

Minutes
Annual Parish meeting for Heytesbury Imber & Knook
Tuesday 28th May 2019 @ 7-15pm

The Parish Council Vice Chairman
Councillor Mr David Bond in the Chair

Present: Councillors D Bond, S Buttenshaw, E Colvin, L Gould, A Moore, A Perry and V Sturmeay.

Officers: H Parks, Victoria Bodman Wiltshire Council

Public & Press: 5 members of the public and no press

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all attendees. Apologies were received from Councillors Morris, Eastman and Fellowes.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 29th May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

The Annual Report of the Parish Council 2018-2019 was received and circulated.

4. Housing Needs Survey

Vanessa Sturmeay updated the meeting on the issue of the surveys and the timescales for return. All responses need to be returned by the 3rd June and she encouraged everyone to complete so that the Parish could determine any true housing need. Even if there was no need, completing the first section of the form would be helpful.

5. Community Led Housing (CLH)

This item was brought forward as it linked in with the Housing Needs Survey. Victoria Bodman from Wiltshire Council gave a presentation on the project being led by Wiltshire Council but involving partners. She is only one of six accredited project managers for CLH in the Country and currently only one at County. CLH is about normal people volunteering their time to deliver housing that is needed in their area. Local support available means that there is a way of delivering locally affordable new homes in places and on sites where commercial speculative house builders can't.

Current partners are Community First and Wiltshire Community Land Trust.

The Government has dedicated the sum of £60million nationally to the project and Wiltshire has funding of £650K.

CLH requires that the community must be integrally involved throughout the process in key decisions.

Community groups play a long-term role in ownerships, managements or stewardship of the new homes.

Benefits to the local area clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity.

The whole presentation will be uploaded onto the Parish Website for full details and contacts.

A new Community Land Trust (CLT) must be supported by the Parish Council.

Wiltshire Council has a potential grant of £10K towards the set up of a new CLT. Next steps are to think about what you want in your community and what are the likely sites available. There was a Q&A session. There was no decision taken by the meeting to follow up at this stage.

6. Village Hall Fund Account

The Parish Council holds the sum of £4596.81 in a non-interest-bearing account which represents funds raised by local residents. The Parish Council are proposing to transfer these funds into the Raymond Trust Capital account to add to the existing investment which is held for the provision of a Village Hall. Once put to the meeting, it was a unanimous vote in favour of transferring these funds into the Raymond Trust Capital Account.

7. Community Orchard

The initial discussion was to seek support for a community orchard. Vanessa Sturmeay advised that she had started discussions with Highways about the potential of a site across from the school, but this does not look possible under current licencing rules in Wiltshire Council. One suggestion was to find space at the allotment site. This idea came from Liz Colvin initially and was intended to try and create a community site and something that everyone could get involved in. What were the options and what was the interest? It was decided the Outside Spaces Working group would consider this again at their next meeting with referral back to the Parish Council. The meeting did not make any further decision on the subject.

8. Forum

There were no questions put to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm