



# Hatton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in The Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Councillors in attendance: Cllr P Molphy (Chairman)

Cllr J Power (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Robin Brocklehurst  
Cllr Phil Young  
Cllr Sue Spiteri  
Cllr Stuart Tranter  
Cllr Julian Wrigley  
Steve McEvelly – observing as incoming Clerk

Cllr J Power acted as Clerk

G23/197. **Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr G Chapman.

G23/198. **Declarations of Interest**  
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

Further to contact from Warrington Borough Council re the Parish Council's publication of Pecuniary Interests vis the website, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Local Authority for an updated version of the document.

G23/199. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were confirmed as a true record.

G23/200. **Public Forum**  
None in attendance. The Councillors took the opportunity to introduce themselves to the incoming clerk, giving a brief description of their roles within the council.

G23/201. **PCSO Report**  
PCSO Kirkham was unable to attend the meeting, the October report had been circulated to the committee.

**Reported Crime to Police:** Two incidents of suspicious males selling door-to-door claiming to be ex-offenders on a rehabilitation scheme, being abusive to

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residents in the Walton and Stretton areas, no such scheme exists. One male was arrested as he was wanted for breach of a community order.

The remaining males were all issued dispersal notices for 48hrs covering all of Warrington.

**Speed Enforcements:** A TruCam Speed enforcement was carried out on:  
Stretton Road, 11 Activations

London Road, 9 Activations

Walton New Road, 1 Activations

Warrington Road, 5 Activations

Hatton Lane, 21 Activations

The Speed indication device (SID) was placed on Hill Cliffe Road after feedback from our residents voice survey showed the community had concerns regarding speeding motorists.

It was agreed by councillors that the clerk should contact Matt Kirkham and request that the SID be placed on Hatton Lane in light of the number of activations, and also to ask for a piece for the newsletter to advise residents on how to stay safe and be aware of suspicious activity in the area.

G23/202. **Warrington Borough Councillors Reports**  
No reports from Warrington Borough Councillors.

G23/203. **Finance**  
**Authorisation was requested for the following payments:**

**Primrose Hill Nurseries £108.92**

**Resolved** that payments listed were approved with the Chairman and Clerk using delegated powers between meetings.

## **VAT Return**

Cllr Power confirmed that she had looked at the accounts for 2017-2018 and that the VAT return for that year did not amount to much as most of the transactions carried out had been re-imbursed and so VAT could not be claimed.

## **Bank Reconciliations**

Bank reconciliations for October were presented to the Chair and distributed to councillors. They were signed as correct.

## **Bank Mandate**

There has been no confirmation from the bank regarding the changes to the mandate.

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G23/204. **Policies**  
**Data Protection and Retentions Policy**  
The Data Protection Policy and the Retention policy have now been approved for publication on the website. Cllr Tranter to action.

G23/205. **Correspondence**  
A resident has queried if everything has been cleared up re the enforcement notice at Rowswood. The appeal is still live and has now been passed to the Secretary of State. Cllr Wrigley will email the resident to explain.

The resident who stores equipment for the PC in her garage has asked if the items, two lawn mowers and two strimmers, still need to be stored as they haven't been used in a while. Cllr Brocklehurst will assess the items and will report back to the PC.

G23/206. **Parish Councillors Reports**

G23/206.i **Planning**  
**Local Plan – Examination in Public (EIP)**  
The EIP has been completed, Cllr Wrigley attended the meeting and reported that the number of houses to be built within the Local Plan has now been reduced, thus reducing the investment in the area which will affect any improvements to the infrastructure of South Warrington. WBC will be instructed to re-think the plan.

### **SWPG**

We have included a budget of £250 for SWPG to show our continued support in 2023/2024

### **Hatton Hall Farm**

Planning approval received in 2004 included a condition that the barn conversion could only be accommodated by someone working within agriculture. This condition is no longer relevant. If this is just an academic point nothing needs to be done. Cllr Wrigley to contact the owner to confirm.

### **New House Farm**

A planning has been submitted to reduce the number of houses on the development from 31 to 26. The PC agreed not to comment on the application and not to pursue it.

### **HyNet Pipeline**

Our response has been received and they have acknowledged receipt.

G23/206.ii. **Traffic and Road Safety**

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Cllr Spiteri reported that there has still been no contact from the Local Authority regarding the overgrown path near Pillmoss Lane.

It was agreed to inform Ghazala Chapman of this and send her the what3words location.

G23/206.iii.

## **Technology**

### **Mobile Phone Signal**

Cllr Tranter has had an interim response from Andy Carters office, a letter will be coming out to residents from Andy Carter within the next few weeks.

### **Back Ups**

The cloud based back up has now been set up with Google as; hattonclerk@googlemail.com

### **Clerk Laptop**

The battery in the laptop has been replaced and an external mouse provided.

### **Ultrafast Broadband**

Cllr Tranter reported that he is waiting for the bi-monthly update but everything seems to be moving in the right direction. Freedom Fibre are in the area so a reminder should be put on the newsletter reminding residents of the need to stay with Openreach.

G23/206.iv.

## **Environment**

Cllr Young reported that an apple tree has died on one of the verges, he asked for a replacement to be budgeted for next year.

### **Nature Trail**

David Haseldine at Walton PC would like to work with us on the nature trail. Cllr Wrigley will look into costings and complete a full report in the New Year.

G23/206.v.

## **Social**

### **Coronation**

The marquee has been booked and the deposit paid. Cllr Power is to lead the planning committee for the event.

G23/206.vi. **Chairman**

The confirmation of our precept request has to be returned by 13/01. The Chair requested councillors to submit their budgets for 2023/24 as soon as possible.

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## ChALC

The clerk confirmed that a request has been made to join ChALC, we are awaiting an invoice for fees.

G24/207. **To Note Matters Arising**  
None

G25/208. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**  
The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.10 pm in The Hatton Arms.

**The meeting closed at 21.50**

**Signed as a true record:**

..... **Cllr P Molphy**  
**Chairman**

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**