

HATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th February 2024 at Hatton Park Village Hall

Present; Martin LeTocq, Tony Burrows, Veronica Chapman, Sue Hague, Brendon Asprey, Josh Moore

Jan Matecki WCC/WDC

Peter Phillips WDC

Katherine Skudra -Clerk

8 members of the public (in part)

Apologies were received and accepted from Maggie Langford.

Open forum; It was noted that concerns had been raised at the recent Public Consultation meeting relating to the Union View roadworks and remain an issue. Peter Philips and Jan Matecki were thanked for their pro-active interventions and quick response to issues raised by members of the public. It is generally felt that the management of the traffic flow is not ‘actively’ managed and the operative on the scene cannot always see what any issues are. The developer has responded to a suggestion that the lights come down each evening by saying that this would cause delays and add to the total length of the works. They state it could take 3 hours each day to pull down and set up. This seemed excessive to those present. Cllrs Phillips and Matecki continue to press for works to be stood down at weekends.

All were reminded that there is a Traffix telephone number to ring of there are issues 0800 819 9001 Option 1. The Clerk will post this number on the Council website.¹

It was also noted that on some other large development recently there have not been public consultation meetings so residents are asked to attend them when they are called if they have concerns.

One resident reported that work has been commenced on the pedestrian access alongside Ebrington Drive. Residents were only given 2 days notice before the work commenced and feel they should have been given more notice.

Declarations of pecuniary and other interests; – no new interests declared.

Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising, meetings attended;

From the action log;

1	Auditor	Being followed up by Clerk 2
2	Planning issues -file response	Filed
3	Hatton Park Playground	Agreement signed and on agenda
4	Contact contractors re Pathways	Reported to CiL meeting on agenda

5	Call for Precept	Request filed
ongoing	Bank account	Clerk

The Chairman reported that there has been discussion about all councillors having gov.uk email addresses and Parish Council Website to be hosted on a gov. domain. These proposals are at the early stage and the councillors agreed to look at it at some point in the future when so of the possible IT issues have been resolved.

The Chairman also attended a briefing on Parish Online which the Council subscribes to. It is a very useful tool, especially for planning issues. The Clerk will chase the level of subscription as councillors are currently only able to access the basic tools.³

There are changes to the WALC website and the Clerk will set each councillor up on the site.⁴

The clerk role appraisal through WALC has not taken place yet but will be followed up.

Planning; There have been no new applications since the last meeting.

Hatton Park Playground; Sue Hague reported that the Grant Agreement was now signed, the Council returned it to WDC on 23rd January and it was not returned to the Council until after working hours on 23rd February. 2 members of the working party will complete their assessment of the tenders within the next week and it is hoped the process will then proceed smoothly and quickly. Thanks were offered to Sue Hague and Michael Busby for their continued support on this project.

Cil Working Party; The Chairman gave an update on the current projects being considered;

- Pathway on Hatton Park; This had been suggested by a resident and there have been discussions with WDC but it has been decided to check the level of interest in the possible pathway before any further action is taken. There will be information and a map asking for responses in the next edition of the Hatton Parish Post.
- Restoration of the pathway from Church car park to Ferncumbie School- Both the Church and the school are in favour and can see the benefits of this. The landowner to allow work to be done. Contact is being made with possible contractors to discuss and get quotes for the work.
- Discussions are ongoing with the landowners concerning the bridle path out of the top of Hatton Park.
- The survey of Hatton Green residents regarding traffic calming measures appears in favour of VAR signs advising on the speed limits. In order for these to be installed Highway have to carry out a traffic survey and require a deposit of £500. The survey would have in scope repeater signs and road markings on A4177 approaching the Hatton Close crossing. It was agreed that this survey should be commissioned and paid for out of CiL Monies held.

Other suggestions made at the meeting included the general ‘dressing’ of areas after the Union View development is completed. The Chairman confirmed that this had been discussed in the past and monies would be held back for this.

The Chairman also reported that a recent request has come in for help with some play equipment for the school and this will be discussed at the next CiL Working Party meeting in March.⁴

Finance; The following payments were approved;

Hatton Post Printing £78; Hatton Post Distribution £85; Google email £13.80-; £268 for the new Cherry Tree on Hatton Par-(from Cil Monies)

The current balances; HPC £116,512: War Memorial £3018

The new bank accounts will be available from the start of the new financial year.

Hatton Park Residents Association; The new noticeboard is now in place and there is the opportunity for residents/ local groups to post their notices on one side of the board. The fruit trees in the community orchard are currently being pruned by residents. Some publicity was suggested for later in the year to encourage residents to ‘pick their own’ fruit.

Warwick District Council; Peter Phillips reported that WDC had recently voted a 3% increase in the Council Tax. He also noted that he had recently had a tour of the HS2 route and as a result of this shared the information that there is a surplus of saplings available for community groups.

Work on the South Warwickshire Local Plan continues with some stakeholder workshops although there will be a delay in the plan until after the election.

There will be another letter pock along the A46 in March. In October 15 tonnes of rubbish was collected.

Warwickshire County Council; Jan Matecki reported that the County Council had agreed a budget leading to a 4.9% increase in their element of the Council Tax

The cutback of overgrown hedgerow on Hatton Park has been started but it is noted many areas have not yet been cleared. Cllr Matecki will follow this up.

There is a consultation online regarding the local cycle and walking infrastructure plan.

WCC are also promoting a Maths course at community venues and online to build basic skills.

Correspondence;

- **WCC** – Warwickshire Matters
- **WDC / Helen Hancox** – many -Grant Funding Agreement
- **WDC** – updates / weekly lists / electoral roll details -do any of the councillors want a copy?

- **WALC** - Partish Online training
- **WCC** – Community Meeting
- **ICO** – receipt and certificate
- **Warwickshire Rights of Way** – Brendon Asprey will respond to this on behalf of the Council. Individuals can still respond in their own right
- **Danielle Coe** – Ferncumbe Outdoor Space Project
- **Resident** – response re Traffic Management in Hatton / post box
- **WDC** – Cherry Tree in Hatton Park invoice
- **Rural Services Network** - newsletter

Hatton Parish Post; the content for this was agreed

Date of next meeting; Monday 25th March 2024 Hatton Village Hall 8pm

The meeting concluded at 9.45

Action Log

1	Post on website	Clerk
2	Internal auditor	Clerk
3	Parish Online	Clerk
4	Logins for councillors on WALC website	Clerk
5	Cil Meeting	Chair
6	Response to rights of Way	BA
ongoing	Bank accounts	