



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5th September 2023

In attendance:

Cllr P Young (Chair)

Cllr Jayne Power (Vice Chair)

Cllr Julian Wrigley

Apologies G23/289 for Absence

Cllr S Tranter

G23/290 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 agenda item is reached.

Cllr Wrigley advised the Clerk that there could be a conflict of interest as he is Acting Chair of the HVCA. The group supports the local Residents Fun Day, and various leisure activities. The HVCA may request funding from the PC towards these activities. This was noted by the Clerk.

G23/291 Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes were confirmed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Power, seconded by Cllr Wrigley.

G23/292 Public Forum

No residents attended.

Meetings will be open to the public and press but they may be temporarily excluded from the meeting if the business is regarded as confidential

Members of the public may speak at Council meetings at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting.

Should a resident attend a meeting, the Clerk should enquire if there is a particular item they wish to bring to the attention of the PC.

If this is on the agenda then it should be discussed immediately

G23/298 Chair persons report

Proposed dates for future meetings.

October 3rd 2023
November 7th 2023
December 5th 2024
February 6th 2024
March 5th 2024
April 2nd 2024
May 7th 2024
June 4th 2024
July 2nd 2024

PC meetings may be held in August and January if the Clerk deems it necessary.

Resignation of Councillors.

The Chair has received letters of resignation from Sue Spiteri and Margaret Winstanley, which have been accepted.

The Chair thanked them both for the contribution they have made, and know they will continue to support the Council in our efforts to make our village a great place to live.

Recruitment of new Clerk to the Parish Council.

A resident has expressed an interest in the role of Clerk to the PC, and has been invited to attend the October Meeting.

Recruitment of 3 Parish Councillors to fill current vacancies.

A resident has expressed an interest in joining the PC, The Chair will write to him, and ask him to view the Standing Orders and social media Policy. Then, to submit a Personal Statement highlighting his strengths and what he feels he can contribute should he join the PC.

The Clerk will place an advert in the Hatton Life newsletter, asking for other residents to join the PC.

Hire of the Ramblers Room for the monthly PC meetings.

The Chair contacted the Management of The Hatton Arms, requesting the hire of the Ramblers Room on a monthly basis for the Parish Council meetings at a cost of £20 per meeting, and this was agreed. The Chair will now notify The Hatton Arms to that effect.

Chair email address

The Chair asked if an email account could be set up for the Chair as follows:

chair@hattonpccheshire.org.uk

This would ensure that continuity of communication was given to incoming chairs.

G23/299 Correspondence

- A resident who has for a number of years allowed the PC to store equipment including 2 lawnmowers and a strimmer, has asked if they can be removed as they are no longer used.

Cllr Young and Richard Roseby inspected the mowers, one is ancient and it appears the motor is seized, and probably only fit for disposal.

The second one was last serviced in 2020, and Duttons have quoted £95 plus parts (oil, air filter and spark plug, and probably replacement petrol) at a cost of approximately £40 making a total of about £135 plus VAT.

A decision was made to 'write off' the value of the mower, and offer it to J.W Landscapes, on condition he continues to cut the Village verges during 2024, at the same costs as 2023 and make a donation to the Hatton Fun Day 2023 Charity MND.

- A resident has requested the installation of a mirror to be placed on Warrington Rd and Goose Lane as visibility is poor if turning right towards Warrington.

A resident has sourced a pole at no cost and will help to install it.

The purchase and placing of the mirror were agreed, providing permission was granted by the landowner.

G23/300 PCSO Report.

No report as been recived from PCSO Matt Kirkham.

The Council has invited him to PC Meetings in the future when his shifts allow.

G23/301 Finance

Cllr Power presented her report as follows

Invoices for authorisation for payment:

Authorisation for Insurance Renewal (Zurich Insurance) **£257.60 Agreed**

Authorisation for purchase of 'Lest we Forget' Sculptures **£350.00 Agreed**, Cllr Power to progress.

Agree date for annual review of Asset Register (Depreciation of Assets) Ongoing

Authorisation for purchase of two Remembrance Wreaths **£40 Agreed.**

Authorisation for re-imbusement to Cllr Power for: -

CLERKING STATIONARY ITEMS - £73.05 - Agreed

WOODSTAIN FOR VILLAGE BENCHES - £67.90p - Agreed

Opening of second bank account

Cllr Young proposed the PC look to open a bank account with a different bank, with both current and savings accounts.

This could be used as a facility to place the Creamfields payments and any other deposits the PC receives.

Cllr Young to progress and report back

G23/302 Parish Councillor Reports.

Planning: Cllr Wrigley reported.

1. 2022/42806 -Hatton Hall View extension. No decision received.

2. Re 2022/ 42439 New House Farm proposed Agricultural building.

The new application (2023/00707/Agr) reported at the last meeting to determine whether planning permission is required for this building was refused on 6/7/2023 so the original planning application must be progressed but to date WBC have made no decision on it.

3. SWPCLPWG.

An online Teams meeting was held on 22nd August which I joined. The main issues which were noted were as follows:

- a) The Local Plan Planning Inspectors have directed WBC to exclude the large employment area also known as site "6/56" situated on Greenbelt land near the M6/M56 junction from the proposed Local Plan. This is seen as a victory for the Working Group.
- b) It is probable that the separate Planning Inquiry into the Site 6/56 application will be delayed until the Local Plan has been approved probably until March to May 2024. However, it seems unlikely now that permission will be given for this.

4. Enforcement Notices for Hatton Area

None

Technology: Cllr Tranter reported via Cllr Report Sheet.

Mobile Signal.

We are still waiting for a response from Andy Carter MP. regarding his next possible steps on this. **Ongoing.**

Declaration of Interest forms are now up to date.

Online banking.

Cllr Tranter reported that he now has partial access to the banking accounts online.

Environment – Cllr Young reported.

Replacement of Silver Birch Tree

The silver birch tree near to the New House Farm did not recover from a very dry summer and severe winter, and needs replacing. Curbishleys Nursery will replace it at a cost of £50 including delivery. **Agreed**

The village tubs will need to be replanted for the winter, with a charge of around £150
Agreed

A resident has reconditioned the 2 half barrel tubs removed from the Pillmoss Common. He has suggested that they are placed alongside the bench by the ginnell and adopted by the PC. **Agreed**

Social: Cllr Power reported.

Feedback re Hatton Arms Voucher Scheme for Creamfields weekend.

114 vouchers handed out. The PC is waiting for confirmation on numbers used.

Hatton Fun Day 1st October 2023

The annual Fun day will be held in the garden of the Hatton Arms. The PC thanks the residents who organise the event each year.

Newsletter – authorisation of content and date for next newsletter.

The Newsletter will be printed at the end of the month, Cllrs will forward any relevant articles.

Creamfields.

To date no official response has been received.

G23/309 Date and Time of next meeting

Next meeting is at The Hatton Arms on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.26pm

Signed: _____ Chair

