**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd April, 2023 at 7.30 p.m**.

**in the Village Hall**.

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

 clerk, Borough Councillor K. Harris, County Councillor B. Newton, 2 Police Officers

 and 8 members of the public.

**Apologies**:

 These were received from S. Farmer and Borough Councillor E. Ward.

**Police Matters**:

 Since the last meeting there have been five incidents; 1 burglary, 2 vehicle thefts

 and 1 criminal damage.

**Public Participation:**

 A resident complained about cars parking on the pavements and causing obstructions

 for pedestrians and people with pushchairs and mobility scooters in Narrow Lane.

 Councillor Newton has reported this in the past to LCC and will report it again.

**Declarations of Interest:**

 Councillor Bennett declared her interest in the HVA item.

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

**Matters arising from the Minutes**;

 ***Highway Issues:***

 *Litter Bin – A6 Bus Stop;*

 No comments have been received regarding the removal of the bin. No further

 action to be taken on the re-siting until we have taken over the green spaces at

 Daisy Bank.

 *Pot Hole – Leys Footpath*:

 This repair has been undertaken by LCC.

 *Bollards – Round Bank:*

 The materials have been ordered and this work will be done shortly.

**HPC Property;**

 ***Document Storage***:

 It has been agreed that we recover all our important documents from Moss

 Solicitors and place them with Cleggs Solicitors, Nottingham. The solicitor

 wants to see all the documents so that he can give us a quote for storage.

 Councillor Dann has offered to take all the documents to the solicitors to get

 a quote.

 ***Land Registry;***

 Councillor Dann is also going to speak to the solicitors about a quote for

 registering two parcels of land that are not currently registered.

**Planning Development**:

 ***Daisy Bank Adoption;***

 *Legal Transfer;*

 Councillor Dann reported that we were very close to the final part of the

 transfer. However there is one clause in the agreement that our solicitor is

 not happy with. William Davis are not prepared to remove this clause at the

 moment. We await the outcome of the discussion between the parties solicitors.

 *Grounds Maintenance*:

 Everything is in place for MRA to sign the contract to carry out the work for the

 next 12 months. This contract will be put in place once the transfer has gone

 through. M. BG Ltd., will carry out cutting the grass verges.

 *Asset Inspection and Insurance:*

 We have accepted a quote from C. Betts for £15.00 per week to carry out the

 asset inspection. We have a contract ready for signature. We are to update our

 insurance at our annual renewal date in June 2023.

 *Signage:*

 We have got the new sign ready to put up.

 ***Solar Farm – Oakley Grange;***

 A planning application has been registered with CBC and NWLDC from

 Endurance Energy. Natural England have commented on the application and

 Hathern Wildlife Group are to comment.

 ***Community Woodland:***

 We are still waiting for CBC to put up the signage for the woodland. Councillor

 Harris to chase this up with Matt Bradford at CBC.

**Allotment – Wildlife Area**;

 ***Land Management Proposal;***

 Hathern Wildlife Group have developed an area over the last two years from two

 very derelict allotments to a wildlife area with a pond etc. They have formally

 proposed to the Parish Council that they manage the adjacent abandoned plot 22

 as an area of habitat for invertebrates such as moths, butterflies and beetles that are

 in serious decline in the UK. The request was approved. The marker post for plot 22

 will need to be moved to help define the area better.

 ***Funds for plants and seeds;***

 The Wildlife Group requested a grant of £150 towards the purchase of seeds to

 enable them to grow plants to plant in the Parish Council’s wildflower areas around

 the village. This grant was approved. On behalf of the PC they are also going to open

 our Wildlife area during Big Weekend and some of this grant would be put towards

 activities organised at the site. The area will also be open during the Open Gardens

 weekend 24/25th June.

**Hathern Herald**;

 The contract with Headache Graphic Design has expired. At our F. & GP meeting we

 discussed renewing the contract for a further two years. After speaking to the Editor

 he is happy to sign a new contract with an agreed price increase of just over 3%. It

 was agreed that Councillors Clayton and Bennett speak to the Editor about the content

 of the Herald. It was agreed that a new contract be drawn up by the Chairman and

 offered to Headache Graphic Design.

**Financial Matters:**

 ***Funding Hire Request – Kings Coronation;***

 We have got 3 funding requests – HVA for hire of toilets £294.00, Hathern Library

 £28.84, Hathern History Society £150.00 all these requests were approved. These

 payments will be made to the relevant groups once we have the invoices. The HVA

 has permission from LCC to close Cross street/Gladstone Street on 7th May for the

 celebrations. Approval had been given for the hire of the gazebos for this event.

 ***HVA’s Big Week;***

 This is proposed to take place from 27th May to 3rd June on the Park. We are still

 waiting for applications from HVA to book The Park field and the gazebos and

 time is running out as our next meeting is not until 15th May.

 ***Change Bank Mandate***;

 We have got the documents ready but cannot start the process until we have

 the election information.

**Planning Matters**;

 There are two outstanding applications – Oakley Grange Farm, and the Solar Farm.

 HPC had sent in objections to Jaylets Motel and decided not to comment on

 Reactive Hire.

**Correspondence**:

 Nothing received.

**Accounts for payment**;

 The following invoices were approved and cheque drawn;

 B. Hardy Hathern Herald 725.00

 M. & BG Ltd., Contract work 797.51

 Water Plus Cemetery rates 20.04

 Wicksteed Leisure Annual Inspection 144.00

 C. Betts Asset work 520.00

 R. Dann Repair of clerks computer

 by Storm Components 80.00

 R. Dann Ink for clerks printer 21.95

 K. Lawson Gardening work 630.00

 Sign Shop Sign for Daisy Bank 45.60

 T. Gilbert Allotment deposit refund 25.00

 A. Smith Allotment deposit refund 25.00

 M. & BG Ltd., Contract work 797.51

**Highways and Footpaths;**

 Councillor Newton is to report pot holes on Zouch Road. The Skylink bus to

 Nottingham will stop running in May and you will have to use an app to get an on-

 demand bus to take you into Notingham. LCC have reported that they will inspect

 the trees on Anchor Close that are causing problems for residents later in the

 year. A pothole close to the Three Crowns needs reporting to LCC.

 At the end of the meeting Councillor Murdoch presented the three

 retiring Councillors with a gift and card thanking them for their work over

 the years.

 Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.