

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th May, 2018 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Dann, Bradford, Murdoch, Clayton, Boyes and Neville, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, P.C. I Taylor and P.C.S.O. C. Wright and four members of the public.

Election of Chairman:

Councillor Neville nominated Councillor Dann for the position of Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Boyes and voted on unanimously. Councillor Dann accepted nomination.

Election of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Clayton was nominated by Councillor Neville for the position of Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Boyes and voted on unanimously. Councillor Clayton accepted the nomination.

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:

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

These markings are missing all the way along the A6. The Chairman to speak to Cllr. Newton about this issue.

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

We are awaiting an update from Councillor Newton.

Blocked gully – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

We are awaiting an update from Councillor Newton.

Grit Bin – Lammas Drive:

The clerk is in the process of completing the form for LCC and this will then be sent off with all the details.

Anti-social behaviour, Pasture Lane:

This was raised under Police matters – see Annual Parish Meeting Minutes.

Development Projects:

Outside Power for Hathern Park:

This work is nearing completion, we are just waiting for the contractor to fix the lockable box. We are to inform the Cricket Club when the HVA will need to use the power for the Big week from 7th - 17th June, 2018. The Chairman passed on a thank you to Councillor Murdoch for his work on this project.

The Leys landscaping:

This project has now been completed and the trees have been planted. Councillor Neville is going to speak to Kim Lawson about the watering of the trees.

Asset Maintenance/Improvement:

Signage:

The clerk has ordered a new sign for the Skate Park and is in the process of updating the signs on The Park, the allotments and the cemetery.

Green Spaces Maintenance:

Kim Lawson has sent us a update on the work she has been carrying out over the last few weeks.

Councillor Neville has had a response from Idverde regarding the cutting down of the meadow areas at the beginning of the season at the cemetery and in the churchyard.

They have offered us 2000 fruitilla bulbs to plant in the churchyard as some sort of recompense for the damage done. Councillor Neville is going to contact the church and ask if they are happy to accept this donation.

At our next F. & GP. Meeting it was agreed that we look at the contract with Idverde as some points need amendment, i.e. mowing The Leys on a regular basis.

Britain in Bloom:

As Councillor Croft was not at the meeting there was nothing to report.

2018 Celebrations:

Update:

Everyone was very impressed by the art work in the brochure, this was down to Ben Hardy and we would like to thank him for all his hard work. Volunteers from the HVA and the Library delivered brochures to every household in the village within three hours. Bunting is to be put up around the village in early June. A letter to be sent to Ben Hardy re the brochure.

Funding Applications:

Councillor Neville has re-designed the Grant form for the 2018 programme.

He has received two applications, one for £985.00 to cover the cost of transport for taking 2 classes from Hathern Primary School to Donington-le-Heath, and the second one for £350.00 to cover the cost of the brochures being printed about Hathern Bells. Councillor Dann proposed that we fund both of these, this was seconded by Councillor Murdoch and voted on unanimously. All relevant groups have a list of our meeting dates so that they know when to submit their grant forms.

Support/Funding for Community Groups:

Pavilion Clock Tower:

Funds were granted in 2016 for this project, and we have informed the HOCC how much of the grant is remaining to complete the project. We have had a request from the HOCC for them to place mobile covers over the wicket during the season. The covers will be placed inside the fenced off area and the cricket club are aware of the risk of leaving them out in the field. They will be stored away from Hathern Park outside of the cricket season. Councillors agreed to give permission to let HOCC have mobile covers during the playing season.

Governance:

Financial Governance:

At the last F.& GP. meeting we discussed the guidelines issued by LRALC. It was agreed that a working group comprising of Councillor Dann, Councillor Bradford and the clerk would look at our procedures to begin with. An update will be available for our next F. & GP meeting.

General Data Protection Regulations:

Information has been received from LRALC re the Data Protection Policy and the twelve stages we have to go through for the Data Audit. The clerk will have to complete the template outlining the data we hold and report back to the next F.&GP. Meeting.

Financial Matters:

Clerks salary:

We have received the new pay scales from NALC for the clerk. In line with the information we have received the clerks salary will be increased by 2% as from 1st April, 2018. This was proposed by Councillor Dann and seconded by Councillor Boyes and voted on unanimously.

Correspondence:

We received information about our Annual Insurance Premium, we are now insured by BHIB as AON no longer do Parish Council Insurance. We received a letter from a resident thanking us for our help in trying to get ends fitted on the bus shelters to protect passengers waiting for buses from bad weather.

Planning Matters:

There are two planning applications awaiting Councillors comments.

Accounts for payment:

The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn:

rdellpcsupport	IT work 3 months contract.	£150.00
Quadron Services	GM contract	£517.32
SLCC membership	Annual fee	£115.00
Home Farm Heritage	Leys landscaping	£3444.00
Maureen. Spencer	Expenses	£180.50
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£361.15
Hathern Primary school	2018 grant	£985.00
Hathern Bellringers	2018 grant	£350.00
BHIB Ltd.	Insurance premium	£838.15

Highways & Footpaths

We are to ask Councillor Harris to look into CBC policy about putting black litter bins on new housing developments and also near to the kissing gate at the new cemetery.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.