**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting pm Monday 11th April at 7.30 p.m. in**

**Hathern Club, Dovecote Street, Hathern.**

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

and 6 members of the public.

Mrs. S. Farmer signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting began

and the Chairman welcomed her to the Parish Council.

**Apologies:** These were received from County Councillor B. Newton, Borough Councillors

K. Harris and E. Ward and Parish councillor J. Boyes – his absence was approved

by Parish Councillors.

**Police Matters:**

The Police report stated that there had ben 3 incidents since the last meeting.

The Police are going to arrange another Beat surgery via the library in the next few

weeks.

**Public Participation:**

A resident asked when the vegetation would be cut back at RM Services as this was

reported at the last meeting. The clerk to speak to Councillor Boyes.

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Clayton & Bennett declared their interest in HVA items.

Councillor Neville declared his interest in the Wildlife Group. (Allotments Wildlife area)

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

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

***Highway Issues:***

*Overhanging vegetation – verge outside allotments:*

This work has now been completed by LCC.

*Overhanging hedge – Wide Lane*;

Councillor Boyes is looking into this issue.

*Restricted footpath from Golden Square:*

Mr. Croft liaises with LCC footpaths and he has spoken to them about this issue. LCC

wrote to the owner of the property at the end of March.

***Other Assets:***

*19 The Leys*:

A meeting has taken place with Borough Councillor K.Harris, Martin Jones from

CBC Conservation, and the developers of the adjacent land. This is a listed

building and the Parish Council have no powers to make any decisions about

this property M. Jones will speak to the owners about the property following the

meeting. CBC will monitor the situation and act should the property fall into

disrepair.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement**;

***Green Spaces Maintenance***:

*Allotment Wildlife Area and Plant Nursery;*

The pond liner has now been laid and the pond filled with water.

The plant nursery has new trees ready for planting at locations in the

village.

A resident raised concerns about the safety of the pond now that it is filled

with water and the possible risk to children. A temporary barrier has been put

around the perimeter of the pond and signage has been put up. We have

checked with ROSPA, our Insurance company, and CBC for guidance. After a very

long discussion it was agreed that the chairman would speak to the Wildlife Group

about extending the dry hedge to go all around the perimeter and put some

gates in for access. At the next F. & GP meeting we are to discuss communicating

with allotment holders to re-emphasise that there is now a pond on site and

the safety issues involved.

*Diamond Jubilee Hedge:*

We have got a quote from Home Farm Heritage for £300 + VAT to remove a

section of this hedge, so that it is easier to get to the seat. This quote was

acceoted.

***Other Assets***:

Street Lighting – Laurie’s Lane:

Councillor Murdoch had got further information from LCC and we now need

a licence to erect a lamp and a regulation order costing approximately

£2,000. Due to rising costs for this project it was agreed that we would discuss this

matter again towards the end of the financial year to see what funding we have

left. The Parish Council thanked Councillor Murdoch for all his work to sort out this

project.

**William Davis Developments**:

***Adoption Process – Daisy Bank:***

Our solicitors have had no response yet from William Davis, despite chasing them

up. We are awaiting an update from our solicitors.

***New Adjacent Site;***

William Davis are still proposing 2 access points to be put in Boyes hedge, and that

the hedge be ‘laid’. We have written to CBC Planning regarding the documents

that were not available on Planning Explorer for this planning application.

LCC Highways have responded to the second consultation and they are against

the proposal for an access point from the Zouch Road

**Community Support**:

***Community Woodland Update:***

Councillors Dann and Neville had a zoom meeting with M. Bradford & J. Trill from

CBC and this was a positive meeting. They have re-jigged the costings for the

scheme by removing the deer fencing. They have also identified possible funding

from their Net Bio-Diversity Fund. They are expecting a response from the

Forestry Commission within the next 2/3 months. An extra piece of land may be

available to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent.

***Hathern Community Library:***

The new Service Agreement was signed at the Community Library’s 6th Birthday

Party. Councillor Farmer is to act as liaison officer between the Library and the

Parish Council.

***Jubilee:***

*Guide Sponsorship:*

A brochure is being produced to go to every household in the Village informing

them of all the events arranged for Big Week including the Platinum Jubilee.

This will be distributed end of April/early May. The cost of printing this

brochure will be £350.00. It was agreed we pay the invoice to Headache

Design for this cost.

*Hathern Together Funding Requests*:

We have received a request from the Hathern History Society for funding

to put on an exhibition during Big Week. They are asking for a donation of

£100 – this was approved for payment. The Wildlife Group are also asking

for funding towards opening the Wildlife area during Big Week. As this

group does not have a bank account we will discuss this matter at the

next F. & GP meeting.

*Marquee Hire*:

We have received two requests to hire our three gazebos for Big Week,

from Mr. Hankin for a street party on Anchor Close and from the HVA

for them to be sited on The Park for use during the week of events by

various Community groups. After a lengthy discussion we voted on who

should be able to hire them. It was proposed that the best and widest

community use would be on the Park. We voted on this proposal, four

Parish councillors voted for the proposal to allow the HVA to hire them

and there was two abstensions.

At the next F. & GP meeting we are to look at the wording of our Hire

Agreement Form.

*Jubilee Tree;*

We have agreed to provide a Jubilee tree for the village and we now need

to decide a suitable location. It will be planted in September/October.

**Financial Matters:**

***On-line Banking***:

We have received a letter from Barclays re our request for an authentication

card for on-line banking. Our request was declined. Councillor Clayton is to

speak to Barclays.

***Clerks salary increase:***

The clerks salary is to increase by 1.75% back-dated to 1st April, 2021.

**Planning Matters:**

There is a planning application circulating for 9 Shepshed Road.

**Correspondence:**

We have received a request from Hathern Band to hold a barbecue in the car park

at the Bandroom on Sunday 5th June from 4.00 – this was approved.

A request was received to hire the football pitch on The Park for a Sunday team.

Councillor Murdoch is to speak to the Hathern football club before any decision is

made – this is to be discussed at the next F. & GP meeting.

A request to put a greenhouse on an allotment was approved.

**Accounts for Payment**:

The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn;

M. & BG Ltd., Contract work – March 797.51

Hathern Comm. Library Delivering Hathern Herald 150.00

Alan Clark Asset Inspections 100.00

CBC Cemetery rates 823.35

R. Dann Ink for clerks printer 10.95

Hathern Comm. Library 1st half of annual donation 1500.00

LRALC Annual subscription 501.42

K. Lawson Gardening work 330.00

C. Betts Several jobs 578.20

Headache Graphic Design Jubilee brochure 350.00

Hathern History Society Jubilee exhibition 100.00

**Highways and Footpaths:**

No issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.