

Minutes of hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Dann, Clayton, Bradford, Boyes. Croft and Neville, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, Borough Councillor K. Harris, County Councillor B. Newton, and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: These were received from Councillor Murdoch.

Police Matters:

There has been six thefts of fuel from the Esso garage. There was a burglary on Lammas Drive and a common assault on Nightingale Avenue.

Public Participation:

Nothing was raised.

Declarations of Interest:

None were declared.

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 – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

LCC have now sent Councillor Newton a response accepting ownership off the jitty. We now await further information re the state of the jitty from LCC.

General street cleaning through the village – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

This is an issue for CBC and Councillor Harris agreed to look into this for us.

Visibility of road markings on the A6 – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

Some work has been done on this issue and the work is on-going.

Vegetation overgrowing road signs – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

LCC require locations where this is a problem, Councillor Croft is to send an e-mail to Councillor Newton identifying the exact locations.

Fencing on service road/A6:

We are still waiting for a quote from Idverde before we can make any progress on this item.

Overgrown footpath at the kennels – LCC:

Councillor Croft has sent LCC an e-mail. Due to the time of year this is not a problem with vegetation dying down. We will monitor this early in the spring.

Poor state of the Stints footpath – LCC:

Councillor Croft and Councillor Newton are going to look into this item.

Development Projects:

Green Spaces Projects:

Leys area – Landscaping:

At our last F. & GP meeting we agreed to ask the contractor to carry out the manual work in mid February/early March and then get Kim to do the planting in March. We will ask Councillor Murdoch to speak to the contractor about the proposed dates.

TPO's:

Councillor Neville has been working with S. Marshall from LCC and L. O'Donnell from CBC. We have registered our interest in having a TPO placed on a mature

walnut tree on Hollis Way.

Outside power for Hathern Park:

We have got one quote for this work of £595.00. we are waiting for a second quote before we make a decision. Councillors Clayton and Murdoch are to check the specification to make sure it meets all the necessary requirements.

Green Spaces Maintenance:

Update from Lead Councillor:

Overgrown footpath adjacent to the allotments:

We have agreed the quote and instructed the contractor to carry out the work .

Pasture Lane verges:

This work has been completed.

Policy Review:

Small Grant Scheme – Eligibility criteria:

We have agreed to some new wording on this policy and Councillor Croft will put the updated policy on the website.

Grant Application from Hathern Recreation Association:

We have received a request for funding to carry out the following work on the Village Hall i.e. repairs to the roof structure, re-furbishing the floor, new windows and pointing up the brickwork. The roof work is top priority and this is to be carried out shortly. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that we make a donation of 50% for the cost of the roof work, i.e. £1101.50, ask them to get another quote for re-furbishing the floor. The proposal was voted on with five Councillors for the proposal and 1 abstention. We also decided to ask them if they have a maintenance plan in place for the expected Village Hall repairs possibly to cover the next three years, and if so could we see a copy so that we are aware of any significant costs that may arise.

Hathern Herald:

The latest edition has been distributed and the next edition will be issued in April 2018.

Loughborough Cemetery Extension:

We recently learnt through the Loughborough Echo that CBC are considering a site in Hathern for a possible cemetery extension. Councillor Neville is going to draft a letter to the C.E.O. at CBC raising our concerns about the Parish Council not being informed of these proposals. A copy of the letter to be sent to our two Borough Councillors.

Financial Matters:

Budget and Precept 2018/19:

The budget was compiled at our last F. & GP meeting. Councillor Dann proposed that we accept this budget, it was seconded by Councillor Croft and voted on unanimously. This means that for 2018/19 there will be no increase in precept. This information will be an article in the next Hathern Herald.

Allotment rent review:

The annual rent payments are due in January, 2018 and it was proposed that no increase be made to rents in view of the large number of empty plots we have.

Councillor Dann proposed there be no increase in rents, Councillor Croft seconded the proposal and it was voted on unanimously.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from a resident asking if it would be possible to fix ends on to the bus shelters to protect passengers from the weather when waiting for buses. The clerk to look into the possibility of ends beings fixed to the shelters and the cost involved.

Planning Matters:

Architects have been doing some work on behalf of the owners of 19 The Leys. Parish councillors have a site meeting at Re-Active Hire tomorrow morning.

Accounts for payment:

The following invoices were approved and cheques raised;

Hyphen	Hathern Herald	£922.60
idverde	Flailing Pasture Lane	£336.00
idverde	Grounds maintenance	£516.12
idverde	Work in the cemetery	£552.00
idverde	LCC grass cutting	£1139.60
Water Plus	Water rates	£11.16
Chris Betts	Maintenance/asset work	£703.50
Hathern Recreation Assoc.	Hire of Village Hall	£144.00
K.Lawson	Gardening work	£190.00

Highways and Footpaths:

The old Jet garage on the A6 has been bought to sell used cars by a private company.

Councillor Clayton is to ask HVA if we can advertise our vacant allotments on their Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.