**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November, 2022 at**

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

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

Clerk, County Councillor B. Newton, Borough Councillor K. Harris and 5 members

of the public.

**Apologies:**

These were received from Borough Councillor E. Ward, and Parish Councillor

J .Boyes for medical reasons -his absence was approved by Councillors.

**Police Matters:**

Crime figures reported between 23 September – 31st October, 2022;

Two vehicle crimes, 2 criminal damage incidents, 1 burglary – business and community.

**Public Participation**:

A resident complained about the mud and debris being left on the A6 from the

workmen working on the new roundabout. Councillor Clayton reported this to

Persimmons. The new chairperson for the Hathern Library came along to the meeting

and Introduced herself and gave a brief outline of the work being done by the Library

Committee.

**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 vegetation on footpath near Hathern Turn:***

This has been reported to LCC twice but no work has been carried out.

***Pot holes in Pasture Lane:***

Councillor Betty Newton is trying to sort this out with LCC and will keep us

up-dated.

***Hedge/seat on Cemetery Approach:***

This overgrown vegetation has all been cut back.

**Green Spaces Maintenance**:

***Park Entrance – Diamond Jubilee Garden, Gate closure mechanism;***

The hedge has now been cut back and Kim Lawson has planted some small

plants inside the circle. Our asset inspector reported that now the hedge has been

cut back there is a trip hazard with some of the granite sets. Councillor Murdoch

to look at this issue and come back to us. We are to monitor the gate closure

mechanism and see if it slows down. We will get the contractor to check again in two

weeks time.

Wildlife Area:

Councillor Murdoch carried out a Risk Assessment of the area and was

happy with everything that has been done apart from some sharp edges on the

hedge stakes. It was agreed that a Risk Assessment be carried out every 6 months.

We are waiting for a quote for some signage to be put near to the pond.

**Planning Development:**

***Adoption Process:***

We are waiting for William Davis to come back to us. We commented on the draft TP1

Form approximately 4 weeks ago but our solicitor has had no response.

***New site off Zouch Road/William Davis:***

We have had no communication since the consultation period ended.

The Chairman has tried to contact John Chatterton from William Davis but has

not had a reply.

***Solar Farm – Oakley Grange:***

A zoom meeting was held with Endurance Energy and Parish Councillors Dann,

Boyes, Farmer and Neville also representatives from CBC and NWLDC.

A follow up meeting is to organised shortly. The Wildlife Group held a site

meeting with Endurance Energy, and an Ecology group. This was a very

productive meeting as several ponds were located and also 7 types of bats

were found.

**Community Woodland:**

The planting of the woodland is to take place within the next few weeks.

Parish councillors Dann and Neville had a zoom meeting with Jerry Trill from

CBC. Approximately 14,500 are to be planted by Idverde on behalf of CBC.

Councillor Bennett is to let the clerk have a list of village groups to invite

to take part in the Community planting. CBC are contacting the village school to

see if they would like to take part.

**Queen’s Jubilee/Remembrance Tree:**

We have agreed on a location for the tree to be planted. This is on Daisy

Bank housing estate. Councillor Murdoch has drawn up a sketch of the

planting scheme and the inclusion of a wayside seat. He is now going

to get some quotes.

**Financial Matters**:

***On-line Banking:***

We have now got all the paperwork from Barclays so this can be set up for

Councillor Murdoch and the Clerk to be able to use internet banking.

***Precept 21/22***;

PFK Littlejohn the external auditors have now completed the audit for 21/22

and the papers have been signed.

**Planning Matters** ;

There are two outstanding planning issues to be commented on;

Garendon Park – discharge of conditions; Zouch road.

**Correspondence:**

An application for the erection of a headstone was approved.

Permission was granted to the Wildlife Group to site two sheds on land

adjacent to the pond area. We have received correspondence from

Mo Walker asking if he can carry out some metal detecting on our land –

The Chairman is going to speak to him and then Councillor Neville will

send him an e-mail.

**Accounts for Payment**:

The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn up.

M. & BG Ltd. Contract work 797.50

M. Spencer Avast payment 19.99

B. Hardy Hathern Herald 725.00

R. Dann Ink for clerks printer 44.49

PFK Littlejohn Audit fee 360.00

Hathern Library Delivering Hathern Herald 150.00

M. Spencer Clerks expenses 141.13

Home Farm heritage Removing hedge in the Park 168.00

B. Hardy Hathern Herald 725.00

**Highways and footpaths:**

The new grit bin has been installed on Daisy Bank by LCC.

Councillor Newton is to speak to LCC about cars being parked on the A6

near to The Anchor.

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.