

**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Dann, Clayton, Murdoch, Boyes and Neville, Mrs. Spencer – clerk and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** These were received from Councillors Croft and Bradford, P.C. I Taylor and County Councillor B. Newton and Borough Councillor K. Harris.

**Police Matters:**

Since the last meeting there has been 1 burglary on High Meadow, an assault, 2 thefts, 2 incidents of damage to property, and two vehicles broken into and property stolen. A condom machine was found in Pasture Lane but the police do not know where it has been stolen from.

**Public Participation:**

In spring 2018 it is scheduled for Phase 1 to commence on work at Garendon Park. We understand that the roundabout on the A6 should be in place before the work begins. We are waiting for confirmation of these proposals from CBC.

**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:**

General street cleaning through the village – Cllr. K. Harris/CBC;

To be put on the next agenda.

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

To be put on the next agenda.

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

To be put on the next agenda.

Fencing on service road/A6;

Councillor Murdoch has had a meeting with Idverde and we are now waiting for a quote.

Poor state of Stints footpath – LCC;

LCC have cut back some of the vegetation and they are going to speak to R. Mee about the barbed wire along this footpath.

**Development Projects:**

**Green Spaces Projects:**

Work on this project is scheduled to commence at the end of March 2018. We are to pass this information on to Kim Lawson. A report on the work Kim has been doing over the last 6 weeks was received.

**Outside power for Hathern Park:**

We have got one quote for this work, Councillor Murdoch is having a site meeting with a second electrician at the weekend to get a second quote ready for the next F.& GP meeting. This project needs to be completed ready for the 'Big Week' in June.

**Wm. Davis Land Adoption:**

Councillors Dann and Neville had a site meeting in December with I Jones from Wm. Davis and some issues were raised about the playarea. The Chairman to chase up the answers to these issues and also ask when CBC will be issuing the certificate of practical completion so that we can proceed to the next stage.

**2018 Celebrations:**

**Update:**

The Planning group had a meeting last week to confirm dates etc ready to print the brochure in February.

**Donation proposal:**

Councillor Neville proposed that we give a donation to Hathern Primary School of £1,000 towards transport costs, so that some of the classes can go to Donington le Heath to learn the history and the connection between the two events for 2018. Councillor Dann seconded the proposal and it was voted on unanimously. Councillor Neville is to send out the copies of the meeting and a copy of the full itinerary for all the events to Councillors.

**Use of Social media by Parish Council:**

Councillors Murdoch and Clayton have been looking into setting up a Facebook page for the Parish Council to be used as an e-notice board. Initially it would have meeting dates on the page and relevant information that is already on our website. It would be on a trial period of 3 months to see how it goes. Councillors agreed on these proposals.

**Hathern Herald:**

The next edition will go out in early April. There is an editorial meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The 2018 Celebrations will be featured in this issue.

**Loughborough Cemetery Extension:**

We have had a response from the letter we sent to the C.E.O. at CBC via Matthew Bradford along with a copy of all the documents that had been prepared for the proposed sites. We are to speak to Councillor Harris about these proposals and ask if the Planning Department at CBC has seen these documents.

**Financial Matters:**

Nothing to report.

**Correspondence:**

Two applications for headstones were received and approved. A local resident asked if it would be possible to plant some snowdrops on Laurie's Lane. We will speak to Kim about this request.

**Accounts for payment:**

The following accounts were approved and cheques raised:

Grant Thornton	Audit fee	£480.00
Aspire	Clerks salary	£55.20
Quadron Services	GM contract	£516.12
Hathern Library	Delivering Newsletter	£150.00
K.Lawson	Gardening work	£195.00

Comm. Heartbeat Trust      New defib pads      £63.00

**Highways and Footpaths:**

A request for a grit bin on High Meadow was raised. There is already one within sight at the bottom of High Meadow so it was highly unlikely that LCC would approve this..

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.