**Minutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th July, 2022** at

**Hathern Village Hall at 7.30 p.m**.

**Present**: Councillors Murdoch, Clayton, Neville, Farmer, Mrs. Spencer – clerk,

 P.C. Catherine Gaylor, 7 members of the public. Borough councillor

 K. Harris joined the meeting later.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from County Councillor B. Newton, Parish Councillors

 Dann and Boyes. Councillor Boyes absence was on medical grounds and

 Parish councillors approved his absence.

**Police Matters:**

 The crime figures for the last six weeks are 4 vehicle crimes – 2 thefts of

 Catalytic converters and 2 thefts of number plates. It was reported that a

 group of teenagers are causing problems on the Daisy Bank Estate – they

 let some cows out of a field on to the estate, they also stole some dog bowls

 from a property in the village. The police mentioned the stabbing incident

 that took place recently on Wide Lane, but could not give us any more details.

 There will be a Beat Surgery at the Library on Friday 8th July between 10 – 11 a.m.

 P.C. Catherine Gaylor is new to the Beat.

**Public Participation:**

 A gentleman raised a complaint about a letter that had been sent to CBC Planning

 on behalf of the Parish Council by Councillor Neville regarding the cutting down of

 15 trees. After a short discussion Councillor Murdoch asked the gentleman to put his

 complaint in writing to the clerk and then we would look at the complaint in detail.

**Declarations of Interest:**

 None were declared.

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

**Matters arising from the Minutes;**

 ***Highway Issues***:

 ***Restricted footpath from Golden Square:***

 Nothing to report.

 ***Park Entrance:***

 Councillor Murdoch has had a site meeting with Chris Bond regarding the Diamond

 Jubilee Hedge, the gate opening and the tarmac footpath that holds water. We are

 waiting for a quote before any further action can be discussed.

 ***Other Assets:***

 ***Play Equipment:***

 Chris Betts found a broken piece of equipment on the Spika equipment. We got a spare

 part from Kompan. Chris Betts taped the area off until the part arrived and work was

 completed. Councillor Murdoch thanked Chris Betts for acting so promptly when the

 problem was found. The part has now been fitted.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement**:

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance***;

 ***Allotment Wildlife Area;***

 The dry hedge fence is now complete we are just waiting for the new gates to be

 completed and sited. The pond is now being sorted out. One of the volunteers had

 an accident on site and has damaged his Achilles tendon. The Open Garden event

 held in the church was very successful and the photographic display went down well.

 ***Diamond Jubilee Hedge***:

 Some more work needs to be done on this hedge because now we have removed

 some of the vegetation it is lying across the footpath. We are awaiting for a quote

 from Chris Bond.

**William Davis Development:**

 ***Adoption Process – Daisy Bank:***

 No movement on this process.

 ***New adjacent site:***

 No movement on this development.

**Solar Farm Oakley Grange;**

 Councillor Farmer has spoken to Long Whatton/Diseworth Parish Council and they had

 their consultation meeting last week. Councillor Farmer has also contacted Quorn

 Parish Council and asked for some feedback.

 Councillor Neville and Mr. Cooper have had a meeting with Richard Mee regarding

 12 mature oak trees. They are looking into the possibility of them having T.P.O.S

 put on them. We would like to have a full record of all the mature trees.

 On 22nd July the Wildlife Group are having a zoom meeting with Endurance Energy,

 we have sent them paperwork in advance of the meeting.

**Community Support:**

 ***Community Woodland Update***:

 Nothing to report.

**Financial Matters:**

 ***Chairman’s Allowance:***

 Councillor Clayton proposed an allowance of £650.00 this was seconded by

 Councillor Bennett and voted on unanimously.

 ***Signing of Income & Expenditure Book***;

 The Income and Expenditure Book was signed by the Vice-Chairman Councillor

 Murdoch and the Clerk.

 ***Signing of the AGAR forms for 2021/22;***

 The AGAR forms were completed and signed by the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

**Planning Matters**:

 There is a planning application for 4 Anchor Lane due shortly.

**Correspondence:**

 We have two applications for additional inscriptions to be added to existing

 headstones for Sparks and holt – these were approved.

**Accounts for Payment;**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn up;

 Water Plus Cemetery rates 19.21

 LRALC Training course 60.00

 LRALC Annual subscription 501.42

 Hathern Primary School Use of school by History Soc. 200.00

 Kim Lawson Gardening work 390.00

 Dave Neville Printed photos on card 28.50

 Dave Neville Skip Hire for pond clearance 270.00

 Chris Betts 3 months asset work 520.00

 Chris Betts 3 large jobs 843.19

 Mick Garton Internal audit work 108.00

 Kim Lawson Gardening work 627.73

 Dave Neville Printed photos on card 40.50

 Ben Murdoch Materials for pond work 78.12

 M. & BG Ltd Contract work 797.51

 R. Dann Chairman’s Allowance 650.00

**Highways & Footpaths**:

 The bench going up the cemetery approach is overgrown with vegetation - contact

 M & BG to clear. The footpath near the kennels is very overgrown and needs cutting

 back – the clerk to contact Tony Croft for advice on who is responsible. Borough

 Councillor K. Harris to make enquiries about how often the play equipment is

 inspected on Daisy Bank by William Davis. And also other play areas in the village.

 Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m..