**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd August, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.**

**In the Village Hall.**

**Present**: Councillors Dann, Murdoch, Bennett, Clayton, Farmer and Neville, County Councillor

 B. Newton, Borough Councillor K. Harris, and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from P.C.S.O. J. Parker and Councillor Boyes for medical

 reasons – his absence was approved by all Councillors.

**Public Participation**:

 No issues were raised.

**Police Matters;**

 The report from the Police for incidents over the past 6 weeks were 2 stabbings,

 1 theft, 1 burglary.

**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 near Hathern Turn:***

 This has been reported to LCC but no response yet.

 The gulley on Greenhill that was reported 18 months ago has now been cleared.

Asset Maintenance/Improvements:

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance:***

 ***Park Entrance – Diamond Jubilee Hedge, Gate closure mechanism:***

 We have got a verbal quote for cutting back the spiral hedge on the Park, we

 will have a written one shortly. It was agreed that the clerk speak to Wicksteed

 Leisure regarding the gate closure mechanism. A site meeting to be arranged

 to look at the footpath inside the spiral hedge.

 ***Other Assets***:

 ***New Public Seat, Church Street;***

 The new seat is now in place. A letter of thanks to be sent to Tony Scott for the

 donation of the seat in memory of his late wife. There will be an article in

 the next Hathern Herald regarding this donation. There was an issue with the

 installation of the seat and the installers have reduced their costs by £50.

 ***Grit Bin, Goodacre Road***:

 LCC have agreed to install a grit bin on Goodacre Road at a cost of £320. It

 should be installed in November and LCC will keep it filled up at all times.

 ***Allotment Notice Board***:

 It was agreed that we purchase a new Notice Board for the allotment site.

 The cost will be £245.95 + VAT. We are to ask Chris Betts to remove the old one

 and site the new one.

**Planning Development**;

 ***Adoption Process – Daisy Bank;***

 There has been a problem with the sum calculated for the maintenance of the

 Green spaces. William Davis and CBC are in the process of agreeing the figure

 before we can move on with the adoption process.

 **New Site off Zouch road/William Davis;**

 The Chairman of the Parish Council reported that on 8th August LCC dropped

 their objections to access to and from the site via Zouch Road. They would

 not now be making two access roads via Daisy Bank. We are to ask our solicitors

 to get this process now moving again. We did have a quote for removing and

 replacing the dead and dying trees but this will now be out of date. We will need to

 speak to William Davis about this issue and clarify who pays for this work.

 ***Solar Farm – Oakley Grange;***

 Councillor Farmer is still waiting for a reply from Long Whatton/Diseworth

 Parish Council regarding Endurance Energy proposals. The Hathern Wildlife Group

 (HWG) have had a zoom meeting with Endurance Energy to discuss the wildlife

 impact. Ponds have been identified as a quick way of increasing bio-diversity on

 to site and HWG have written to Endurance regarding this and possible

 locations. 12 mature trees have been identified and HWG are considering the

 possibility of applying to have TPO’s put on them.

map show may of these ponds. 12 mature oak trees have been

 identified and we are to look into the possibility of having TPO’s put on them.

**Oakley Grange Land Sale:**

 We have registered an interest in the purchase of some land for the village

 with Richard & Inger Mee.

**LCC Councillor Fund:**

 Councillor Newton has asked us for suggestions for projects that can be

 put forward and can be funded by her budget. She needs the information

 by early September. We suggested the new street light on Laurie’s Lane.

 altering the speed limit on the A6 from 40 m.p.h down to 30 m.p.h. starting

 at the traffic lights at Zouch coming into the village. All suggestions to be

 sent to Betty by early September.

**Financial Matters:**

 Nothing to report.

**Planning Matters:**

 Nothing to report.

**Correspondence**:

 We have 3 applications for headstones to be placed in the cemetery,

 these were all approved.

**Accounts for Payment**:

 The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn;

 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd New swing seat 71.88

 M. & BG Ltd. Contract work 797.50

 C. Betts Maintenance work 504.27

 C. Betts Maintenance work 263.21

 R. Dann Printer ink 37.35

 M. & BG Ltd. Contract work 797.50

 Comm. Heartbeat Trust Telephone system 120.00

 AA Locksmiths Allotment keys 19.20

 K.Lawson Gardening work 309.00

 A. Barnacle Digging a grave 420.00

 M.Spencer Clerks expenses 211.03

 A. Scott Staining of new bench 60.00

 D. Neville Pond plants & baskets 46.40

 Naturescape Packets of seeds 29.96

 Kenway Construction Siting of new bench 624.00

 Tony Scott Refund from Kenway 50.00

 LCC New grit bin 325.00

 Tony Scott paid for the seat to be varnished before it was put in place and we

 agreed to pay the cost. The 2nd payment was made as the installation was not

 perfect and Kenway took £50.00 of the bill.

**Highways and footpaths**:

 We have lost some of the trees in the nursery plot at the allotment site due to

 the dry weather.

 Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.