**Hatton Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Hatton Park Village Hall on 26th June 2023**

**Present**: Bredon Asprey, Maggie Langford, Tony Burrows, Josh Moore, Sue Hague

Jan Matecki (WCC)

Katherine Skudra (Clerk)

**Apologies** were accepted from Martin LeTocq, Veronica Chapman and Peter Phillips (WDC)

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by Josh Moore.

**Open Forum.** Councillors present reported that members of the public have spoken to them about the possibility of safer measures being made for those crossing the Birmingham Road from Hatton Close to Middle Lock Lane. It is noted that whilst there is a middle refuge this is not wide enough for a bike, push chair or mobility scooter. Many local residents use the crossing to access the canal towpath. It was noted that the Council have made previous requests for an improved crossing without success. Jan Matecki suggested that we do ask again for this to be considered and confirmed that a letter should be sent to Highways explaining the suggestion and safety reasons behind it. There does appear to be some precedent for a light controlled crossing on a 40mph road elsewhere in Warwickshire. 1

Residents had also commented to councillors on the No Mow May initiative. Concerns were expressed that the verges had grown very high and it was taking a long time for the cutting to catch up. At some road junctions and roundabouts this has obscured visibility. The Clerk had sent around a survey for all to complete as the District Council will be reviewing No Mow May for next year.

It was also noted that we have received a letter from a resident asking for their thanks to be passed to Maggie Langford for the decade of organising the Neighbourhood Coffee Mornings.

**Declarations of Pecuniary and other interests**; no new interests were declared

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

The Chairman had reported that; The bench ordered for Hatton Green had not arrived yet and the Clerk will chase this.2 He continues to correspond with WDC concerning the suggested path in Hatton Park and the County Council regarding more trees being planted in Hatton Green

From the log;

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Declarations of Interests and Election returns-filing | All retuned to WDC |
| 2 | Bank accounts – and audit paperwork | Appointment letter and paperwork to be prepared 5 |
| 3 | Pathway on Hatton Park and Hatton Green bench  | As reported  |
| 4 | Suggestions for co-option | No suggestions received as yet |

**Planning;** it was recorded that Neutral responses were filed for the application relating to the changes at the Shell Garage and relating to 11 and 15 Tredington Park. These applications had been noted on the Parish website and no comments were received.

In the meeting is was agreed that Neutral comments would be recorded for applications relating to Hatton Cottage and 39, Quinton Close, Hatton Park.

H28/Union View; it was noted that the roadworks relating to the construction of the new entrance will start on or after 7th August. The work order is for 6 months but it is believed they should only take 12 weeks. The construction management plan has not yet been made available.

**Hatton Park Playground;** Sue Hague reported that despite a number of reminders to Helen Hancox at WDC the working party only received the latest amended plan on Friday (23rd June) evening and it was noted there were a few changes which needed checking. WDC had asked for the Council agreement to be returned by 30th June so the matter could proceed. Hatton Parish Council having been pushing this project along all the time and delays have come from WDC and subject to checking these last changes will confirm the brief by the deadline.4

The Council were pleased to see that after some recent complaints from some residents the swings will be replaced rather than refurbished and WDC will take up the extra cost of this

The project will then go out to tender through the WDC procurement process and Sue Hague and Michael Busby from will receive appropriate training from WDC to be part of that process.

**CIL monies;** No new suggestions have been received to date. The WDC Monitoring Return for CIL monies was signed by the Vice Chairman.

**Finance;** none of the grant payments made in the May meeting have been banked yet

Hatton PC account; £120,541 (including £101,099 CIL monies)

War Memorial Account £3081

The following payments were approved

Hatton Post Distribution £85, Hatton Park Printing £79.55

The online banking accounts should be ready from use from next month and the Clerk will prepare the Appointment letter for the auditor.

**Hatton Park Residents’ Association;** An AGM will be held soon and details of this will be published.

**WDC;** Jan Matecki reported that the Council are focusing on the Climate /sustainability agenda as a priority

**WCC;** Jan Matecki reported that the SEN schooling and transport needs are being amended to make sure they are in alignment and that a new Transport Policy is currently being written which will promote Active Travel ahead of Public Transport and then consider road users. It is acknowledge that for that to work the various schemes need to joined up. Jan Matecki also noted that there are to be some ‘traffic flow’ changes in Warwick with extra lights at St Johns and a one way system.

Jan Matecki also reported that later in the year the cost of the IndieGo bus system will rise to £2.50 per journey. It was acknowledged that this was still excellent value.

**Correspondence ;**

* Residents – H28 issues
* WDC – 5 planning applications
* HH from WDC – Hatton Park Playground project
* Residents – small wildlife signs/No mow may/ planning application/graffiti/lighting
* WCC – road closures
* Resident – asking for thanks to be passed to Maggie re all the benefit of the coffee mornings
* Notes of thanks for grants – School, Youth Club, Hatton Brownies
* WDC – newsletters and updates
* WCC – County Matters
* Rural Bulletins

**Hatton Parish Post;** it was agreed that as there were limited updates there would not be an edition this month.

The **next meeting** will be Monday 24th July at Hatton Village Hall at 8pm

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

Action Log

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Write to Highways re proposed crossing | Clerk |
| 2 | Bench on Hatton Green | Clerk to chase |
| 3 | Pathway on Hatton Park | Chair |
| 4 | Hatton Park Playground | Working party to confirm  |
| 5 | Bank accounts and audit paperwork | Clerk |
|  |  |  |