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# PARISH NEWS

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News from Lower Heyford Parish Council -- Number 79 -- June 2008

## Notes from the Annual Parish meeting – Thursday 17 April 2008

The Annual Parish meeting was very well attended by 40 residents together with 5 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Tim Hallchurch and two Clerks!

The new Clerk – Sue Lee – who will take over from 1 May 2008 was introduced to the meeting and the retiring clerk – Roger Bowen - was presented with a farewell gift from the parish to thank him for many years of service.

The main focus of the meeting was an update on the current situation with the Village Hall sale and the meeting was advised that the trustees were proceeding with the sale to the Jehovah's Witnesses. These purchasers are happy to retain the recycling facilities on the site so a new home does not have to be found for this valuable community resource.

The relocation committee reported back on the proposed plans to build a new hall on the Kings George's Field along with affordable housing. It was advised that the actual location of the hall would be explored by way of a feasibility study once the sale of the existing building was completed.

The village housing needs survey carried out by ORCC in the village identified the need for 6-7 housing units and the Parish Council are now working with OCHA to look at the possible location of units on the field. It was stressed that further consultation with residents would take place before any works were carried out on the plans when more details with regard to the proposals were available..

The Chairman – Mrs Robin Hepworth reported back on the past year's activities within the Parish Council. Several other village organisations gave reports – Bowls Club, Friends of Heyford Station, Woman's Institute , Parish Map group & Parochial Church Council.

No items were carried forward for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

## Notes from the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15 May 2008.

Mrs Robin Hepworth was unanimously appointed as Chairman for 2008/9. A vice-chairman will be appointed at the next meeting in July.

It was agreed that standing orders and terms of reference would be written for the Parish Council and that the financial regulations would be updated.

Requests were made for a flow chart to show how village organisations, trusts and charities relate to each other and the Parish Council and the Clerk agreed to put her hand to compiling this for the village as part of her induction into the new post!

**Planning** applications had been received for

08/01007/TCA – Mr Jones – The Old Chapel, Mill Lane – Fell 1 Holly Tree,

08/00783/CAC – Building 578/579 Heyford Park – Demolition,

08/00691/F – Heyford Park Change of use Building 3053 to storage,

08/01001/F – Heyford Park – Change of use of Building 221

08/00837/F Mr Daly – Darville House, Station Rd – Repairs to Stone wall and replace existing fence with new close boarded fence

08/00888/F Mr Thompson – Black Horse Cottage, 1 Station Rd – Conservatory to the side,

08/01109/F – Integration Technology Building 132 Heyford Park – continued change of use.

CDC Planning decisions were noted for 3 applications on Heyford Park and there were 16 applications refused on Heyford Park along with several appeals.

**Station Rd speeding** – now that the bridge was reopen OCC would be installing a data recorder to record vehicle speeds and would report back the findings to the July meeting. Increased police speed checks will also take place during May & June.

**Station Road – flooding** OCC will be carrying out further works on the entrance to the boat yard during late May to try to alleviate the effect of surface water flooding.

Work on car parking at **1-2 Bromeswell Road** was advised to have a low scoring for funding from OCC and was unlikely to proceed at present.

**School places** - OCC had expressed concern at the number of children not getting places at their chosen primary school this year however there only suggestion was for parents to appeal in the hope that a place may become available. The Parish Council have discussed this issue with both the County Council and local MP & Cabinet member for education – Cllr Michael Waine.

**Parish News** – this village newsletter will be available on the Lower Heyford website – [www.lowerheyford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.lowerheyford-pc.gov.uk) and in the Valley News in future. It was stressed that this is a village publication and if anyone has any information for the newsletter please forward to the Parish Clerk for the next edition.

**Parish Plan** – is progressing well and a draft questionnaire for the village should be available in the early summer. If anyone has any queries with regard to the Parish Plan please contact Mr Morley – 340871 for information.

**Year end accounts**- the Parish Council & Lennard Trust accounts were approved by the councillors and will now go for internal & external audit.

**May Day Fete** – it was reported that the Fete had made a profit of £1033.01 and many congratulations were offered to all who had been involved in its organisation for a fantastic event.

It was agreed that the Clerk would request –

- more cones for the junction by the Horse & Groom,
- clearance of the drains in the village as many of them were blocked with debris
- information from Thames Water regarding their plans for the mains on Station Rd following the 4<sup>th</sup> leak in 9 months

and add traffic calming to the agenda of the next meeting.

If you would like to place an item in Your Parish News please contact

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**Village notice boards** – if you would like to put a notice on the village boards please drop it in to the boat yard as Mr Dare holds keys.

The next edition will be published late July for inclusion in the Valley News and be available on line.

