggested that the press contact the sports clubs direct.

**PC/19/49 Parish Tables and Chairs**

Heytesbury Social would like permission to borrow the Parish table and chairs on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Agreed.

**PC/19/50 Correspondence Issued to members 18.06.2019 – 15.07.2019**

Noted

Meeting closed 20.41pm