**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th January, 2022 at**

**7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

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

Borough councillor K. Harris and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

These were received from Councillor Clayton, Councillor Boyes for medical reasons and his

absence was approved by councillors, Police and Borough Councillor E. Ward.

**Public Participation**:

Nothing was raised.

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Neville declared his interest in the Wildlife Group.

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

***Highway Issues:***

*Overhanging tree – verge outside the allotments;*

This has been reported to LCC and was then passed to Forestry, the clerk to

contact Henry Pearson to find out when this work will be carried out.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement;**

**Green Spaces Maintenance;**

*Hedgerow infill – Pasture Lane:*

We have got several small hazel trees which we intend to use for this infill work.

This planting will be done by the Wildlife Group in February.

*Tree Inspection:*

The 18 month tree inspection is due to be done around the village.

We have got a quote from LCC Forestry for £255 to carry out this work.

This quote was accepted and the work will be done on 31st March, 2022.

*Allotment Wildlife Area:*

Work has begun on clearing the new allotment ready for it to be used as a

nursery. When this allotment has been cleared then we will order a skip

through Councillor Murdoch, the cost will be £205 + VAT – this expenditure

was approved.

*Gardening Contract:*

Kim Lawson’s contract runs out at the end of March 2022.

Councillor Dann has spoken to Kim and she is happy for her contract to

be renewed.

***Other Assets:***

*New grit bin – Goodacre Road:*

A resident who lives on the Daisy Bank estate has made enquiries about

having a grit bin on Goodacre Road as the slope is steep and dangerous

in icy weather. The clerk and the chairman had a site meeting with the

resident and we discussed the problems. We agreed to send an application

to LCC for a grit bin to be sited in a suitable position. The resident is to get

some signatures from concerned to go with our application.

*Street lighting – Laurie’s Lane:*

This issue was raised 2/3 years ago and we submitted a request to LCC,

but they were not interested in funding a new street light in this location.

We have been looking at costs to put one in ourselves, once we have the

costings then we will contact LCC again about this proposal. Councillor

Murdoch will lead this project.

*Asset Inspector – Contractor Insurance:*

The Chairman has spoken to our insurance company and we are able to

cover small contractors on our insurance policy. The Chairman has spoken

to Chris Betts and he is happy to carry on doing our asset work and a new

contract will be put in place including the insurance cover. Councillor Murdoch

will attend a training course so that he can step in should there be a problem

at any time. The clerk to sort out course dates with LRALC.

**William Davis Development**:

***Adoption Process;***

This process has come to a grinding halt. The solicitors are not communicating.

Our solicitor has not heard from William Davis solicitors since before

Christmas. He is going to chase them shortly.

***New site***:

A zoom meeting was held recently between Parish councillors, CBC staff

and development contractors to discuss the proposed new layout and the

number of proposed entrances. Objections have been raised to these

entrances from local residents. Councillor Harris has called in this planning

application and will be allowed to speak at the planning meeting. We are

awaiting copies of the eco and bio-diversity reports from CBC as promised.

**Community Support**:

***Community Woodland***:

The planting that was scheduled for this planting season will not take place

during this planting season. Hopefully it will now be the end of 2022. A new

scheme has been drawn up to reduce costs. Borough Councillor Harris has

written to Matt Bradford asking him for an explanation as to why the costings

are so far out. Originally the budget was set at £61,000 but new costing are

£120,000. Borough Councillor K. Harris to contact Matt Bradford for an

explanation and also ask when the general public will be informed of these

issues. Councillor Dann is also to speak to Jerry Trill from CBC about these

issues.

**Financial Matters:**

***On-line Banking***:

We have still not received any communication from Unity Trust. We have got

another signatory on the Barclays account. Councillor Clayton to contact Barclays

to enquire if they have on-line banking facilities for Parish Councils.

**Councillor Vacancy**:

We have received an application for the vacancy. Parish Councillors have read

the paperwork and are happy to accept Mrs. S. Farmer has a Parish Councillor.

The clerk to sort out the paperwork and invite her to the next F. & GP meeting.

**Planning Matters:**

We are awaiting an application for Daisy Bank 2.

**Correspondence;**

We have received an application for an additional inscription

to be added for Mr. E. Spencer - this was approved.

An allotment holder asked for permission to erect a shed and

greenhouse on her allotment – this was approved.

**Accounts for payment**:

The following invoices were approved and cheques raised;

Comm. Heartbeat Trust Telephone year 8 120.00

M. & BG Contract work 797.51

A. Clark Asset work 250.00

**Highways and Footpaths**;

A manhole outside the entrance to St. James estate is very noise and needs

reporting to LCC.

At the next F. & GP meeting we are to discuss moving one of the bins

in the centre of the village on to the footpath between Daisy Bank and

Rowan Avenue.

Concern was expressed about the listed building at The Leys – nothing has

been done since 2017 and local residents are concerned because the road

to their properties cannot be completed as drain works need to be carried

out. Borough councillor to speak to Mark Jones at CBC and ask him to visit the

site.

Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.