

Minutes of Hathern Parish council meeting held on Monday 6th August, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Hathern Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Dann, Murdoch, Clayton, Boyes and Neville, Mrs. Spencer – clerk.
P.C. Neville, Borough Councillor K. Harris and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: These were received from Councillors Croft and Bradford.

Police Matters:

Since the last meeting there has been 2 burglaries, 2 thefts from cars, 3 businesses attacked at College Garth Kennels and 3 lots of petrol stolen from the Esso garage. Also a window was damaged at Pasture Lane School. P.C. Neville explained that we now have a new beat team for the area. He also explained about stop and search procedures as this was raised at a previous meeting in relation to the activities in Pasture Lane.

Public Participation:

The resident who has recently bought the Jet garage site on Wide Lane/A6 explained what his intentions were in relation to tidying up the area and leasing out the small building to another business. We raised our concerns about the planning application and he was happy to take our comments on board and possibly amend the planning application. A resident thanked Councillor Croft for the dog fouling signs that had been put up in the jitty between Swallow Walk and Nightingale Avenue. The Chairman of the Library Committee confirmed that they would supply us with all the information required to discuss further funding for the library by mid October, 2018.

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:

A resident reported this issue over a year ago and LCC has done little. There has been several near misses with traffic as the road markings are very poor in certain locations around the village and on the A6. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the C.E.O. at LCC about the lack of response to issues raised. The Chairman also agreed to contact Councillor Newton and ask for an update.

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

Nothing to report.

Blocked gulleys – Cllr. B. Newton/LCC:

The Chairman to contact Councillor Newton for an update. We are very pleased to see the street cleaner coming to the village on a regular basis.

Grit Bin – Lammas Drive:

The application was submitted in June, 2018 but we have not received a reply from LCC yet.

Asset Maintenance Improvement:

Signage:

We are still waiting for the new signs to be made.

Green Space Maintenance:

Councillor Murdoch is waiting for Tony Jones from Quadron Services to come back to him about the cricket outfield.

Kim has sent us her report but due to the dry weather nothing much has been done.

East Midlands in Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Asset Inspection:

The Chairman has had a meeting with Chris Betts about the changes proposed to this work. Chris will now do a weekly check on all play equipment and a two monthly check on our other assets. In view of the extra hours worked there will be an additional cost to the Parish Council of £300 per annum. This increase was agreed by all Parish Councillors. The Chairman is to modify all the Asset forms and draw up a Service Contract for Chris which will be reviewed on an annual basis.

2018 Celebrations:

Update:

We have had a lot of good feedback about all the events that have taken place so far.

We are looking at keeping a committee together in some form to arrange events for 2019.

Funding Applications:

We set aside a budget of £3000 to help groups put on the events. We are still waiting for several groups to submit their application forms and then we will know the final costs.

County Bridge Public Inquiry:

There is to be a Public Inquiry about the Compulsory Purchase Orders from 21st to 24th August at John Storer House. This inquiry has been called as a result of objections from one resident (who does not live in the Parish). After a lengthy discussion Councillor Neville proposed that the CPO does not affect our Parish then we just refer back to our comments made on the planning application. Councillor Dann seconded this proposal and it was voted on, there were two abstentions but the proposal was agreed.

Financial Matters:

Website Support & IT Services Contract:

Councillor Clayton is still looking into and he is hoping to set up a meeting with a local company next week. We have had an invoice for D. Bardell for the next 3 months and it was agreed that this would be paid as we have not set up an alternative website yet.

Correspondence:

We have received an application for the erection of a headstone in the cemetery for G. Kaepfner, this was agreed. We also approved the size and wording of the plaque that is to be fastened to the seat in the cemetery.

Planning Matters:

Planning permission has been conditionally approved for 19 the Leys. Martin Jones

from CBC has been working with developers of the property to sort out all the issues.

Accounts for payment:

The following invoices were approved and cheques raised;

Comm. Heartbeat Trust	Telephone costs	£100.00
Quadron services	Grounds Maintenance	£517.32
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Aspire	Clerks salary work	£ 55.20
Dave Bardell	IT Contract	£154.00
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£200.00
Chris Betts	Repairs	£220.15
Maureen Spencer	Clerks Expenses	£225.68

Highways and Footpaths:

A meeting has been arranged with Idris Jones and CBC on Friday 10th August 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

We will raise the issue of all the dead trees and shrubs on the site.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.