



Hatton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in The Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane at 20.10 hours on Monday 09th January 2023

Councillors in attendance: Cllr P Molphy (Chairman)

Cllr J Power (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Robin Brocklehurst

Cllr Phil Young

Cllr Sue Spiteri

Cllr Julian Wrigley

Cllr Ghazala Chapman

Clerk: Steve McEvilly

- G23/209. **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Stuart Tranter
- G23/210. **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.
- G23/211. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022 were confirmed as a true record.
- G23/212. **Public Forum**
None in attendance.
- G23/213. **PCSO Report**
No report received.
The Councillors acknowledged there had been a recent personnel change regarding the PCSO. It was understood the new PCSO had visited the village but had not attended a PC meeting.
The clerk was actioned by Cllr Power to ascertain who the replacement PCSO is and to formally invite him/her to future PC meetings.
Further to this; contact was made with the new PCSO, Phillip Hilton. Phil confirmed he is happy to be added to the PC emailing list and will attend meeting if he is on shift. If he is unable to attend meetings, he will endeavour to provide monthly activity information reports.

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Reported Crime to Police:

None reported.

Speed Enforcements:

None reported.

G23/214.

Warrington Borough Councillors Reports

Cllr Chapman advised the issue regarding speeding cars has been raised with WBC executive officer David Boyer via email for additional traffic calming measures at Hatton Lane and awaits a response.

The issue regarding the legitimacy of telegraph poles sited by Freedom Fibre could not be taken any further without tangible evidence being provided, namely, photo's and/or resident complaints.

Cllr Young reported some resident complaints had involved requests to have Freedom Fibre stop siting poles.

Cllr Power advised the PC does not have the requisite powers to do so.

Cllr Young advised warning notices have been placed by Freedom Fibre alerting residents to the siting of the telegraph poles and noticed work has been started fixing apparatus in readiness for cables to run from houses to the poles.

Cllr Wrigley advised Cllr Tranter had already emailed Freedom Fibre and awaits a response.

Cllr Spiteri advised there is already a twelve month advice period insitu on the new poles for members of the public to raise their concerns or objections.

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Finance

Authorisation was requested for the following payments:

ChALC.

Re-joining fee of £25.26 was agreed. Cllr Power advised this would take the PC membership to 31st March 2023.

SWPG.

£44.39 Hatton PC fee agreed.

Training Course.

£30.00 on-line finance training course for PC clerk agreed. Course will take place on 26th January 2023.

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Resolved

No payments advised.

VAT Return

No advice proffered.

Bank Reconciliations

Bank reconciliations for months of November/December were presented to the Chair and were signed as correct.

Bank Mandate

No confirmation received regarding changes to the mandate.

Precept

CLlr Molphy undertook an extensive and detailed discussion regarding the precept budget proposal for 2023. Particular attention was brought to the increase sought in comparison to last year to accommodate personnel costs now a clerk had been appointed, the increase cost of insurance, and that of subscriptions (ChALC and SWPG), although it was recognised landscaping and IT costs had decreased. Further cost increases were identified with training, replacing laptop parts, anticipated costs involving the Coronation, along with stationery and Chair allowance.

Collective agreement determined the budget proposals were submitted and were accepted for publication on the website.

Future Generations

CLlr Wrigley asked the Chairman for further explanation of the 20k.

CLlr Molphy advised the Creamfields funds would be kept as a bare minimum in reserve should the Creamfields revenue cease, advising a similar question was asked by a resident when funds were at 25k noticing present projected projects were running at 15k. CLlr Molphy then proffered a breakdown of forthcoming project costs.

CLlr Brocklehurst requested clear clarification of such costs before going to the public website.

CLlr Wrigley suggested if Creamfields funds stopped the reserve funds could be used to continue with planned projects.

CLlr Molphy added further considerations could be made to spend discretionary payments, maintain reserves around 20k, reduce existing reserves over three years, and/or look for future opportunities from local businesses.

CLlr Power suggested looking for business sponsorship for such projects as speed reduction signs created by local school children.

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Correspondence

None submitted.

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G23/217. Parish Councillors Reports

G23/217.i. Planning

Local Plan – Examination in Public (EIP)

Cllr Wrigley updated the meeting with reference to the New House Farm planning application (ref: 2022/42052). WBC had acknowledged the reduction to 26 new builds, down from 31 in the original plan and Hatton PC hadn't an issue with that. Cllr Wrigley further advised it would be beneficial to have a meeting with the developer to discuss proposals with Eccleston Homes, the lead developer on site, on behalf of residents. Cllr Wrigley advised he would contact Eccleston Homes to this effect including an invitation for them to attend a PC meeting. Cllr Wrigley also advised correspondence from WBC in relation to the development has an incorrect Hatton PC contact address and would advise WBC accordingly.

Further; discussion took place regarding the communal ground that is attached to the new development as it wasn't clear who actually owns it and therefore who is responsible for maintaining it.

Cllr Spiteri raised the issue of the impact on residents once the development starts that needs addressing with Eccleston Homes regarding lorry traffic, noise, and dust.

SWPCLPWG.

An interim report from the inspector in reference to the SWPCLPWG resulted in a zoom meeting for the 17th January 2023. Cllr Brocklehurst agreed to attend.

G23/217.ii. Traffic and Road Safety

Nothing to report specific to traffic.

Road Safety. A sink hole has developed outside the No2 resident property on Goose Lane. WBC staff had attended within twenty minutes of being alerted and had coned the area off. Through traffic could still use the road.

Cllr Chapman agreed to raise the issue at WBC level.

Cllr Spiteri advised there was still an issue with overgrown vegetation at Hatton Lane footpath. The location of the path was supplied to Cllr Chapman.

Speed Signs

Cllr Molphy reiterated the PC's plan is to purchase a speed sign for

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Hatton Lane in conjunction with WBC, had not

G23/217.iii. **Technology**
Nothing to report.

G23/217.iv. **Environment**
Nothing to report

Nature Trail

Cllr Wrigley advised Walton and Hatton PC are running two separate projects in relation to this particular development.

Finger Point Posts.

Cllr Molphy advised he would seek WBC advice as to where the signs should be sited.

G23/217.v. **Social
Coronation**
No specific updates provided.

Newsletter.

Cllr Power advised information on the newsletter was current but there had been no responses to issues so far. Next newsletter to issued bi-monthly and sent out in the first week of February. A date will be published within the newsletter regarding a meeting about the Coronation; it was hoped residents will attend.

Cllr Chapman to be added to the Whatsapp group.

G23/217.vi. **Chairman**
Cllr Molphy explained the terms of reference for the Finance Committee.
It was agreed the clerk would attend the Finance Committee meetings for the purpose of minute taking. The next financial committee meeting is planned for March 2023.
Cllr Brocklehurst requested minutes to be clarified if those minutes are ratified by the PC.

Cllr Molphy thanked Cllr Power for standing in as clerk to the PC whilst a vacancy existed making particular reference to a job well done. The sentiment was acknowledged and agreed by all other Councillor's in attendance.

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To Note Matters Arising.

Telephone Box.

Cllr Molphy raised the issue of the redundant telephone box and to who actually owns it. Following a group discussion it was believed the PC do own it after purchasing it ten years ago for a nominal fee of £1. As such it was decided the box should be listed as an asset and insured in case of accidents. Cllr Power actioned.

Cllr Molphy other PC assets should also be identified.

Lawnmowers.

Cllr Brocklehurst raised the issue of the two lawnmowers currently owned and stored by the PC. The Honda lawnmower, thought to be valued at approximately £300, is in good working order and will be kept. The other lawnmower was likely to be scrapped after Cllr Brocklehurst attempted to move it and found it had seized up. Cllr Brocklehurst agreed to revisit the seized lawnmower before making a final decision as to what to do with it. A replacement lawnmower would cost in the region of £1,400.

Equipment owned by the PC is presently stored in a garage owned by a resident of the village. There was an apparent agreement a payment would be made to this resident, annually, for the storage facility although it was believed this payment has never actually taken place. The PC, at a future date, agreed suitable alternative storage needs to be sourced, alongside insurance for the equipment owned by the PC. There was also the question whether the resident involved presently has suitable home insurance that covers the equipment stored in the garage.

One action followed this discussion for the clerk to find the present insurance policy held with Zurich Insurance before the next meeting.

Cllr Molphy advised Pat Testing for equipment owned by the PC needs organising.

There's a P&CC meeting due soon. Cllr Molphy will attend.
There's a Creamfields meeting due soon. A Councillor needs to attend.
Group Whatsapp messages to advertise dates.

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G25/219.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th February 2023 at 20.10 hours and held at the Hatton Arms.

The meeting closed at 22.20 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr P Molphy
Chairman
Dated:**