**MInutes of Hathern Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.**

**in the Village Hall.**

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

 and 7 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

 These were received from Councillors Farmer and Boyes for medical reasons, his absence

 was approved by Councillors.

**Police matters:**

 There has been two incidents since the last meeting; Criminal damage – 1,

 theft from business – 1. Councillor Neville had reported the incident at the allotments.

**Public Participation:**

 A local resident thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work over the last 12 months

 and this was re-iterated by other members of the public.

**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;***

 The clerk to chase this issue up with LCC.

 ***Pot holes in Pasture Lane:***

 This work has been done by LCC

 ***Narrow Lane:***

 Councillor Newton has reported to LCC the state of the footpaths in Narrow Lane.

**Asset Maintenance Improvement:**

 ***Green Spaces Maintenance;***

 ***Meadows and Pasture Lane Verges:***

 Councillor Murdoch to speak to M. & BG. Ltd has this work has still not been

 completed to a satisfactory standard.

 ***Wildlife Area – signage***:

 We have got a quote from The sign Shop for a sign and post for £57.00 + VAT.

 This quote was accepted and the clerk to place an order. The Wildlife Group have

 offered to erect the sign.

**Planning Development:**

 ***Adoption Process – Daisy Bank:***

 We have had a meeting with our solicitors on site. We have approved the second

 draft of the adoption agreement and the red line plan. Access to the bridge close

 to the playground and the swale areas are still to be sorted out with LCC. D. Ward

 from William Davis has verbally agreed to ask LCC directly to replace the dead trees.

 We hope this work can be carried out before the end of the winter.

 ***New site off Zouch Road, William*** Davis;

 No further information to report.

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

 Councillor Farmer is arranging a meeting with Endurance Energy to discuss

 Community Funding. Councillors Dann, Clayton and Farmer would like to be

 part of this group.

 We have no further information about the Battery Storage proposals.

**Community Woodland:**

 So far approximately 7000 trees have been planted with the help of many

 local residents, Rangers from Idverde were on hand to oversee the project

 There will be some more planting days in December/January. It was

 reported that the site looks amazing and a very successful project.

**Financial Matters:**

 ***On-line banking***:

 We are still having some issues with Barclays, but the clerk and councillor

 Murdoch are now on the bank mandate.

 ***Budget & Precept for 2023/24:***

 We drew up a budget at the F. & GP meeting for 2023/24 and after a lengthy

 discussion it was suggested that there would be no increase in our precept.

 Councillor Dann proposed that we accept the proposed budget this was

 seconded by Councillor Murdoch and voted on unanimously. The precept will

 remain at £48,500 for 2023/24.

**Planning Matters**

 There are two planning applications for The Anchor and several for Garendon

 Park.

**Correspondence:**

 An application for a headstone for J. Tollington was approved.

 Correpondence was received about the litter bin on the bus stop outside the

 Old Woodyard, it was overflowing and very unsightly. We discussed the possibility

 of re-locating it to a new site possibly further along the A6. Councillor Clayton

 proposed that he would move the bin and look into alternatives i.e. a bin with a

 lid on. He will report back to us with his findings. The clerk to acknowledge the

 correspondence.

**Accounts for Payment:**

 The following invoices were approved and cheques drawn;

 K.Lawson Gardening work 330.00

 Water Plus Cemetery rates 21.69

 M. & BG Ltd Contract work 797.50

 Hathern Rec. assoc. Hire of village hall 128.00

 Comm. Heartbeat Trust New battery 318.00

 M. & BG, Ltd Contract work 797.50

 Hathern Library 2nd donation 1500.00

 Joseph O’Halloran Hedge cutting 682.89

 AA Locksmiths Gate closure mechanism 309.60

 Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath 50.00

**Highways and Footpaths**:

 We have received the regular gardening report from Kim Lawson.

 The clerk to sort out a new sign for the cemetery gates with the Sign Shop.

 Mr. Croft is in touch with LCC regarding the work that needs to be done at the

 top of Golden Square.

 Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.