



Press Statement

27th June 2019

Village Hall Funds

Many small organisations struggle to find a suitable bank account these days and money initially raised by local residents of Heytesbury, for a Village Hall, were “stuck” in an HSBC account which had been closed, due to inactivity.

The Parish Council took action to claim the funds for the village, so that the sum of £4596 did not disappear and the money could be used for its original purpose.

It took nearly two years to secure a new bank account, ring-fenced by the Parish Council and at the recent Parish Meeting, members of the public were asked what was the best use of the money to ensure that it was put to good use.

Although there are no definite plans for a new Village Hall at present it was felt that putting the money somewhere to grow would be ideal and it was agreed that the money be transferred to the Raymond Trust and invested in their capital account, which will hopefully give it a chance to increase in value in readiness for any future plans.

The Raymond Trust was set up in 1935 and managed the Raymond Hall in Heytesbury which in all respects was the Village Hall. This building was sold in the 1980's and the proceeds were invested. These are managed by the Trustee who can at any time may apply the whole or part of the property of the Charity in or towards defraying the cost of providing land and buildings for use as a village hall.

The Parish Council agreed to release the balance of the account to the Raymond Trust for them to invest within its Capital Account.

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