**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

**in the Village Hall.**

 Two new Councillors joined the Parish Council. They signed the Declaration of

 Acceptance of Office. They are Lewis Fuller and Tracey Smith.

**Present:** Councillors Murdoch, Bennett, Clayton, Smith, Fuller Farmer, Mrs. Spencer – clerk

 County Councillor B. Newton and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies;**

 These were received from Borough Councillors Monk and Jadeja.

**Police Matters**:

 There has been 5 incidents since the last meeting;

 2 thefts – bank card stolen and used.

 food delivered to incorrect address and not returned to owner.

 2 vehicle crimes – car broken into and items stolen.

 van broken unto and tools stolen.

 Criminal damage – member of footpath team at LCC reporting 3 different

 stiles have been damaged on Pasture Lane.

 The Police are going to write an occasional report for the Hathern Herald

 and also give us contact details.

**Public Participation:**

 It was suggested for he next Hathern Herald that an article is added about the

 new Borough and Parish councillors. A resident enquired about the roadworks

 on the A6 from the new roundabout, we understand that it is to do with electric

 vehicle points being sited at the Golf Range.

**Declarations of Interest:**

 Councillor Murdoch declared his interest in the Chairman’s Allowance item.

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

**HPC’s Property:**

 ***Document Storage:***

 We are still waiting for a quote from our new solicitors.

 ***Land Registry:***

 We have three parcels of land that are to be registered with Land Registry.

 The areas are allotment field, Shepshed Road, The Leys and a ransom strip on

 Greenhill. We have got a quote of £500 for each piece of land to be

 registered from the solicitor. We are going to get the allotment field and The

 Leys registered. The ransom strip is somewhat more complicated so we will look

 at that area later. This action was agreed on unanimously.

 ***Allotment Field, Pasture Lane;***

 This field has been rented out to Richard Mee for many years but he has now

 left the village. We have sought guidance from LRALC and we can rent it out

 again and we do not have to advertise this matter. Kevin Smith would like to

 rent this field so we will get an agreement drawn up by our solicitors.

 Kevin Smith will pay the legal fees.

 ***Clerks Computer***:

 This needs replacing and Councillor Fuller has got some quotes from Curry’s.

 It was agreed to purchase a computer at a cost of £678.00 and then it would

 need to be installed.

**Planning Matters:**

 ***Zouch Bridge***:

 Councillor Clayton has been looking into this planning application. He is going to

 write a response and the clerk is to send it to CBC, LCC, Nottingham CC and

 Rushcliffe CC.

**Financial Matters**:

 ***Chairman’s Allowance for 2022/23***;

 It was agreed that this should be increased by c.p.i and that would increase the

 amount paid to £700. This figure was agreed on unanimously.

 ***AGAR forms;***

 These forms for the 2022/23 audit were completed signed by the Chairman and

 Responsible Financial Officer.

 ***Bank Mandate Changes:***

 Councillor Farmer is to be put on to the Barclays Account and we have started

 this process. Councillors Murdoch and Bennett are to be put on the Santander

 and we are in the process of completing the necessary forms.

**Correspondence:**

 A resident thanked us for agreeing to permanently remove the lock from

 **the cemetery gates and making it easier for people to gain access.**

**Accounts for Payment:**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn;

 D. Neville Photographs 12.00

 Water Plus Water rates 21.09

 K.Lawson Last cheque not paid by bank 265.00

 B. Hardy Hathern Herald 750.00

 M. & BG Ltd Contract work 797.50

 C. Betts Replacing damaged bollards 519.32

 S. Edgeley Loose gravel for allotment

 path 169.20

 M. Garton Internal audit fee 117.00

 Hathern History Soc. Big week spend 338.84

 Hathern Library Materials for Coronation Event 26.84

 K. Lawson Gardening work 682.74

 M. & BG Ltd. Last cheque not paid in bank 797.50

 BHIB Insurance premium 1302.46

 Alison Swift Burial plot refund 89.50

 B. Murdoch Clerks computer 678.00

**Highways and Footpaths**:

 The car park at the allotments is very untidy and needs cutting back. The

 clerk to ask Chris Betts if he can do this work for us.

 We have decided to look at putting a street light on Laurie’s Lane. This was

 a project we previously explored and we are now going to get some revised quotes.

 A damaged fence at a property on Loughborough Road was reported to us as

 the fencing and concrete posts were leaning on to the garden area on Lauries Lane.

 A letter has been sent to the resident.

 Overgrown footpath adjacent to the kennels and the overhanging vegetation

 at the traffic lights in the same vicinity is to be reported to LCC. We also need

 to contact R. & M. Services to cut back their overhanging vegetation on Wide Lane.

 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.