**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March, 2022 at**

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

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

 Councillors Harris & Ward and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from the Police, County Councillor B. Newton,

 Councillors Farmer, Murdoch and Boyes. Councillor Boyes absence was approved.

**Police Matters:**

 Since the last meeting there has been 1 theft and 2 vehicle crimes.

**Public Participation**:

 A local resident commented on the display of snowdrops down Pasture Lane.

**Declarations of Interest;**

 Councillor Neville declared an interest in the Wildlife Group and Councillor

 Clayton declared an interest in the HVA.

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

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

 ***Highway Issues:***

 *Overhanging Tree – Verge outside allotments;*

 This has been reported to Highways and forwarded to Forestry Department,

but no work has taken place yet.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement:**

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance;***

 *Hedgerow Infill – Pasture Lane;*

 Approximately 60 whips have been planted in the hedge and litter was

 cleared from the dyke. This work was done by the Wildlife Group volunteers.

 *Allotment Wildlife Area & Plant Nursery;*

 Volunteers from the Hathern Wildlife group have been doing some work at the wildlife

 area and hopefully pond liner will be installed towards the end of March. Mr. Harrison

 has been doing some work with his digger to help clear the hedge and make a meadow

 area and some raised beds. We have approximately 200 trees and 60 fruit trees

 planted in the nursery.

 ***Other Assets***:

 *New Grit Bin – Goodacre Road:*

 The application has been submitted to LCC and we are awaiting a response.

 *Street Lighting – Laurie’s Lane;*

 We have got one quote for this project. Councillor Murdoch is in the process

 of getting two more quotes before any decisions can be made.

 *Asset Inspection Service Agreement:*

 The new Agreement has been approved by all councillors and it will be

 forwarded to C. Betts to sign.

**William Davis Development;**

 ***Adoption Process:***

 This process is moving very slowly. However a problem has arisen with a

 subsidence claim against the developers so the process is on hold until this

 has been resolved. Planting of new trees will take place later in the year.

 ***New adjacent site***:

 The second consultation period has now ended and we await information

 on when the Planning Committee will meet. The Leicestershire Wildlife Trust

 have responded to this planning application but their comments have not put

 on Planning Explorer. A letter has been sent to R. Bennett, Head of Planning

 regarding this omission and we have had a quick response. Our Borough

 Councillors are also to follow this up as there are wider issues involved.

**Community Support:**

 ***Community Woodland***:

 A zoom meeting took place with M. Bradford and 2 other representatives from

 CBC to discuss the financial issue regarding funding and then a site meeting was held in

 early March. Costs have got to be reduced for the project to go ahead, this will

 involve cutting back the costs of plant protection and the deer fencing. We are

 waiting for CBC to come back with some new proposals.

 ***Hathern Band Lease:***

 This has now been completed and we have a new lease in place.

 ***Hathern Community Library:***

 A new draft Service Level Agreement for funding from 1st April, 2022 to

 31stMarch, 2025 was tabled. The proposal to financially support HCL was approved

 and it was agreed that the document be signed by the Chairman of the Parish

 Council and the treasurer of Hathern community Library on Saturday 12th March,

 2022 at the Library’s 6th Birthday Party.

 ***Jubilee***

 The HVA are organising a Big Week of activities for the Jubilee culminating in a

 Party in the Park on Sunday 4th June. Further details will be available later.

**Financial Matters:**

 On-line Banking:

 We have completed the bank mandate for Barclays and we now have a new

 signatory on the account. We are now in the process of setting up on-line banking

 at Barclays.

 Reserves Policy:

 This was approved and adopted with no amendments.

 ***Charges Review:***

 We discussed the following annual charges review and it was agreed to adopt the

 following changes.

 Hathern Old Cricket Club - No change

 Hathern Football Club - No change

 Garage Bases - increase from £236 to £250.00.

 Burial charges to go up by C.P.I. as at 23rd March, 2022.

**19 The Leys:**

 The developers of the land adjacent to this property would like some

 clarification as to what is happening to this property as they want to complete work

 the site. Councillor Dann to arrange a meeting WITH CBC Conservation.

**Correspondence;**

 An allotment tenant has asked for permission to erect a shed and greenhouse on the

 allotment – permission was granted.

 An application hire the Park for Big Week was received from the HVA – this was

 approved.

 A resident would like to donate a seat to the Village in memory of his late wife.

 This was agreed in principal. We agreed to look at likely costs and then contact

 the resident.

 A letter was received from HOCC raising various issues. They suggested putting

 up a picket fence – it was suggested that a site meeting be arranged to discuss this

 idea in more detail. The chairman to draft a reply to the Club.

 A resident complained about the hedge overhanging the footpath on Wide Lane.

 Councillor Boyes to contact RM Services and arrange for it to be cut back.

**Accounts for payment:**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques raised.

 M. & BG Ltd Contract work – January 797.51

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 K. Lawson Gardening work 592.00

 A. Clark Asset work 400.00

 Home Farm Heritage Cemetery hedge work 216.00

 B. Hardy Hathern Herald 725.00

 C. Betts Asset work 420.00

 Hathern Library Delivering Hathern Herald 150.00

 M. Spencer Clerks expenses 262,21

 LCC Tree surgery survey 1404.00

 Water Plus Cemetery rates 19.62

 Moss Solicitors Hathern Band Lease 1514.40

**Highways and Footpaths**:

 A resident from Lammas Drive has put up some fencing making the footpath to Golden

 Square inaccessible. Mr. Croft has taken up this problem with LCC. The issue of re-siting

 some bins is to be put on the next F. &GP meeting agenda. We are to speak to Kim Lawson

 about planting some of our fruit trees at The Leys.

 Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.