

**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Dann, Boyes, Croft, Neville, Clayton and Bradford, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, P.C. I Taylor, County Councillor B. Newton, Borough Councillor K. Harris, and 7 members of the public.

Mrs. B. Bradford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the beginning of the meeting.

**Apologies:** These were received from Councillor Murdoch.

**Police Matters:**

Since our last meeting there has been an attempted burglary in Hathern. Theft of cash, lottery tickets and golf clubs from vehicle in Tanners Lane. Two attempted break-ins too two vans at different locations, and six thefts of fuel from the Esso Station. Two vehicles parked in Pasture Lane were reported to the police as they have been there for a period of time. CCTV footage was given to the police from a local resident regarding dog fouling in Tanners Lane, it was suggested that the police contact Nicola Gibson at CBC re this matter.

**Public Participation:**

A resident complained about all the notices that are placed around the village and not taken down after the event. We were also asked when the cemetery hedge is to be cut and we are waiting for a reply from our Grounds Maintenance Contractor with a date. The debris at the rear of 41 Dovecote Street has not yet been cleared up after building work was carried out. A resident also raised the issue of the scissors being removed from the cemetery. The Chairman replied that a decision had been made at the previous meeting to get them removed and no further discussion took place.

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Clayton declared his interest in the Funding proposal from the HVA.

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

**Highway Issues:**

**Designation of jitty off Dovecote Street – Councillor B. Newton/LCC**

Nothing to report. Councillor Croft agreed to look at some old maps to see if the jitty is designated on them.

**General street cleaning through the village – Councillor B. Newton/LCC**

Councillor Newton is to try and get a schedule showing the frequency of street cleaning. The streets were cleaned recently but they always come early in the mornings when cars are still parked.

**Visibility of road markings on the A6 – Councillor B. Newton/LCC**

This matter has been reported to LCC by Councillor Newton and is currently being looked at. She has a reference number from LCC for the work – 9969434.

Manhole cover outside the cemetery:

The clerk to contact LCC and Severn Trent to establish who is responsible for this cover.

Fencing on service road/A6:

We are still waiting for a quote for this work from idverde.

**Other:**

Overgrown vegetation the cemetery:

We have got two quotes for this work one from idverde for £460 + VAT and one from Home Farm Heritage for £530 + VAT. It was agreed that we go with the quote from idverde. Councillor Murdoch to be informed of our decision.

HPC Mobile phone:

The clerk has now purchased a mobile phone for the Parish council.

**Development Projects:**

**William Davis Land Adoption:**

Progress on the site appears to have slowed down recently. Several points raised by a resident were answered by the Chairman. Once the work has all been completed then the legal process will begin for us to adopt all the areas, and we will receive a large amount of money from William Davis to maintain all the areas for approximately 10/15 years.

**Green Spaces Projects:**

**Leys Area – Railings and Landscaping:**

A new piece of railing has been manufactured to complete the work and this is now ready for installation.

We have got two quotes for doing the landscaping work one from Home Farm Heritage for £2760 + VAT and another from P. Barrett for £3965. It was agreed that we accept the quote from Home Farm Heritage. We are in the process of contacting the utility services to find out what is underground before work can commence. We will speak to Kim about getting a budget for the planting work and ask her to liaise with the contractor. Mr. Scott offered to donate a wayside seat to site at a suitable location in this area. This offer will be discussed at a later meeting. A resident complimented Kim on the marvellous work she is doing Laurie's Lane.

Councillor Harris reported that Martin Jones from CBC had made progress with 19 The Leys. An architect has come up with some proposals on work that can be done to the property to preserve it.

**Green Spaces Maintenance:**

**Update from Lead Councillor:**

Councillor Neville was given permission to purchase 1000 tree tags for the tree survey he is carrying out on behalf of the Parish council. We are to look through the tree surgery report from S. Faulks before any decision is made. We are to ask Councillor Murdoch to speak to idverde about cutting the grass verges down Pasture Lane and also cutting and raking the meadow areas.

### **Funding Proposal from Hathern Village Association:**

We have received a proposal from the HVA to purchase a second marque which would be made available for other village groups to hire. The cost of the marque would be £3359 + VAT. The Chairman proposed that we purchase the marque and then draw up an agreement with the HVA for them to look after it on a long term basis and should the HVA cease to exist then it would be returned to the Parish Council to look after and let out. This proposal is to be taken to the next HVA meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October. This proposal was voted on with 6 councillors for it and one abstention. We will work with the Vice-Chairman on this proposal.

### **Hathern Herald:**

The autumn edition has been delivered by the Community Library volunteers. For the next edition we are to place a smaller order as we have far too many left over.

### **Report from Hathern Community Library:**

Report attached.

### **Policy Review:**

#### **Financial Regulations:**

After clarification from LRALC the Chairman has made two amendments to the Financial regulations and these will be amended and put on the website.

#### **Financial Reserves:**

Two of the figures in this document were amended and the policy was approved and to be put on to our website.

### **Delegated Financial Powers Resolution:**

#### **Resolution:**

Two resolutions passing over powers to the Chairman in the absence of the clerk were proposed:

Resolution 1;

That HPC resolves to nominate the Chair of the Council as an unpaid officer having, in the event of the Clerk being absent from duties, those same powers as assigned to the Clerk in sections 3 and 8 of the Council's Financial Regulations. The Chairman proposed we accept this proposal, it was seconded by Councillor Croft and voted on unanimously.

Resolution 2;

That HPC resolves to delegate all powers assigned to the Chair of the Council to the Vice Chair of the Council if the Chair is absent from duties. The Chairman proposed we accept this proposal, it was seconded by Councillor Croft and voted on unanimously.

### **Financial Matters:**

The Audit for 2016/17 has been completed and the notice to be placed on the website.

### **Correspondence:**

Permission was granted for two headstones to be placed in the cemetery.

**Accounts for payment:**

The following invoices were approved and cheques paid;

Steve Faulks	Tree surgery work	£120.00
	Tree surgery work	£100.00
idverde	Contract work	£516.12
idverde	LCC Grass cutting	£1139.60
Chris Betts	Maintenance/Asset work	£560.43
Hathern Comm. Library	Donation	£2500.00
Maureen Spencer	Phone/gift for A. Walker	£94.96
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£330.00
Maureen Spencer	Anti-virus licence	£49.99
idverde	Contract work	£516.12
Gala Tent ltd.,	Marque	£4247.97

**Highways and Footpaths:**

Overgrown footpaths near to the Kennels has been reported to LCC – nothing has been done – this matter to be chased up. Councillor Newton to speak to LCC about the overhanging vegetation covering up road signs in the County. Councillor Boyes said that we should seriously consider having a bypass around the village as traffic is going to get worse with the proposed Garendon development and other developments in the area.

Mr. Richard Mee has had some meetings with LCC regarding the new bridge at Zouch. Councillor Neville agreed to speak to his contact at LCC about these proposals and get more details.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.