

HATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th November 2023 at Hatton Park Village Hall.

Present; Martin LeTocq, Tony Burrows, Veronica Chapman, Sue Hague,

Jan Matechi WCC

Peter Phillips WDC

Katherine Skudra -Clerk

4 members of the public

Apologies were received and accepted from Brendon Asprey, Josh Moore and Maggie Langford

Open Forum; Serious concerns were expressed from those present relating to the application by Taylor Wimpey for a change in planning conditions to allow access to Union View for new residents using the construction vehicles' entrance whilst the new entrance is under construction. Residents present felt that this was not a minor amendment and would create some real safety issues. Cllr Matecki noted that the application would have to be heard at the Planning Committee of the Parish Council or at least 5 other objections were received. After discussion it was agreed that it would file an objection and someone from the Council would attend the planning meeting if the date was confirmed. The Chairman will draft an objection and share with Councillors for approval and submission. ¹

There was a general discussion about the disruption which would be caused by the 11 months of roadworks and some hope expressed that the traffic management company would manage the flow of traffic. There is a dedicated page on the County Council website which will be regularly updated.

Declaration of pecuniary and other interests; No changes recorded

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising; The minutes were approved as drawn and signed on each page by the Chairman

From the log;

1	Information to JM of locations of overgrown hedges/undergrowth	This has been sent to Jan Matecki and he will set up an onsite meeting with Geoff Morris (Highway maintenance) in the new year
2	Follow up Land registry search re Crimscote Square	JM confirmed from a previous Land registry Search that the land is still registered to A C Lloyd

3	Invite auditor to Budget setting	Clerk to approach WALC again for another suggestion ²
4	'Finance' agreement -seek legal advice through WALC	Request sent in and feedback received – amended draft to be sent back to WDC ³
5	Meetings with WCC/Highways/WDC	Chair and JM- meeting held and notes shared

Maintenance of Open Spaces; There has been no response from the Green Space Team concerning the Council's requests but it was noted that some local residents had tidied around the lower burial ground memorial. The Chairman will follow this up and copy Marianne Rolfe in as the Head of Service. ⁴

Hatton Park Playground – Legal advice was received as to the suggested amendments put forward by the Playground working party to the Finance Agreement and these will be sent back to Helen Hancox at WDC. Sue Hague and Michael Busby have undergone their procurement training but cannot view the bids received until the Finance agreement is in place. The Council are very disappointed there are continuing delays and will continue to push for matters to be dealt with promptly by the Council.

CiL Working Party; it was pleasing to see that the bench on Hatton Green is now installed and the 2 trees in Hatton will be planted very soon. Both these projects have been funded with CiL monies. Ongoing proposals will be discussed at the next Working Party meeting in December. Meeting with various parties on some of the proposals have taken place and others have been set up including;

- Cllrs attended a meeting with Jo Edwards from Highways re the suggestion of a crossing/re-designed refuge on the A4177 at Middle Lock Lane. The Cllrs were advised that there is not enough pedestrian traffic to warrant any changes and any changes would be out of budget scope. Suggestions regarding Slow Downs signs were discussed and the matter will be further considered at the Working Party
- Parking and the speed vehicles travel through Hatton Green are also being considered

Councillors asked that all the proposals mentioned by residents over the last couple of years also be considered. The Clerk will compile the full list ⁵

Finance; The Chairman had distributed an outline of this year's spend against precept and proposal for budget setting for 24/25. Councillors were asked to consider whether there is scope for an increase in grants. It was also noted that the Chairman has sent around to the Councillors information and advice shared by WALC that Parish Councils are not permitted in law to give a general grant to the Parochial Parish Council despite this being widely accepted practice amongst most Parish Councils and this Council has always done so. After discussion a vote was taken to continue with the practice (2 votes to agree and 2 abstain)

Whilst the budget is being set it was also agreed to ask WALC to carry out a job appraisal for the Clerk's role to ensure the salary is set at the correct level. This is a paid for service and the Clerk will make contact with WALC in January. 7

The Chairman agreed to look at the state of the goalposts

The budget and call for precept will be agreed at the January meeting. 6

The current balances are HPC £119245 and War Memorial account £3081

The following payments were approved

Clerk's salary £1744

Google invoice £13.80

Hatton Park Residents' Association; Veronica Chapman reported that their new notice board had been ordered

Warwick District Council; it was reported that the move from Riverside House has started and some services will now operate out of Leamington Town Hall. The redevelopment at Abbey Fields has now had the go ahead and it is believed there may be a delay in the start of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. It was also reported that the Council are looking at the housing provision in Starmer Place.

Warwickshire County Council; There is a current consultation underway regarding the Fire and Rescue Service.

Hatton Parish Post; the content was agreed upon and hopefully residents will receive this before the Christmas break.

Correspondence;

- **WDC and WCC** – newsletters and press releases
- **Healthwatch Warwickshire**
- **Police Commissioner** – community engagement on budget
- **Rural** services Network Bulletins
- **WDC** – amendments and changes to Electoral roll
- **WALC** – AGM / Legal advice / Town and Parish Councils
- **WDC** – weekly planning and planning application
- **Helen Hancox** – playground
- **WCC** – Highways Clare McMillan – re roadworks / letters to residents and community engagement meetings
- **Forestry** – re trees at Hatton

The Council also heard how successful the local WI stall was at Warwick Market in raising awareness amongst men about women's issues.

The next meeting will be 22nd January 2024 at Hatton Village Hall 8pm

Action Log;

1	Response to Union View planning application	Chair
2	Obtain list of Auditors from WALC	Clerk
3	WDC/ Finance Agreement	Playground working party
4	Follow up with WDC -Open Spaces	Chair
5	CiL monies suggestion	Clerk
6	Precept and budget	All -to set in January
7	Contact WALC re Clerk role appraisal	Clerk
Ongoing	Online banking set up	Clerk

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm