



Hatton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in The Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane at 20.15 pm Monday 13/02/2023

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Paul Molphy (Chairman)

Cllr Jayne Power (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Robin Brocklehurst

Cllr Phil Young

Cllr Stuart Tranter

Cllr Julian Wrigley

Cllr Ghazala Chapman

Clerk: Steve McEvelly

G23/220. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Sue Spiteri.

G23/221. **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. No conflicts submitted. Cllr Wrigley raised the issue whether current DoI forms were published on the website. Cllr Power confirmed they were but needed updating. Clerk given an action to obtain a current DoI form template from WBC and submit to all PC's for completion for each Cllr to forward to Cllr Tranter for final publication on the website.

G23/222. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20.10 09/01/2023 were confirmed as a true record.

G23/223. **Public Forum**

None in attendance. The following items have been raised by residents:

01. Cllr Power advised Councillors she had received notification from a resident who had previously sat on the Parish Council alerting her to her availability to join the PC should a councillor vacancy arise in the future.
02. A box containing documentation owned by Hatton PC was brought to the attention of Cllr Young after being contacted by an ex-PC member. A decision was to be taken by the PC after examining the contents as to whether the contents need archiving or destroying.

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- G23/224. **PCSO Report**
PCSO Phil Hilton wasn't in attendance but his report had been submitted and received by all PC's. No issues were raised and no actions were taken from the report
- G23/225. **Warrington Borough Parish Councillors Reports**
Cllr Ghazala Chapman in addition to submitting her reports raised:
Hatton Lane and Pillmoss Common with further action required to establish who owns the land and therefore who is responsible for the management of the vegetation.
Speeding issues (REF: WBC 479699427) through the village remains an ongoing project requiring traffic calming measures and that require PC's to continually monitor.
Sink Hole. WBC secured to area of the sink hole but it appears a depression where the sink hole was has led to water being held suggesting there may be further issues; possibly connected to United Utilities, although UU claim it is not their issue.
Cllr Young advised he would collate photo evidence and submit them to Cllr Chapman to take forward to assist causation investigation.
- G23/226. **New Asset Review**
Cllr Molphy advised the PC asset review and risk assessments were on-going projects which need to be updated including a HattonPC domain review that needs to be identified as a .org.
Cllr's Molphy and Brocklehurst agreed to review and update both risk assessment and asset list.
- G23/227. **External Auditor**
Group Cllr suggestions were required to establish who to employ in the role as internal verifier. Cllr Chapman identified her spouse as being qualified for the role and was actioned by the PC group to ask him to fulfil the role.
- G23/228. **Finance**
Bank Reconciliations
Bank reconciliations for current and reserve accounts were presented by the Chair and the PC group and were signed as correct.
Current account stood at £4,352.
Reserve account stood at £25,757.02.
Cllr Power confirmed clerk salary will be sent by bank transfer and not by cheque.
Cllr Power agreed to send via email the financial status to all PC's.
Cllr Wrigley raised the issue of precept levels regarding there was no levels as to what could be raised but the information should show who is affected

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and it needed to be notified to the public in the newsletter.

G23/229. **Correspondence**
No correspondence.

G23/230. **Parish Councillors Reports**

G23/230.i. **Planning**

Enforcement Notices

No action required as none of the enforcements relate to Hatton.

1. Cllr Wrigley advised Hatton Hall View submitted an application for a single story extension although recommended no action need be taken. PC's agreed after viewing the plans.
2. Cllr Wrigley advised there was still no response from Eccleston Homes following his initial correspondence concerning the reduction from 31 to 26 new builds.
3. Cllr Wrigley suggested adding a condition to the new build submitted by Tates that the building involved is identified for non-residential purposes only. P. C's agreed. Cllr Wrigley to action.

SWPG

01. Cllr Brocklehurst advised after attending SWP the 656 plan has issues related to it after the planning Inspectorate raised development concerns. It was known Stobarts are also looking into developing the land. A specific rule; rule 6, allows for members of the SWP to sit in on future meeting and recommended representatives should be sent. The cost for appointing a Barrister to represent the group was estimated at 10K and an alternative Barrister was sought.
02. Cllr Brocklehurst advised the Western Link Road project has now ceased as WBC funds were no longer available.
03. It was resolved that the contribution to SWP costs made by HPC included amount for payment of Consultants Fees in connection with the Six56 Planning Application/Public Inquiry, the amount of £10.36 was given authorisation for payment.
Cllr's Brocklehurst and Wrigley to draft minutes and raised validity of costs at the next SWG meeting

G23/230.ii. **Traffic and Road Safety**
No specific report proffered. Responsible Cllr Spiteri unable to attend.

G23/230.iii. **Technology**
Cllr Tranter summarised his report:
Fibre infrastructure work was progressing well with frequent work

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activity seen around the village and was looking to obtain further information regarding progress and completion dates.

Freedom Fibre appear to have left the area with any issues raised by residents regarding FF poles now been resolved and identified one remaining FF pole at Hatton Lane.

Mobile Phone Signal

01. Cllr Tranter raised the poor mobile phone signal with South Warrington MP, AC. A recent improvement to boost the effectiveness of the signal had not become apparent. Cllr Tranter to action further after garnering further information from individual PC's on the effectiveness of the mobile signal.
02. Cllr Tranter also reminded Cllr's of the need to remain vigilant for spam emails as they had recently become more professional in appearance and application and he would look into possibilities of improving and strengthening on-line security.

G23/230.iv. Environment

01. Cllr Young advised a resident who purchases weed and feed on behalf of the PC advised the cost had significantly increased and requested if the PC authorises the increase additional cost, as well as how VAT can be claimed if the receipt is not made out to Hatton PC. Cllr Power confirmed only receipts made out to Hatton PC could be claimed for.
02. Hatton Lane ditch was known to have been cleaned out a number of times after a build-up of vegetation and it needed cleaning again. The PC were asked whether the PC was responsible for clearing the ditch or did the area belong to a local land owner. If it was PC responsibility for clearing it there would be a cost in doing so. Cllr Wrigley advised the contractors for Eccleston Homes had been seen cleaning it to see if use could be made of it but they advised they did not own the land the ditch is located on and discovered after cleaning took place they had no use for it.
03. A grass cutting service undertaken by JW Garden Services to cut the grass on two local grass verges will produce a quote for budgeting purposes for 2024 with the combined cost (previously charged at £65 for 2023) raising to £70.
Cllr Power confirmed JW Gardening Services would need to submit their quotation to the PC before it could be sanctioned.
04. Cllr Young advised the cost of a bin replacement to be located at Phill Moss common was £91.97 + VAT. Cllr Power advised she would order the bin.
05. A box containing documentation owned by Hatton PC was brought to the attention by Cllr Brocklehurst after being contacted by an ex-PC. A decision was to be taken by PC's after examining the contents as to whether the contents need archiving or destroying.

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G23/230.v. **Social**

Cllr Power advised she had advertised via the newsletter asking residents if they wanted to become involved in events to do with the coronation. One resident had already been in contact with Cllr Power to suggest amalgamating the coronation event with the established “fun day” event. The issue was discussed and rejected by the Parish Council, favouring two separate events as previous “fun days” had been a resounding success, and that success should be continued.

Cllr Power advised a life size cardboard cut-out would be ordered for use during the coronation event. Group PC agreed to the costs involved.

Cllr Brocklehurst additionally advised the group a mobile generator would need to be hired for the marquee already ordered and a cost would be incurred.

G23/231.vi.

Creamfields.

Cllr Young summarised his report following attendance at Creamfields meetings to advise:

01.The choice of security company had not yet been decided.

0.2 A request was made for three Parish Councillors (Hatton, Walton and Daresbury) to call/attend a meeting specifically to discuss issues arising from holding Creamfields regarding anti-social behaviour and parking/traffic management.

03.Local residents who have doorbell cameras and/or CCTV were requested by local police to inform them as such should the need arise to view footage following an incident. Although this is on a purely voluntary basis only.

G23/231.vii. **Chairman**

1. Cllr Molphy announced his resignation from the Council, which is to take effect at the time of the next AGM in three months. Cllr Young, on behalf of the PC group, noted his sadness with this decision and thanked Cllr Molphy for all his hard work and commitment during his time as Chairman.
2. Cllr Molphy advised there are policy documents that are provided on the ChALC website such as the social media policy that Hatton PC should adopt. All PC's agreed to the proposal.
3. Cllr Molphy advised there was a policy regarding co-opting residents onto the council that is available from NALC that should be downloaded and used. All PC's agreed to the proposal.

G24/232. **To Note Matters Arising**

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None

G25/233.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as:
20.10 hours, Monday 13th March 2023.

The meeting closed at 22.30 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Clr P Molphy
Chairman
Dated:**