

Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th March, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Dann, Bradford, Murdoch, Clayton, Boyes, Neville, Croft, Mrs. Spencer - clerk, Borough Councillor K. Harris and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: These were received from P.C. I. Taylor. It was agreed that the clerk would send Tony Scott a card as he is unwell and in the past attended meetings.

Police Matters: No report was received from the Police.

Public Participation:

There has been an increase in the amount of dog faeces on Nightingale Avenue/ Swallow Walk recently.

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:

Councillor Harris has spoken to Matthew Bradford at CBC, and we have been informed that the person responsible for the street cleaning in Hathern is Ellena Montgomery. - the clerk will get in touch with her and ask about street cleaning in the village.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

Fencing on Service road/A6:

It was agreed that we should not continue to pursue this item.

Poor state of the Stints footpath:

We have no further information on this matter.

Development Projects:

Outside Power for Hathern Park:

Hathern Old Cricket Club have signed the agreement with the Council allowing a 3 phase outside power supply to be run from its pavilion for use by other community groups wishing to hold events on Hathern Park. With the approval of the meeting the Chairman signed for the Council.

The Council endorsed the decision of the Clerk to engage Western Power Distribution to install isolating switches in the cricket pavilion to facilitate the the external power supply. This would cost £209 plus VAT.

Councillor Murdoch detailed two sets of quotations he had received for the external power supply work:

1. For the provision of a 63amp external outlet and sub meter.
2. For the provision of a 3 phase consumer unit.

The quotes from Chris Flood Electrical were; £595 and £1300. The quotes from A.S. Electrical Services were £570 and £1100. The Council agreed unanimously to accept the quote from AS Electrical.

William Davis Land Adoption:

There is to be another site meeting in March/April to sort out some issues. We do not anticipate much action with regard to the transfer of land until April, 2019.

Defibrillators:

We need to replace two batteries in June/July as they only have a 3 year warranty. Also we need two new sets of pads in September. It was agreed that Councillor Croft should look into getting a third defibrillator sited on the wall of the Esso garage. He will investigate funds from the Lottery and William Davis. Councillor Croft is also going to contact Nicky Morgan about an issue with the East Midlands Ambulance Service and the defibrillators.

Green Spaces Maintenance:

Copse on Hathern Park:

When the weather improves the clerk is to meet S. Faulks on site to see what can be done.

Football Posts:

The clerk is to send a letter to the Sunday team asking them to look at their goalposts as they appear to look very loose in the sockets.

Signage:

The clerk is to get a new sign made displaying the mobile number of the Parish Council.

2018 Celebrations:

The Committee are having regular meetings and everything is progressing well . The brochure is nearly ready and will be distributed to every house in April . Some classes from Hathern Primary School will be going to Donington-le-Heath Manor in May as part of the celebrations.

Councillor Neville estimates that the costs involved in putting on the Big Week and other events during the year will be around £3,000. Councillor Neville proposed that we set aside a maximum of £3,000 to help towards putting on these events. Councillor Boyes seconded the proposal and it was voted for unanimously.

Use of Social Media by PC:

A Facebook page has been launched for the Parish Council by Councillors Murdoch and Clayton. So far it seems to be working well and 128 people have subscribed to it.

Loughborough Cemetery Extension:

CBC are still looking at the results of the surveys that were recently carried out, and they are considering spending another £40,000 on doing more surveys. Councillor Harris is monitoring this matter and will keep us informed.

Policy Review – Risk Assessment:

Councillor Neville has done some work on our inspection procedures carried out on our equipment. Kompan suggest that we should have weekly inspections done, at the present time we have a monthly inspection and a weekly check. Councillor Neville proposed that it would be sufficient if we have inspections

carried out every 2 weeks this was seconded by Councillor Dann and voted for unanimously. The clerk to speak to Mr. Betts about these amendments to his job description and also ask if he would be prepared to attend another ROSPA course.

Financial Matters:

Rent review:

Football Club:

It was agreed that the Sunday League team would pay £22.00 per match – no increase. Hathern football club would pay a one off charge each season of £430.00 for the use of the sports ground and until our Grounds Maintenance contract ends we would carry on with the main grass cutting.

Cricket Club :

It was agreed that there would be no increase, therefore the charge would be £430.00 for the forthcoming season;

Garage Bases:

It was also agreed that there would be no increase, therefore the charge would be £236.00 for this year.

Burial charges:

These would go up at the rate of r.p.i. as from 1st April, 2018.

HCL Funding:

It was agreed to pay the agreed funding to the Library this month.

Correspondence:

An application for an additional inscription was approved.

It was agreed to place an advert in the Rural Trader advertising our vacant allotments. We have had a site meeting with LCC regarding placing panels on the ends of the bus shelters, this will be discussed at our next F. &GP meeting.

Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved and cheques raised.

Hathern Community Library	Grant	£2500.00
Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project	Grant	£75.00
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Western Power Distribution	Outside Power work	£244.59
Maureen Spencer	Expenses	£280.41
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£170.00
AA Locksmith	Allotment keys	£18.00
Steve Faulks	Tree surgery/Xmas tree	£281.40
Water Plus	Cemetery rates	£15.30
Chris Betts	Asset work	£395.00

Highways and Footpaths:

The new dog fouling signs are now up at the church and the cemetery. Some vandalism has occurred on Laurie's Lane – we are to put this on Facebook and ask for people to be vigilant. We have not received any information from CBC about the planning application at Re-Active Hire, some residents still had concerns about this industrial unit and it was suggested that they contact CBC direct. One of the bollards down Pasture Lane will not retract, the clerk to ask

Chris Betts to clean it out. We have had reports that drug dealing is taking place down Pasture Lane between 6 – 7.00 p.m. between the comma dyke and Tunnel Lane – Councillor Croft agreed to speak to the police about this matter.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.