**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.