

HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at URC Hall, Hatfield Heath at 19:30 on Wednesday 06 July 2022

Present:

Cllr M Bissell (MB) Chairman
Cllr P Brown (PB)
Cllr N Robley (NR)

Cllr N Champion (NC)
Cllr C Overton (CO)

Cllr M Lemon (ML) [at 20:50]
Cllr S Saban (SS)

In attendance: R Bowran – Parish Clerk 24 members of the public

Welcome by the Chairman

22/43	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Breavington and Cllr King
22/44	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members.
22/45	PLANNING APPLICATION UTT/22/1261/FUL – LAND WEST OF MILL LANE A presentation was made by Sam Brampton of Pelham Structures who are proposing a development on the POW Camp 116 on land to the west of Mill Lane. Members of the public spoke and presented their main objections to the proposal which majored on: • Road access and traffic congestion • Danger to pedestrians, wildlife and horse riders • Flood risks especially on Stortford Road • Pressure on local services, especial school and doctor's surgery • Unlikely to be a demand for holiday lets on site • Loss of the historic PoW Camp 116 Pelham Structures countered this by stating: • Mill Lane would be widened • Flooding would be averted by the use of a SuDS scheme • PoW Camp likely to deteriorate if permission not granted Hatfield Regis Local History Society regretted that they had not been consulted on this revised application. Pelham Structures agreed to facilitate a site visit so that at least a photographic record could be made.
22/46	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive and respond to questions from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Parish Council A member of the public commented on overgrown footway on Sheering Road. This had been reported to Essex Highways and an inspection is being carried out.

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	A member of the public reported open bonfire on the green. Important that all incidents of this nature are reported to the police.
22/47	MINUTES OF MEETING Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 01 June 2022 (M02) There were no matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda.
22/48	PLANNING COMMITTEE Noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 June 2022. (P03) Noted: The draft response of the Planning Committee to planning application UTT/22/1261/FUL, which will be sent to UDC on 07 July. All agreed.
22/49	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS To receive and note reports from County and District Councillors.
22/50	FINANCIAL REPORT Approval of Expenditure. Noted: The items of expenditure in June 2022 as approved by the Finance committee Bank Mandate Resolved: To add Cllrs Breavington and Champion to the mandate of authorised signatories for the council's current account with Unity Trust Bank.
22/51	CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE Noted: The Clerk's report and correspondence received.
22/52	KEY TASK MONITOR The Key Task Monitor will be updated with the comments from the forum meeting held on 11 June.
22/53	HIGHWAYS MATTERS To consider any matters relating to Highways • Pothole candidates for repair had been forwarded to County Cllr Barker. • Noted that some kerbstones in Broomfields had become displaced.
22/54	PARKING MANAGEMENT AND CAR PARKS To consider matters relating to parking management. • A CCTV camera had now been acquired to monitor traffic patterns and arrangements were made for its installation • Noted that there is still an abandoned Volvo in the car park. The car is untaxed and has no MoT certificate. ML to contact UDC about its removal.
22/55	ALLOTMENT REPORT To receive and note a report on the Allotments. • The recurring rabbit problem was raised. RB had reported that two visits a day were needed. Agreed that the parish would not fund such a programme.

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22/56	PLAYGROUND To consider any matters relating to the playground. • RoSPA annual inspection report had been received and was passed to SK for review and comment on work needed. • Noted the boundary fence had been vandalised. Suggestion that loop-top steel fencing could be installed. SK to effect interim repairs.
22/57	VILLAGE GREEN To consider any matters relating to the village green • To consider a request from Joshua Meakin to locate a funfair on the Green for two weeks in September. This was denied on the basis that the regular funfair operator has also asked for a date in September. CO to forward details of the request. • Christmas Tree. Quotes for the installation of a permanent Christmas tree were being sought by SS for installation in November. • Bollard outside school is displaced and had been reported to Essex Highways. • Tree issues on the green and overgrowth on Sawbridgeworth Road and Stortford Road, meeting sought with Bidwells. • Abandoned Black Audi noted, ML to contact UDC about removal. • Concerns about parking at Hunters Meet obstructing the footway. • Review needed of village green posts, many of which are broken or rotten.
22/58	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN There was no further report on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
22/59	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED To receive and note any additional reports from members • Eden Surgery, meeting with Peter Eldon, Practice Manager on 21 June. NR reported on concerns expressed by parishioners particularly on queuing and telephone communications. Practice manger responded with statistics on the increased burden on the surgery post Covid restrictions and outlined measures being taken to make improvements. NR to forward his meeting notes to the organisers of a separate meeting being arranged by members of the public. • Parishes Forum with CEO of UDC Peter Holt. Main topics being the deterioration in the handing of planning matters and the delays in the production of a new Local Plan, not now expected to be published until 2025.
22/60	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING No additional items for the agenda of the next meeting.
22/61	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS • The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on Weds 03 August 2022

Meeting ended at 21:45.