**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

**Present**: Councillors Dann, Murdoch, Clayton, Mrs. Spencer – clerk, Borough Councillor

 K. Harris, and 9 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from Councillors Neville, Farmer, Bennett and Boyes for

 medical reasons – his absence was approved.

**Police Matters:**

 It was reported that there had been no crimes in the village over the last six weeks.

 We were also informed that Sergeant Wharton has now left the Police Force.

**Public Participation:**

 The proposed planning application for Jaylets Motel was raised by residents.

 The application is for an outdoor area for local vendors to sell food from 7.30 a.m.

 11.00 p.m. We have not seen this application so Borough Councillor K. Harris agreed to

 contact CBC to ask for an extension to the deadline so that we can comment.

 We confirmed that the Parish Council will respond to the consultation with our

 concerns.

**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 footpath – Hathern Turn:*

 This work has been carried out by LCC.

 *Litter Bin, A6 Bus stop;*

 The bin has now been removed and put into storage. We will monitor the

 situation and then make a decision about re-siting the litter bin.

 *Pot Holes, Leys footpath*:

 This has been reported to LCC and we are awaiting feed back.

 *Bollards, Round Bank:*

 We have got a quote from C. Betts to replace the damaged posts, the quote

 was accepted and the work will be carried out before the end of the financial

 year.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement:**

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance:***

 *Meadows and Pasture Lane verges:*

 This work has now been completed by M. & BG. Ltd.

 *Contact signage at the cemetery;*

 The new sign was ordered from the Sign Shop. It has now been sited on the

 cemetery gates.

 *Registering Parish Council Property;*

 Our solicitor brought to our attention that the cemetery land is not registered

 with Land Registry. We have got a quote from the solicitor for a cost of £950 to

 go through this legal process. There will also be a fee from Land Registry. We

 will also need to register the Allotment field and the Leys Open space.

***Planning Development:***

***Daisy Bank Adoption;***

 *Legal Transfer:*

 The Chairman is waiting for the solicitor to come back to us, it is thought that the

 signing of the document could take place before the end of this financial year. The

 Chairman proposed a resolution that the Parish Council enter into a legal

 agreement with William Davis if there are no significant changes to the current draft

 of the TPI. Councillor Clayton seconded the resolution and it was voted

 for unanimously.

 *Grounds Maintenance:*

 Councillor Murdoch has two quotes from M. & BG Ltd and MRA for maintaining

 the public spaces on Daisy Bank. The price for a one year contract is M. & BG

 £6500 + VAT, MRA £5746.60 +VAT. It was decided to choose the MRA quote as

 it would give us the opportunity to monitor their performance ahead of the

 tendering of the full grounds maintenance contract later this year. The

 Chairman is to draw up a contract with MRA, in readiness for the adoption

 of Daisy Bank.

 *Asset Inspection and Insurance:*

 Chris Betts has given us a quote of £15.00 to carry out a weekly inspection of

 the playground at Daisy Bank, this was accepted. The Chairman is to speak to

 our Insurance company about the additional items we need to add to our policy,

 i.e. play equipment, grit bin and the monument.

 *Signage, locks et.,*

 The clerk to get a quote from the Sign Shop for a new sign to put up near the

 playground, also to contact the locksmith and a lock and chain on the gate.

***Solar Farm/Battery Storage – Oakley Grange/Long Whatton;***

 Councillors Clayton, Dann, and Farmer have had a meeting with Endurance

 Energy regarding a Community Funding Scheme that will be made available

 to Hathern, Long Whatton and Diseworth. The funds available will be

 approximately £25,000 and available for local groups to apply for.

 Councillor Farmer will be attending an Hathern Together meeting tomorrow

 night to explain the fund.

***Community Woodland:***

 ***Update:***

 The planting of 40 fruit trees has now been completed by the Hathern

 Wildlife Group.

 ***Naming:***

 We have had 40 responses to our request for a Community Woodland

 name. Councillors looked at the various suggestions and agreed the most

 appropriate name would be Avederne Woods because it has an historical

 link to the village. It was agreed that a plaque needs placing in the woodland

 to explain the history behind the name. The Chairman to contact J. Trill at

 CBC with the chosen

**Financial Matters;**

 ***Clerks salary***:

 The clerks salary increase from April 2022 was approved. This will be back

 dated.

 *Rent reviews:*

 At our recent F & GP meeting it was proposed that the football and cricket

 club annual rents ruse by 5%. The burial charges to rise in line with r.p.i. (13.4%).

 There would be no increase in the garage base rents as they were increased

 last year. These proposals were all approved.

 *Allotment rents:*

 The majority of these rents have now been paid. we are still waiting for Plot 37

 to be cleared, this should be done within the next few weeks. We were contacted

 by an allotment tenant asking about the increase in allotment rents and the

 allotment costs. The Chairman sent a response to the tenant costs. Our average

cost of an allotment is £27.60 compared to Charnwood Borough Council £73.56.

 *Service Level Agreement with LCC – verges:*

 *We have received a new 3* year Service Level Agreement from LCC to sign.

 The amount to be paid has been increased to £1326.00 per annum. It was

 agreed that we would sign this new agreement.

*Planning Matters:*

 There are two planning applications regarding Garendon Park for us to comment

 on.

*Correspondence:*

 We have two applications for headstones to be placed in the cemetery – these

 were approved. We have a request from an allotment tenant to put up a small

 poly-tunnel on his allotment – this was approved.

**Accounts for payment**:

 The following invoices were approved and cheques raised:

 Sign Shop Cemetery sign £43.20

 M. & BG Ltd., Contract work £797.51

 K. Lawson Gardening work £60.00

 M. Spencer Clerks expenses £276.53

 M. & BG Ltd., Contract work £797.51

 C. Betts Putting up cemetery sign

 and removing litter bin £40.00

**Highways and Footpaths**:

 We are to write to all Daisy Bank residents about the takeover and the work

 we will be undertaking. Councillors Clayton and Bennett will draw up a

 template to be used for the next meeting. A resident commented on the

 wonderful show of snowdrops down Pasture Lane.

 Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.