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Raymond Trust Fund charity registration number 305523

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By email

Dear

I write as chair 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 to provide land or buildings for use as 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One option is to revisit the previous planning application for 23 new homes submitted in 2017 and later withdrawn following strong opposition from villagers.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 the future of the 12 acre parkland.

Yours sincerely

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