**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on 11th January, 2021.**

**This was a zoom meeting:**

**Present**: Councillors Dann, Boyes, Swift, Murdoch and Clayton, Mrs. Spencer – clerk,

 Borough Councillors Harris & Ward, County Councillor Newton, T. Sowerby

 from LCC and 2 members of the public,

**Apologies:**

 These were received from the Police.

**Police Matters:**

 A person entered an insecure vehicle but nothing was stolen. A report of

 youths using drugs in an open space was reported.

**Public Participation**;

 Nothing was raised.

**Declarations of Interest:**

 None were declared.

 The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

**Highway Issues:**

 ***Overhanging vegetation at The Leys:***

 This work has been completed.

 ***Macmillan Way:***

 Nothing to report. This is to be put back on the agenda in spring.

**National Covid Lockdown:**

 We do not intend to close the playground at the Park unless we are

 instructed to by Government. We will put up new guidance notices on

 The Park, Allotments and Cemetery. Tracey Sowerby from Public Health

 at LCC attended the meeting. She spoke about her role in this new

 position. She is a point of contract for the North Charnwood Area, dealing

 with safe and well checks, test and trace testing, lateral flow testing.

 She mainly works with Social Services. We are to pass on her contact details

 to our Borough and County Councillors.

 We will give permission for the Band and Football Club representatives to

 access their properties following government guidelines for essential

 purposes only. Councillor Swift will speak to the Cricket Club about the same

 issue. An e-mail to be sent to Lesley and Mason outlining these points.

**Daisy Bank Update:**

 ***Landscaping:***

 Councillor Harris reported that Taylor Wimpey had still not caried out the

 contract work on behalf of William Davis as they said the ground was to wet.

 Borough Councillor Harris is to write to Cara Wild at CBC again for an update

 as time is running out for tree planting this season.

 ***Dog bin/signage***:

 Borough Councillor Harris has been speaking to Serco about reviewing the

 bin emptying schedule in the village, at the present time they are emptied twice

 a week. People are filling bins with their own waste and this is causing problems.

 Councillor Clayton will put something on the website to try and deter people from

 filling these bins.

**Asset Maintenance/Improvement;**

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance:***

 *Tree Maintenance:*

 We are still waiting for the report from LCC. Once we get the reports then we

 will start to contact tree surgeons for quotes.

 *Hedgerow cutting:*

 This work has now been completed at the allotment field and the football field.

 Councillor Boyes to contact Borough Councillor Harris regarding some damage

 that needs repairing on the play park at Daisy Bank.

***Other Assets:***

 *Re*-surfacing of Parking Area outside Hathern Park:

 We have got three quotes for this work ranging from £7750 - £3950.00

 After discussion it was agreed that we would go for the cheapest quote from Home

 Farm Heritage i.e. £3950 + VAT. We have also agreed to purchase two bollards

 that are to be sited in front of the pedestrian gate to stop people parking vehicles,

 Councillor Dann will purchase these bollards and then re-imbursed at the next

 meeting. The cost of these bollards will be £300 + VAT from Broxap. Home

 Farm Heritage have agreed to install these bollards at no extra cost.

**Financial Matters:**

 Nothing to discuss.

**Planning Matters:**

 There are two planning applications awaiting Councillor’s comments.

**Correspondence**:

 We have received a quote for doing work at the cemetery approach i.e

 new surface and gravel boards, the quote is for £1270.00 It was agreed

 to get a second quote before any decision is made.

**Accounts for payment:**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn;

 M & BG Contract work 797.51

 K. Lawson Gardening work 160.00

 Water Plus Water rates – cemetery 13.85

 J. O’Halloran Hedge cutting 282.03

 PFK Littlejohn Auditors fee 360.00

 Hathern Library Delivering Newsletter 150.00

 C. Betts Maintenance work 207.38

 Coalville signs New dog sign 61.20

**Councillor Vacancy;**

 Councillor Maxine Hopwood has decided to resign from her position as a

 Parish councillor for Hathern with immediate effect. The clerk to send her

 a letter of thanks for all the work done whilst being on the Parish council.

 The clerk to do the necessary work in advertising the vacancy.

**Highways & Footpaths**:

 Simon Edgeley has spoken to the Chairman regarding the state of the track

 at the allotment field. Cars are driving to the allotments and churning up

 this track. It was agreed that Simon put up a sign on the gate not allowing

 cars to enter the allotment field. The grit bin on Lammas Drive has

 been checked and it has been filled up.

 LCC roadworks are to commence in Narrow Lane on 5th February.

 Councillor Bennett reported tarmac missing around a drain cover on the

 corner of Wide Street/Swallow Walk. The clerk to report this to LCC.

 Meeting closed at 9.00

**Confidential Matter:**

 In line with NALC guidelines the clerk’s salary is to be increased as from

 1st April, 2020. She will receive a pay rise of 2.7% and this will be back-dated.