**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th September, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

**in the Village Hall.**

**Present**: Councillors Dann, Bennett, Murdoch, Clayton, Neville, Mrs. Spencer – clerk.

 Borough Councillor K. Harris and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies**:

 These were received from Councillors Swift and Councillor Boyes, (absence

 approved on grounds of shielding/health). County Councillor B. Newton,

 Borough Councillor E. Ward and the Police.

**Police Matters:**

 We had a brief report from the Police stating that there had been 4 incidents since the

 last meeting – 1 theft, 1 burglary, and 2 incidents of criminal damage.

**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*:

 Councillor Newton was looking into this so we will wait for an update.

 *Road markings through the Village*.

 Councillor Boyes has identified a list of areas where road markings need re-painting.

 The clerk to send this list to LCC Highways.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement;**

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance***;

 *Gravel at The Leys*:

 Home Farm Heritage have looked at the job and we are awaiting a quote.

 *New planting (The Park, Pasture Lane. Cemetery);*

 Councillor Neville put forward a proposal to purchase 60 whips to infill the hedge

 down Pasture Lane at a cost of £210.00, and some yellow rattle for the

 wildflower area at the cemetery at a cost of £47. This expenditure

 was approved. He also offered to order the wild daffodil bulbs to be planted down

 Pasture Lane. The cost of these bulbs (500) was a donation from a local resident. These

 items will be ordered from Naturescape.

 We are to make an application for some free trees from LCC. We need to make sure that the

 wildflower areas are cut back shortly and the dead vegetation raked of the area.

 ***Other Assets:***

 *Allotment site – Wildlife Area:*

Councillor Neville presented a new set of costings for the Allotment site wildlife area. A

 larger pond liner than originally planned for would be needed and therefore costs have been

 increased. Three competitive prices from different suppliers have been obtained. The

 recommended produce (and least expensive) is from Pondliners online at £1503. The total

 costs for all materials (including weed barrier and sand) is £1958.85 inc. VAT. These costs were

 approved by the Council.

 Councillor Murdoch will arrange for the pond liner to ne delivered to Travis Perkins and they

 will deliver it to site along with other materials and we will pay them a separate invoice.

 We would like to thank Councillor Murdoch and Travis Perkins for help with this project.

 *Band Room Lease – Hathern Band*;

 Our solicitor is awaiting a response from Hathern Band.

**William Davis Developments**;

 ***Adoption Process – Daisy Bank:***

 Solicitors for both sides have eventually got in touch two months after being instructed.

 The tree inspection has been carried out by LCC on the wildlife corridor. We are still waiting

 for keys from William Davis so that the second phase of the tree inspection along the

 wildlife corridor can be undertaken. the Chairman is waiting for D. Ward from William Davis

 to sort this.

 ***New site:***

 Councillor Harris gave us an update on dis discussions with CBC about the hedgerow.

 We will wait for the planning application so that we can comment.

**Community Woodland:**

 The consultation period has now finished and we look forward to having a discussion with

 CBC regarding the results.

**Financial Matters:**

 On-line Banking:

 We are in the process of submitting another application to Unity Trust.

 Chairman’s Allowance:

 After a discussion it was agreed to pay the Chairman an honorarium payment of £600.

**Correspondence:**

 An application for a headstone to be placed in the cemetery was approved.

 A resident complained about an overflowing bin at the corner of Pasture Lane filled

 with domestic use. It was agreed that notices would be put up asking people to refrain

 from putting domestic rubbish in public bins.

**Accounts for payment:**

 The following accounts were approved and cheques drawn;

 Hathern Comm Library Delivering Herald 300.00

 M. Clayton Annual anti virus licence 59.99

 A. Clark Asset work 300.00

 AA Locksmiths Allotment lock & keys 247.55

 D. Grainger Hathern Band Lease 180.00

 M & BG Contract work 797.50

 Water Plus Cemetery water rates 19.62

 Aspire Clerks salary work 165.60

 K. Lawson Gardening work 369.96

 Pondliners on-line Pond liner 1503.70

**Highways & Footpaths**:

 There has been some rubbish dumped in the copse on The Park, Councillor Clayton

 offered to remove and dispose of it. Nell’s View sign on the cemetery approach

 has been damaged, we are to ask C. Betts if he can repair it. The annual hedge cutting

 on Pasture Lane and the allotments has been organised for 16th October, 2021.

 Meeting closed at 8..45 p.m.