

Hessett Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on **Friday 25th August 2023 at 7.00pm**
at Hessett & Beyton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Phil Barrett, Tim Elliot, Andrew Pearson, Margaret Shaw,

In attendance: Michelle Fisher (Clerk to the Council)

250823/01 Retirement of Margaret Shaw as Chairman

250823/02 Election of Chairman

Cllr Phil Barrett was elected unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Margaret Shaw was elected unanimously.

250823/03 Signature of Acceptance of Office Forms

The Newly elected Chair and Vice Chair signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office

250823/04 Apologies

All councillors in attendance so no apologies

250823/05 Declarations of Interest

- (a) There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declared
- (b) There were no other Disclosable Interests Declared

250823/06 Dispensation

No requests for dispensation received.

250823/07 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th July 2023 were agreed to be a true record. The Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

250823/08 Public Forum

No Issues were raised.

250823/09 Five Bells Public House

Councillors considered the merit of applying for a new ACV nomination for the 5 Bells Public House, the previous successful application is due to expire on 26th September 2023. It was felt that although the owners of the 5 Bells Pub had agreed to reopen as a public house the PC should reapply for an ACV for the pub on behalf of the residents. The PC recognise that there are limitations to an ACV but because of the importance of the pub to the village, and due to the level of interest, it is the duty of the PC to make an application for this purpose. It was unanimously agreed that a local pub in Hessett would add value to the

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community and that a place to socialise within the village is of key importance.

The benefits of an ACV were discussed as follows:

Registered Assets of Community Value restricts the ability of the owner to dispose of the property and may also affect planning position. If the owner wishes to sell a registered property that has an ACV status, residents and community groups are given 6 months to put together a bid to buy it. If the pub comes up for sale as a development opportunity, the community will be notified and given the first opportunity to bid. That an ACV listing has its limitations and there are no guarantees that a second application for an ACV will be successful. New up to date evidence will need to be submitted.

The PC agreed that a letter should be sent out to the residents of Hessett asking for their opinions regarding an application for an ACV and the use and demand for a pub in Hessett. The response to this letter is to be collated and submitted as evidence in support of the new application for ACV.

CLlr Margaret Shaw and Clerk Michelle Fisher to meet and draft a letter, collate responses and draft the application for ACV.

250823/10 All Present noted the date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 26th September 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council

Chair

Date

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