



Minutes of the November meeting

Held at thew Hatton Arms on Tuesday 7th Bovember 2023.

In attendance:

Cllr P. Young (Chair)
Cllr J. Power (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Blanshard
Cllr S Tranter.
Cllr J Wrigley.
WBC G Chapman.

Apologies for Absence.

None.

G23/321 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.

None.

G23/322 Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting

The minutes were confirmed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr JW.
Seconded by Cllr AB

G23/323 Public Forum

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 Clerk/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

A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to this item.

G23/324 Residents attending.

Mrs T Roberts.

G23/325 Chairperson report.

Cllr Blanshard has agreed to report to the PC on traffic issues within the Village and surrounding areas. Cllr Tranter will access previous mail addresses to provide him with information to enable him to develop a traffic plan for the village.

1. On occasions issues arise that need immediate attention, and waiting for the next PC meeting for approval is not possible. An agreement of either 4 Councillors or a majority, via WhatsApp should be needed and ratified at the next meeting.

Proposed. Cllr JW.

Seconded Cllr JP.

2. Over the months the PC laptop has been causing issues, and agreement reached via WhatsApp that it should be taken to Microbitz for assessment.

The PC was advised that a new solid state hard drive be installed, and a systems refresh undertaken. at a cost of £140 including VAT.

Proposed. Cllr PY.

Seconded Cllr AB.

3. Cllr Wrigley requested via WhatsApp that the PC should supply a skip to be placed near the Sankey Lane bus stop for the use of villagers to dispose of household rubbish as WBC refuse collectors are on strike. This was filled within 48 hours so a second skip ordered. Cllr Wrigley has paid invoices of £250 x 2 inclusive of VAT. Re-embursment should be made immediately. A further request for a 3rd skip to be supplied by Cllr Wrigley was agreed via WhatsApp, again at a cost of £250.

It is agreed that Cllr Wrigley should order another skip when necessary.

Proposed. Cllr PY.

Seconded Cllr AB.

G23/326 Opening of new account with Barclays Bank

Contact with Barclays has progressed, and they have requested the resending of documents with an extra signature with a PDF format. Cllrs Tranter and Young to respond.

G23/327 Proposed dates for future meetings.

All meetings will begin at 7pm.

December 12th 2023
February 6th 2024
March 5th 2024 (Invoice request).
April 2nd 2024
May 7th 2024
June 4th 2024 (Invoice request).
July 2nd 2024
September 3rd 2024
October 1st 2024 (Invoice Request).
November 4th 2024
PC meetings may be held in August and January if the Clerk deems it necessary.

G23/328 Recruitment of new Clerk to the Parish Council.

Ongoing.

G23/329 Recruitment of Parish Councillor to fill current vacancy.

Ongoing.

G23/330 Correspondence from residents.

Clr Wrigley reports.

Drainage New House Farm site/Hatton Lane/Village

I have been approached by David Hough of Greenside New Farm Goose Lane who has concerns about drainage from the New House Farm site and its impact on the ditch which runs from Hatton Lane across the land behind the alley. There is then a culvert under Gosling Close and Goose Lane. David is potentially liable for the upkeep of the ditch as it immediately adjoins his land and takes surface water from it via Hatton Lane.

After investigation and help from Richard Roseby it appears that the impact of the new development on the ditch etc. will be slight as most of the foul and surface water drainage will be connected to the main sewer which runs through Hatton. Nevertheless, subject to PC approval I suggest I draft a letter from the Chair to WBC seeking information on the whole drainage arrangements for the new development and how it impacts on the Village drainage.

Agreed.

G23/331 PCSO Reports.

Speed Enforcements

The following enforcements were reported for October 2023

25/10/23 Warrington Road 0 Activations

26/10/23 Hatton Lane 8 Activations

09/10/23 Hatton Lane 5 Activations

Resident Derek Irons was arrested on 6th September due to several complaints regarding his behaviour, he was charged with 4x Breach of Restraining Order and 1x Public Order Offences and appeared in court on 7th September, he pleaded guilty to 2 of the breaches of his restraining order and not guilty to the 3 other charges. He was remanded in custody until 1st November. He appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on 1st November, after a trial he was found Guilty of 2x breach of restraining order and not guilty for the public order offence. He will be sentenced on 29th November at Liverpool Crown Court for the 4x breach of restraining order offences. He was held on remand by the courts until this date.

G23/332 To receive reports from WBC Borough Councillors.

None Received.

G23/333 Finance.

Cllrs Power, Blanshard and Young should meet on the 16th January at 6pm for the annual review of the Asset Register (Depreciation of Assets) and Budget Review for 2024-25.

Authorisation for re-imbusement to Cllr Power for the purchase of 2 litter pickers
£37.97p

Bank Accounts

Nat West Reserve account balance on 30th October is £25974.34p

Nat West Current account balance on 30th October is £8432.38p.

It is proposed that ex Cllrs Molphy and Spiteri be removed as signatories on both Nat West Accounts with immediate effect, and Cllrs Power and Young be added as signatories.

Proposed by Cllr Wrigley

Seconded by Cllr Blanshard.

Invoices for authorisation for payment:

Invoice of £60 for hire of Ramblers room.

G23/334 Clerk matters

G23/335 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Tranter reported.

Cllr Tranter to forward a letter to the Chair for him to send to Andy Carter MP regarding the poor mobile signal in the village.

Community Energy investigation: Cllr Tranter has looked into this and it appears to require significant financial investment and feel that it is too large an undertaking for the PC. The PC agreed to not continue due to the apparent cost and work load.

Online Banking on both of the Nat West bank accounts has now been set up and Cllr Tranter now has full access. Cllr Tranter to change the attached address on the reserve account. Also to remove ex Cllrs from both of the accounts, and to add Cllrs Young and Power.

Email addresses have been set up for both The Chair and Cllr Andy Blanshard, and Cllr Tranter to assist Cllr Blanshard to access his.

The PC has agreed to look into the the possibility of developing a replacement web site.

G23/336 Planning - Cllr Wrigley reported

1 Re 2022/ 42439 New House Farm proposed Agricultural building.
No decision as yet.

2. Re 2023/01137/FUL

Hatton Hall Farm Warrington Rd.

The applicants wish to alter the occupancy restrictions on previous planning permissions from someone employed in Agriculture to unrestricted. The PC have not commented.

No decision as yet

3. SWPCLPWG. Local Plan

The Planning Inspectors have now issued their report and the Borough Council have incorporated their recommendations into a revised Plan subject to formal Council approval.

Hatton is of course unaffected directly by the plan but there are wider implications mainly the exclusion of the Employment near the M6/M56 junction and the reduction in the amount of Greenbelt Land affected by housing development.

Might I suggest that we invite our Planning Consultant John Groves of Groves Town Planning to attend a future meeting to outline the main implications of the now much revised Local Plan. If agreed I will get a quote from him (probably about £75)
Proposed Cllr JW.

Secoded. Cllr ST

4. Enforcement Notices for Hatton Area

No information as yet.

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G23/337. Social – Cllr Power reported.

G23/338 Any Other Business

Cllr Wrigley requested authorisation to purchase additional Christmas tree lights at a cost of approximately £60, This was agreed.

Date and time of next meeting.

Tuesday 12th December at 7pm.

Meeting closed at.

8.21pm.

Signed as a true Record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Young', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Philip Young.

Chair.