**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council held on 30th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall**

**Presen**t: Councillors Murdoch, Bennett, Clayton, Fuller, Smith Mrs. Spencer – clerk and 8 members

 of the public.

**Apologies**:

 These were received from Councillor Farmer and P.C.S.O. J. Parker.

**Declarations of Interest**:

 Councillor Bennett declared her interests in the HVA items.

**Police Matters**:

 The following incidents had taken place over the last six weeks;

 3 thefts from Wide Lane, and Church Street, and two thefts from motor vehicles

 on Pasture Lane and Lammas Drive.

**Public Participation**:

 A resident from Belton addressed the meeting regarding the noise from flights

 at East Midlands Airport. Councillor Clayton explained that he represents the Parish

 Council on the EMA forum. The flight paths have been changed and we do not get the

 noise or the training flights circling the village on such a regular basis.

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

**Highways and Footpaths**:

 Tony Croft has been in contact with LCC regarding works on Narrow Lane, some work

 has been carried out but there is more to be done, Tony Croft is going to contact LCC

 again.

**HPC Property**

 ***Tree survey – LCC:***

 We have got a quote from LCC to do a tree survey on our 225 trees – the cost will be

 £1985 + VAT. We will also be adding a tree at the allotments. This inspection is to

 be carried out on 21st November. We accepted this quote.

**Allotments:**

 ***Asbestos removal***:

 The asbestos has now been removed and we have the invoice for payment.

 ***Uncultivated/untended plots***;

 We have one vacant plot at this time. One uncultivated plot has never been touched

 and it was agreed that this tenancy would be terminated. The Chairman to have

 another site meeting soon.

**Hathern Woodland**;

 ***Signag***e:

 We are waiting for a quote for the signage.

**Policy Review**:

 *Equality & Diversity*:

 Councillor Farmer has looked into this policy and with a few minor amendments

 it was agreed that this be adopted and put on the website.

 ***Delegated Authority***:

 We have taken advice from the LRALC regarding this policy on as and when we can

 pay cheques to small companies. This will be discussed in line with our Financial

 Regulations at our next F.& GP meeting.

**Laurie’s Lane;**

 ***Street Light***:

 LCC are happy to instal the light and maintain it for us, do all the ground work,

 supply the light and do the road closure notices for a cost of £4200 +VAT. The

 Chairman is to ask LCC for a quote for this work hopefully for our next meeting.

**Daisy Bank**:

 ***Wildlife Corridor***;

 This work has now been completed by MRA.

 ***Residents fence***:

 This work has been completed.

 The Chairman is to inspect both sites before payment is made.

 ***Jubilee/Memorial seat***:

 We are in the process of drawing up a specification for this project and Councillor

 Smith is then going to get three quotes.

**Planning Maters:**

 ***P/23/1747/2 – 25 Wide Lane:***

 Another planning application is to be re-submitted for this development.

 ***P/23/1690/2 – 29 Anchor Lane***.

 We did not comment on this development.

 **Financial Matters:**

*Banking Mandates*

 Still no progress from either bank.

 ***Accounts for payment***;

 The following invoices were approved and cheques raised.

 R. Bennett Clerks computer 548.99

 Comm. Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator pads 140.34

 Comm. Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator electrodes 106.74

 Hathern Library Delivering Hathern Herald 150.00

 M & BG LTD GM Contract 797.50

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 C. Betts Daisy Bank Asset work 65.00

 MRA Daisy Bank Maintenance 551.68

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 IES Ltd Asbestos removal 696.00

 LRALC Training courses 100.00

 C. Betts Asset work/repair seat 618.17

 M. Spencer Expenses 189.99

 K.Lawson Gardening 519.93

 B. Hardy Hathern Herald 750.00

 B. Hardy What’s on brochure 750.00

**Correspondence received**:

 We had a request from the HVA to hire the marques for Bonfire Weekend – this

 was approved. We had a thank you letter from the Cricket Club for the way in

 the outfield had been cut during the summer months. The proposal from the

 HVA to purchase our large marque was discussed. After research had been

 carried out on the valuation it was agreed that we would sell it to the HVA for

 £301.00. The HVA will be sent an invoice for this amount. An application for an

 additional inscription to be added to an headstone was approved. The WI

 submitted a small grants application for £63.99 to purchase an urn for tea

 making. This grant was approved and the cheque will be paid at our next meeting.

 The Chairman has spoken to the resident in Anchor Lane regarding the damaged

 tree that has broken some of the fencing down at The Leys. We have got a quote

 from C. Betts for repairing the damaged village gate heading into Loughborough.

 The quote is for £277.68, this was approved.

 We understand that LCC are considering closing the Shepshed Tip. It was agreed

 that we contact Borough Councillors, and Shepshed Town Council for support in

 fighting this closure.

 The Wildlife Group want to apply for an LCC Shire Grant to put up some nesting

 boxes in various locations. They need a letter of support from the Parish Council.

 We will send them a letter of support.

 Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.