**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd August, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

**in Hathern Village Hall.**

**Present**: Councillors Dann, Bennett, Clayton, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, Borough Councillors Harris

 and Ward, County Councillor B. Newton and 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from Councillors, Swift, Murdoch and Boyes and the Police.

**Police Matters:**

 There has been four crime related incidents over the last six week;

 1 burglary, 2 vehicle crimes, 2 criminal damage (vehicle related).

 Councillor Newton and Ward are going to a meeting on 24th August with

 the Police and to meet the new Sergeant – T. Else.

**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 has been looking into this with LCC, also an

 overgrown tree on the corner of Anchor Close, she is going to go back to

 LCC for an update.

 *Faded white lines – Wide Street*:

 These have been reported to LCC but no action taken yet.

**Asset Maintenance/Improvement:**

 ***Asset Inspection:***

 Chris Betts is still recovering from his operation and could be off for another

 six weeks. Councillors Clayton & Murdoch are going to attend a Playground

 Inspection course at the end of September organised by LRALC.

 ***Other Assets;***

 *Allotment Site – Parking;*

 The car parking area has now been completed and tenants are using this

 facility. Councillor Dann to speak to LCC Forestry regarding the tree on Shepshed

 Road which is blocking visibility for tenants leaving the allotment field. The hedge

 has been cut back by M & BG.

 *Allotment Site – Wildlife Area:*

 The pond area has been dug out by Chris Harrison as a gesture of goodwill.

 The Wildlife Group will shortly be incurring some expenses -Councillor Bennett

 to monitor this expenditure and forward all invoices to the Clerk. A skip will be

 on site later this week.

 *Bandroom Lease – Update:*

 This is progressing very slowly. Councillor Dann has got two quotes for a

 Land Registry Compliance Plan. One from Greenhatch for £475 + VAT and one

 from D. Grainger for £150 + VAT. It was agreed to go with the one from D. Grainger.

 Councillor Dann to instruct D. Grainger to do this work for us.

 *Village Garden Report*:

 This was received from K. Lawson. she has asked if we can have more pea gravel

 put done at The Leys. Councillor Dann to speak to Councillor Murdoch and ask

 for a price.

**William Davis Developments**:

 ***Adoption Process:***

 Our solicitors have been instructed to contact William Davis solicitors to start

 this process. We have got a quote from LCC Forestry to carry out an independent

 survey of all the trees, the cost is £1175 + VAT. William Davis are happy to cover the

 cost of this quote. We will pay up front and then claim back.

 ***Adjacent New Site:***

 The issue regarding removing the large section of hedgerow is still on-going.

 There seems to be conflicting opinions between CBC and William Davis. Mr. Neville

 informed us that the hedge dates back to 1778 – this information has come from the

 Hathern History Society. He has also been speaking to the LCC Wildlife Trust.

**Community Support:**

 ***Community Woodland:***

 The consultation ends on 26th August, 2021. Borough Councillor E. Ward has got a

 meeting with M. Bradford from CBC next week and will keep us informed of any outcome

 from the consultation,

 ***Defib Training:***

 Mr. Croft has arranged for a First Responders course to take place on 4th September

 in Hathern Church and the cost will be £20 for the hire of the church which we have

 agreed to pay. A further course organised by the Community Heartbeat Trust is to be

 organised later in the year and the cost will be £175.00. It was agreed that we make a

 donation to the CHT to cover this.

 ***Hathern Herald:***

 Gill Rockett is sorting out the delivery of the Hathern Herald and it will be delivered

 next week to all villagers. There will now be 4 editions per year instead of 3 but there

 will be fewer pages. We currently pay the library £150 for delivering each edition.

 Councillors were asked if they want to keep the cost the same or go back down to £125

 (which was the original payment paid with few pages). It was agreed to keep the

 original payment at £150.00 per edition.

 **Councillor Vacancy**:

 Mr. D. Neville submitted an application for the position of Parish Councillor.

 Councillor Dann proposed we accept the application, this was seconded by

 Councillor Bennett and voted on unanimously. The clerk to inform CBC of the

 new Parish Councillor we have co-opted.

**Financial Matters:**

 ***On-line Banking:***

 Unity Trust declined our application to open a bank account with them. We are going

 to try and do it again. We have spoken to LRALC about this issue and they could not

 help us.

**Planning Matters:**

 There are two outstanding applications to be commented upon.

**Correspondence;**

 Two applications for headstones to be erected in the cemetery for King and

 Bunker were approved.

 We received a letter from the Cricket Club thanking us for the excellent ground

 work that has been done this season on the outfield. A copy of the letter to be sent

 to M & BG.

**Accounts for Payment:**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques raised:

 M & BG Allotment hedge cutting 204.00

 M & BG Contract work for July 797.50

 M & BG Contract work for June 797.50

 Alan Clark Asset work/insurance 306.13

 C. Betts Asset work 235.00

 K.Lawson Gardening work 420.00

 M. Spencer Clerks expenses 192.60

 2 commune Annual website fee 562.00

**Highways & Footpaths:**

 Councillor Newton was asked to speak to LCC about the footways down

 Narrow Lane. They are very narrow and slope towards the road, causing

 issues for pedestrians and wheeled vehicles.

 Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.