

Heytesbury Imber & Knook Parish Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th July 2025 @ 7pm

Membership: Councillors D Bond (Chair) DB, K Riggs (Vice Chair) KR, S Buttenshaw SB, A Moore AM, L Morris LM, R Rickcord RR, S Smith SS, S King SK, A Kennedy AK, J Dando JD and B Cattermole BC.

Present: Cllrs Bond, Riggs, Buttenshaw, Moore, Morris, Smith, King, Kennedy, Dando and Cattermole

Also: Cllr Christopher Newbury, Wiltshire County Councillor

Apologies; Cllr Rickcord and Karungi Grant, Locum Parish Clerk

Minute Taker: Cllr Buttenshaw

Public: 18 Members of the Public

1. Welcome: Chairman David Bond welcomed members of the public and Cllr Newbury.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Dando and Morris declared that their husbands were both members of the Heytesbury Recreation Ground Trust but had no pecuniary interest in the land.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3. Public Participation: One member of the public asked what land was still available for sale in Park Street. He was referred to Agenda Item 4 which was to be discussed.

Standing Orders were reinstated but members of the public were invited to comment as item 4 was discussed.

4. **To consider what action, if any, the Parish Council might want to take with regards to the recent notification of the resale of the land north of Park Street.**

DB: "His information from Barney Estates & Auctioneers was that the land was sold by Heytesland to a company who buy land for re-sale for development. The name of company not revealed. To date (8 July 2025) we believe that the following has been sold: Land called The Pavilion and 5 small ¼ acre plots. "

An Asset of Community Value (ACV) application was then considered. It was noted that a previous application for an ACV on this land was applied for on 29/06/2023. It is on the Wiltshire Council website Ref: ACV/2023/00013. It was withdrawn due to a boundary issue.

It was noted that an application takes between 6-8 weeks before a decision is given.

After a valuable debate, with input from Cllr Newbury, SB suggested that::

"The Parish Council should submit an application for an ACV on the whole parcel of land as soon as possible." Proposed Cllr Cattermole, Seconded Cllr Smith

Vote taken by members of the Parish Council: 9 for the proposal, 1 abstention.

The motion was carried and an application for an ACV will be sent to Wiltshire Council forthwith.

Action: Cllr Morris to investigate. Michael Hutchings, a member of the public, volunteered to help her.

Cllr. Newbury was asked what the Planning status was on the land. He replied that the land was still designated as Recreational land. It could be used for agricultural purposes BUT any development such as building of stables, sheds etc would NOT be allowed without Planning Permission.

It was agreed that as a matter of courtesy these minutes should be sent to Barney Estates & Auctioneers immediately so that they can advise potential bidders.

Action: Cllr. Buttenshaw agreed to email them as soon as possible.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.