

Minutes of Hathern Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd April, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Dann, Bradford, Murdoch, Neville, Croft, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, County Councillor B. Newton, Borough Councillor K. Harris and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: These were received from Councillors Clayton and Boyes and P.C. I. Taylor.

Police Matters:

Since the last meeting there has been four vehicle crimes, theft of petrol from the Esso station and a burglary on an allotment. The beat team are aware of cars/groups of people gathering on Pasture Lane causing anti social behaviour and they are visiting the site as much as possible.

Public Participation:

The Library has now completed a full financial year on the 31st March 2018. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 31st May, 2018 and the Parish Council are all invited to this meeting. The Service Level Agreement with the Parish Council expires on 31st March, 2019 and it is hoped a meeting can be arranged to discuss the possibility of another agreement being drawn up. A formal report and the audited accounts will be available at the A.G.M. It was agreed that we discuss a new agreement at our next F.&GP Meeting.

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:

We have had the street cleaner around the village at least three times over the last 2 months.

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

This has been reported to LCC.

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

This has been reported to LCC.

Councillor Newton has also reported Pot holes, Car Parking problems, no LED street lights on Laburnum Close to LCC.

We asked Councillor Newton to report blocked gulleys on Greenhill and Cross Street. She had also contacted Kinch Bus company about running a bus to Shepshed for the school children, but the company gave a negative response to this request.

Anti-social behaviour – Pasture Lane:

This has been reported to the Police.

Development Project:

Outside Power for Hathern Park:

This work is 96% completed and should be finished by the end of this week and then it will be signed off. If required the electrician will charge separately for a lockable box to be sited on the outside of the pavilion so that the socket is secure. Parish Councillors agreed to this.

William Davis Land Adoption:

A site meeting has been arranged for 15th May and the Councillors will report back at the next meeting. Councillor Neville is going to look at the planting scheme in the new Cemetery.

Asset Maintenance Improvement:

Copse on Hathern Park:

It was agreed to put this on hold until September.

Football Posts:

A letter has been sent to the football club asking them to look at the state of the goal posts, and we are to ask Chris Betts to look at them before the next season starts.

Signage:

The clerk is waiting for a quote to put the mobile phone number on our sign posts,

Bus shelters:

We have had a meeting with LCC and they have recommended only quarter panels be fitted due to the width of the footpath at the top of Narrow Lane on the A6 and furthermore the company that installed this shelter no longer exists so we are struggling to get the spare parts. After discussion it was agreed that little benefit would be had by quarter end panels being fitted and we decided not to take any further action with this project.

Green Spaces Maintenance:

Work is due to start at the Leys on 30th April, 2018 and it should take three days.

The contractor has asked for a waiver, saying that if any problems arise with the utility services then the Parish Council will be liable for any costs.

A meeting has been arranged with Idverde and Councillors Croft & Neville regarding cutting the grass in the meadow areas.

Kim submitted a report on the work she has been doing over the last few weeks.

Councillor Croft agreed to look into entering two locations into the Britain in Bloom competition. These areas are Laurie's Lane and The Leys. Councillor Harris has been doing work on the 1618 Garden to be sited at the rear of the Library.

2018 Celebrations:

Update:

The group are meeting on a monthly basis and we have now got approximately 30 events taking place in the Village. The brochure is going out next week to every house in the village, it has 44 pages in the brochure. Ben Hardy has done all the graphic work and it is an impressive brochure. We have produced some grant forms and issued them to the necessary groups. Councillor Neville has asked these groups to send funding applications to him and he will collate them for the Parish Council.

The majority of the events are being run on a voluntary basis but expenses can be claimed for certain costs.

Open Gardens – Allotments:

Councillor Dann has been approached by Simon Edgeley from the Allotment Association asking if the allotments can be opened for the Open Gardens. Twelve allotment holders have shown an interest in opening their allotments for the weekend. The Parish Council agreed to this request, and this will be added to the Open Gardens booklet. It was suggested that a notice be placed on the Notice Board advising all allotment holders of this and advertising the vacant plots. The Allotment Association will have a plot holder on-site at all times during Open Gardens.

Support/Funding for Community Groups:

Pavilion Clock Tower:

The 2nd phase of the project which commenced in 2016 is now getting underway. The Cricket Club have applied for planning permission for the clock tower to be sited on the roof of the cricket pavilion. We are to write to the cricket club and inform them that there is £1410 left to fund this project, and ask them to inform us when they would need this money. When work commences the area would need to be fenced off as this area is open to the general public. We are very disappointed with Phase 1 and Councillor Murdoch is monitoring the situation as the contractor is in the process of putting the problems right.

Loan Agreement for Marquee:

The HVA have now signed the loan agreement for the marquee. They will use it for the Big Week, Wicked Hathern Festival and Bonfire Night. It is not exclusively for use by the HVA, other groups can use it if they seek our permission.

Financial Matters:

IT Services & Support Contract:

We have received a quote from D. Bardell for renewing his services as from May, 2018. Councillor Clayton is looking at alternative providers and will come up with some suggestions at a later meeting. It was therefore agreed to carry on with Dave Bardell for 3 months from May and after that work on a monthly basis. The clerk to let Dave know of our decision.

Correspondence:

An application for a headstone was received and agreed.
A request was received for a grit bin on Lammas Drive the clerk to forward this request to LCC.

Accounts for payment:

The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn:

Charnwood Borough Council	Council Tax	£203.76
LRALC	Annual subscription	£444.75
Hyphen Marketing	Newsletter	£924.10
Rural Trader	Allotment advert	£34.56
idverde	GM contract	£517.32
ICO	Annual subscription	£35.00
LRALC	Training course	£80.00
John Boyes	Travelling expenses	£12.60
Hathern Rec. assoc	Roof repairs donation	£1101.50
Aspire	Clerks salary work	£55.20
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£417.00

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Trees purchased

£165.00

Highways and Footpaths:

Councillor Harris reported that the developers at The Leys have been working with Martin Jones from Charnwood Borough Council Conservation Department. This plan should be on the website shortly. The Parish Council thanked Councillor Harris for his assistance over the past months in this matter.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.