**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th July, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Hathern** **Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Dann, Murdoch, Bennett, & Clayton, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, Borough Councillor

 K. Harris, and four members of the public.

**Apologies:** These were received from Councillors Boyes and Swift and the Police.

**Police Matters:**

 There was no incidents of crime reported since the last meeting.

**Public Participation**:

 Nothing was raised.

**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:***

 *Overgrown trees – Old Way:*

 County Councillor B. Newton was dealing with this matter. The clerk will ask

 her for an update.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement**:

 ***Asset Inspection***:

 As our Asset Inspector is unable to work for us for approximately 6 weeks as he

 is having surgery we have hired a temporary Asset Inspector. We have employed

 Mr. A. Clark who works for Diseworth & Long Whatton Parish Council to carry out

 this work for us. This decision was taken by the Chair and the Clerk as a matter of

 urgency following a quote from M & BG £75 for play inspection and £75 for asset

 inspection and a quote from Mr. Clark of £50 for play inspection and £100 for

 asset inspection. Councillors Murdoch and Clayton are going to attend a playground

 inspextion course hopefully in September.

 **Green Spaces Maintenance**:

 ***Watering New Trees:***

 These were watered again on 16th June by M. & BG. at their standard charge of

 £162.00. Expenditure was approved as urgent by the clerk.

 ***Work at The Leys***:

 This work has now been completed.

 ***Grass cutting at The Leys***:

 Kim Lawson has reported that the grass is not being cut on a regular basis,

 Councillor Murdoch is to speak to M. & BG about this problem.

 ***Other Assets***;

 *Allotment Site – Wildlife Area:*

 A lot of work has been carried out clearing the site, there is a lot of rubbish that needs

 removing so Councillor Bennett is looking into hiring a skip. Hathern Construction

 helped to dig out the pond when their diggers were on site doing the car park.

 *Allotment Site – Parking:*

 This work has now been completed. The work was inspected by Councillor Murdoch.

 The Chairman is having a meeting with Simon Edgeley on site tomorrow.

 *Band Room Lease – Hathern Band:*

 Our solicitors are looking into sorting out a new lease that will then need to be

 registered with Land Registry. The new lease will have to include the current and

 1989 band room extension that was never registered. The Band will have to let us

 have a new list of Trustees. The latest extension has now been completed and

 the Band deserve credit for doing all this work on their own and completing the project

 within the time scale.

 *Car Parking at Sports Ground:*

 Hathern Band and Hathern Football Club have sent in a request to make an

 extension to the car parking area. Councillor Dann has spoken to Lesley Bentley and

 John Baum about this proposed project. The proposed extension would create

 ten extra parking spaces. After discussion it was agreed on unanimously that

 permission for this work would be granted. We are to ask for a timetable of dates

 when the work will be taking place so that we are aware of what is going on the

 grounds.

 **Hathern Herald**;

 ***Editorship;***

 Ben Hardy is working on the next Hathern Herald. We are to ask Ben to let us have

 deadline dates for each edition. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Cleggett for

 his help with previous editions of the Hathern Herald. We have got a signed contract

 in place.

**Daisy Bank:**

 ***Adoption Process:***

 Councillor Dann and Clayton have had a meeting with Cara Wild and Helen Robinson

 from CBC to discuss the adoption process/conveyancing and it is a fairly straight

 forward process. We understand that the legal fees are paid by the developer.

 We are to consider bringing the final completion date forward from March 2022.

 e We would ask for re-compense for the dead trees that would need replacing.

 It was recommended that we contact William Davis to start the adoption process.

 It was suggested that we get all the trees inspected by an independent professional

 tree surgeon. Councillor Dann to contact David Ward at William Davis to start the

 process.

 Councillor Murdoch attended a Stakeholder meeting regarding a new development

 adjacent to Daisy Bank. Several points were raised from this meeting including the

 removal of the central hedgerow and not providing a separate play area for the

 development. Councillor Dann to arrange a site meeting with William Davis to discuss

 these issues.

**Community Woodland:**

 Councillors Dann and Clayton and our Tree Warden D. Neville had a zoom meeting with

 Matt Bradford and Jerry Trill from CBC. The Forestry Commission are to fund the trees

 for this project. We have now received a revised plan for the proposed area and there

 has been some changes which we are concerned about. Councillor Dann to speak to

 Matt Bradford for clarification on these changes.

**Councillor Vacancy:**

 No one has come forward so we will put up another notice with an amended

 deadline i.e. 6th August.

**Financial Matters:**

 ***On-line Banking:***

 Some more signatures are required from Parish Councillors. These forms will

 be completed at the end of the meeting.

 ***Annual charge -Hathern Football Club***;

 We have received correspondence from the Football Club Secretary asking us to

 consider a reduction in the charge for the forthcoming season. After discussion it

 was agreed that there would be no reduction in the annual fee.

 Councillors Dann, Swift and Murdoch agreed to have a meeting with the Football Club

 to discuss a development plan. The clerk to arrange a meeting a.s.a.p.

**Planning Matters:**

 There is a planning application for 18a Shepshed Road that needs a response by 9th

 July.

**Correspondence:**

 An application for a headstone for Mr. Brislin was approved.

**Accounts for payment**:

 The following invoices were approved and cheques signed:

 Home Farm Heritage Re-surfacing cemetery approach 1980.00

 M & BG Contract work for May 797.50

 M & BG Watering the trees 162.00

 Community Heartbeat New pads 98.40

 Water Plus Cemetery rates 18.37

 HVA Insurance premium 294.00

 C. Betts Maintenance work 267.53

 K. Lawson Gardening work 484.94

 Hathern Construction Car parking area 3856.00

**Highhways and Footpaths;**

 The picket fence on the A6 was raised, this is LCC’s responsibility. We decided not

 to raise this issue as we have done it several times before with no interest shown by

 LCC. White line markings on wide Street are fading and need re-painting. Councillor

 Bennett offered to inform LCC.

 Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.