

Trustee Account

Opening Balance 26 Sept 2022

5,882.34

Income

Investment Income	2,224.90	
Misc	245.00	2,469.90
Transfer from Instant Capital Account	4,690.53	7,160.43

Expenditure

Meeting Room Hire	80.00	
Administration	0.00	
Professional Fees	0.00	
Insurance	0.00	
Grants	500.00	
IT	30.00	
Investments	0.00	
Transfer to Investec Capital Account	4,690.53	5,300.53
		<u>7,742.24</u>

Instant Capital Account

Opening Balance 26 Sept 2022

4,688.76

Income

Interest	1.96	
		1.96
Transfer to Trustee Account	4,690.53	
		<u>4,690.53</u>
		0.19

Dear

I write as clerk of the Raymond Trust. The Parish Council of Heytesbury, Knook and Tytherington is the sole corporate trustee of the Raymond Trust.

It has in trust funds invested from the sale of the old village hall. Its charitable purpose is a village hall.

We have noted your comments quoted in the "Wiltshire Times" online on 2 June and in print on 9 June.

The article was entitled : "Heytesbury sports pitches could be sold for housing". It continued: "The future of the cricket and football pitches in Heytesbury are in doubt after the trustees said they were 'reviewing their options' - which could include putting the land up for sale on the open market. Isabel Deverill, one of the Sassoon Family Trust trustees, and a director of Heytesland Ltd, said they were considering their position in relation to the land.

One option is to revisit the previous planning application for 23 new homes submitted in 2017 and later withdrawn following strong opposition from villagers.

But she added : 'We are considering a sale of the land. We are looking at both options but no definite decision has been made.'

The article goes on to explain:

"In 2017, the Trust submitted plans to provide a new village hall and public space on 12 acres of parkland north of Park Sreet, Heytesbury, in return for gaining permission to build 23 new homes, including seven affordable homes on land south of Park Street."

The charitable purpose of the Raymond Trust is to create a village hall. We would very much like to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Trust and the Sassoon trustees to discuss possibilities.

The Raymond Trust Fund
Charity Registration No 305523
Position statement June 2023

Who we are,
Heytesbury, Imber and Knook parish council are the sole corporate trustee of the charity.

Why we are.
In 1926 the Rev. J. Raymond bought an old malt house from the Heytesbury Estate. In 1936 it was presented to the village by his widow for use as a village hall, the hall was managed by a group of trustees selected from residents of the parish, after which it was known as Raymond Hall. It closed in 1975 when it was declared unsafe and was sold as a private house in 1982. The proceeds was initially held with solicitors in Warminster, the parish council was asked if it would take on the trusteeship and manage the fund on behalf of the parish, this is normal practice and many councils are trustee of charitable assets, the parish council became sole trustee under a new scheme agreed with the Charity Commission in 1986.

What we do,
DEED DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1935 AND SCHEME OF 31ST JULY 1975 AS AMENDED BY SCHEME DATED 09 APR 1986

The purpose of the charity is set out here

1, The application of income

The trustee shall apply the clear income of the charity as it thinks fit, for any charitable purposes, for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Heytesbury, Knook and Tytherington and the immediate vicinity.

2, The application of property

The trustee at any time may apply the whole or part of the property of the charity in or towards defraying the cost of providing land or buildings, to be settled upon trust for use as a new village hall.

Local non profit making groups can find our grant policy and application form here.

<https://heytesburyparish.co.uk/raymond-trust>

How we will fulfil our purpose,

The parish council during the 1990's tried to find a solution in pursuit of the charity's purpose, local landowners were contacted, two schemes came forward, one was chosen by the community but did not materialise. In 2017 the same landowner brought forward another scheme, this was eventually withdrawn.

In 2019 the Parish Council acting as trustee looked into buying a piece of land in Heytesbury for a new village hall site, this land was withdrawn from sale at auction.

In 2023 we have put out a new letter to property owners, land or buildings that might be suitable, we aim to find out what residents want from an indoor community space in the 2023, and explore additional funding options to boost our capital.

RAYMOND TRUST
VILLAGE HALL WORKING GROUP

MEMBERS Cllrs Anthony Wilson (AW) Trish Fellowes (TF) Vanessa Sturmey (VS)

Other representatives Cricket Club, Football club, Church, Heytesbury School

Meeting date – 7pm Thursday 18th May 2023 – The Snug, Red Lion

MINUTES

Apologies – AW

In attendance – VS and reps from church, cricket and school and one member of the public

Introductions

Appoint a chair - VS

Suggested matters to discuss, but not exhaustive

What do people want from a village hall in 2023?

Discussion around – sports changing rooms, meeting room, storage facilities, small bar, over all it was thought we should consult on what people want in the present day

Which land or buildings would be suitable or available? Heytesbury estate have offered land (roundabout end of the village) through an enabling development of housing, earlier this month both sports clubs met with the FPWG of the PC and did not want a village hall on the Sassoon site, however at this meeting there was a discussion around the RTF fund in whole or part being used to purchase the sports fields and then later when the land was secured better sports facilities could be built with a meeting room and bar, VS explained the RTF purpose and that clear income around 3k a year could be used to benefit the community in other ways than a village hall and if the purpose of the RTF charity was to be changed the trustee would need to agree, the beneficiaries would need to be consulted and permission from the charity commission would need to be sought, some felt the purpose didn't need to be changed, VS explained the RTF trustee must do what is in the best interest of the charity and using all its funds to buy a 12 acre sports fields site may not be in the RTF's best interest when we only need less than an acre.

The group talked about other funding options to purchase the sports fields, although not within this working groups scope

How will a new facility be funded and sustained? The RTF could apply for grants

Who should manage the running of the facility? The RTF could set up a management committee or some other community trust

What are the realistic timescales? Not covered at this meeting

Recommendations to the Trustee

To consult the beneficiaries (inhabitants of Heytesbury, Knook and Tytherington) on what they want from a village hall / community facility

To consider if some or all of the RTF funds can be used to purchase the sports fields

AOB - None

Date of next meeting TBC

Meeting closed 8:30pm