

**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.  
in  
the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Dann, Neville, Croft, Boyes, Clayton & Murdoch, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, Borough Councillor K. Harris, P.C. R. Neville and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** These were received from County Councillor B. Newton.

**Police Matters:**

There has been 7 incidents since the last meeting including thefts from vehicles. P.C. Kelly Davis is back at work and hopefully she will start co-ordinating dates for meetings for parish councils dependent upon individuals shift patterns. We were informed that stats could not now be given out at meetings, but were told to use a website to get the information.

**Public Participation;**

Nothing to report.

**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 – Councillor B. Newton/LCC:**

The two areas on the A6 at the top of Wide Lane and the Zouch junction have still not been completed. The Chairman had spoken to Councillor Newton about this.

**Grit Bin – Lammas Drive:**

Despite being promised a response from LCC by the end of November, we have not had one. The clerk has spoken to LCC and was given another assurance that she would receive a response by 10<sup>th</sup> December, this has not happened. The clerk to contact the Chairman on 12<sup>th</sup> December if no response has been received and also inform County Councillor B. Newton about this matter.

**New website:**

**Development/Training:**

The new development website is up and running. A training session has taken place with Councillors Dann, Clayton and Murdoch and another one will take place in January 2019.

**Clerks software:**

It was proposed by Councillor Clayton that new software for use by the clerk be purchased from Microsoft at an annual cost of £79.00. This was seconded by Councillor Dann and voted on unanimously.

**Asset Maintenance/Improvements:**

**Green Spaces Maintenance:**

**Idverde Issues:**

Councillor Murdoch reported that Tony Jones had come back to him and apologised for the contract work not being done. He has promised that the Pasture Lane verges and the cemetery hedge will be cut this week. We are going to contact alternative

contractors about doing the extra work not itemised in the contract.

*Meadows Maintenance/Improvements:*

It was agreed that we spend up to £1000 inc VAT purchasing more seeds, bulbs and plants. Councillor Neville proposed that we spend £376 ex. VAT on yellow rattle seeds and up to £200 ex. VAT on more snowdrop bulbs. This expenditure was approved. We have had a complaint about the thorns on the spiral hedge in the Jubilee Garden on the Park – we are to ask Kim to look at this issue and take action in required.

**Hathern Park:**

*Replacement of picnic tables/benches:*

We are to order a new picnic table and bench to replace the damaged one near to the Park entrance. Five possible options were looked at the one chosen is a Bailey Tollgate at a cost of £1101 inc. VAT. There will be an additional cost for installation. We are to ask Chris Betts to do the installation work.

*Vehicular access, security gate/bollards:*

We have got a quote for a new security barrier from Secure-a-field at a cost of £2016 inc vat. We are to get a quote for installing this barrier. Councillor Murdoch is to look at this product to make sure it is suitable for purpose as there were concerns expressed about its robustness and then we will place an order.

**Other assets:**

*Replacement marque parts/bags:*

Our insurance company will not allow us to claim to replace the marque frame. We have got a quote to replace the frame and purchase 3 wheeled bags, the cost is £861.01 inc vat. It was agreed that we would place an order for these items with TFH Gazebos.

*Cemetery litter bin:*

The clerk is looking for a suitable replacement bin.

*New Defibrillator:*

Councillor Croft has been looking at the possibility of placing a new defibrillator on the wall at the Esso garage. The total cost will be around £2500 inc. VAT based on previous purchases. It was agreed that we purchase a new defibrillator providing the Esso garage is in agreement. He is going to get a quote for the next meeting from Community Heartbeat Trust.

**Community Support:**

**2018 Events and Funding Applications:**

We had a very successful Bonfire Night and Christmas Tree Festival. All the funding applications have now been submitted and we have paid out £2700 out of the £3000 set aside grant. We have re-named the committee 'Hathern Together' going forward to 2019. A brochure is being produced listing events from January to June 2019 and will be distributed around the village early in the New Year. We will make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of this brochure from the remaining £300 of the grant. It was agreed that we also meet the expenses claim form from Hathern History Society of £43.44 for their event in 2018.

**S106 Funding for Youth and Adult Recreation:**

We sent out a letter to local groups informing them of this money that was available for projects. We have received proposals from Hathern Band and Hathern Recreation Association. We have spoken to both organisations outlining what is involved in applying for this money. They are now looking at their projects in more detail and will come back to us if they need any support. Councillor Croft abstained from the discussion about the Hathern Recreation Association proposal. We informed

Councillor Harris that both these community groups will be seeking his support.

**Hathern Community Library Funding Proposal:**

We have received a response from HCL regarding the questions we asked about their proposal. Councillors were satisfied with the answers received. The Chairman proposed that we continue to support the HCL financially by providing a grant of £3000 per year for 3 years following the end of the current grant period and subject to a Service Level Agreement being in place. This was seconded by Councillor Boyes and voted for unanimously.

**Daisy Bank Update:**

Neal Chantrill and Cara Wild from CBC have been in contact with William Davis regarding the opening of the play area and the work that needs to be done regarding the dead trees and the meadow area. We understand that the play area will be open later this week after a site meeting with all parties concerned. Someone has marked all the dead trees with red tape, however in the spring some more may also need replacing. Borough Councillor K. Harris is monitoring the situation and will keep us informed.

**Financial Matters:**

**2019/20 Budget/Precept proposal:**

At our recent F. & GP meeting we prepared a budget for 2019/20 and if this adopted then there will no increase in our precept, it will remain at £44,000. It was proposed by the Chairman that we adopt the budget prepared at our Finance and General Purposes meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018, this was seconded by Councillor Boyes and voted on unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

Permission was granted for three headstones to be placed in Hathern cemetery. We have received an application from a resident interested in being co-opted on to the Parish Council – we will raise this issue at our next Council meeting.

**Planning Matters:**

There is one planning application awaiting Councillors comments.

**Accounts for payment:**

The following accounts were approved and cheques drawn;

Quadron Services	GM contract	£517.32
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Aspire	Clerks salary work	£55.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£50.00
Dave Bardell	IT work	£154.00
Hyphen Marketing	Newsletter	£855.60
Hathern Rec. Assoc.	Hire of hall	£144.00
Kim Lawson	Gardening work	£328.00
Hathern History Soc.	2018 event	£43.44

**Highways & Footpaths:**

Concern was expressed about the state of the verges down Pasture Lane due to cars being parked taking children to school. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Headteacher to discuss this problem.

RTC Safety Surfaces are to give us a quote for replacing the safety surface tiles in the small children's play area.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.