

HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at URC Hall, Hatfield Heath at 19:30 on Wednesday 05 April 2023

Present:

Cllr M Bissell (MB) - chair
Cllr N Champion (NC)
In attendance:

Cllr P Brown (PB)
Cllr M Lemon (ML)
R Bowran – Parish Clerk

Cllr R Breavington (RB)
Cllr S Saban (SS)
2 members of the public

Welcome by the Chairman

22/229	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received from Cllr King – work commitment
22/230	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members.
22/231	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 , newly resident, commented on the lack of current information about development of a piece of land at The Shaw. He was reassured that the parish council will be consulted on any planning applications. A member of the public gave an update on events happening over the next few months. Flower Festival 29 April, Warm Spaces every Monday and Friday in Village Hall, Wellbeing Day on 20 May, Quiz Night on 07 October and New Years Eve Party on 31 December.
22/232	MINUTES OF MEETING Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 01 March 2023 (M11)
22/233	PLANNING COMMITTEE Noted: The minutes of the Planning Cttee held on 27 March 2023 (P11). The two Mill Lane planning applications did not appear on the April agenda for the UDC planning committee. Next UDC meeting is in June. Will there be a case for non-determination and hence a hearing by HM Inspector.
22/234	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS District Cllr Lemon reported UDC Enforcement were dealing with cars driving across the Heath and parked near Little Eden. He will advise Lord of the Manor. County Cllr Barker reported about Local Highways Panel, that the decisions to cancel funding from ECC and UDC had been partially reversed. Next year there will be a “Super LHP” to determine priorities. Call for potholes, not on main roads, should be reported to SB for the Member lead pot hole scheme. Resurfacing of Chelmsford Road postponed because of wet weather. Recommended monitoring “One Network” to see what is planned. Ride London is going ahead on 28 May. CO called for a practical demonstration of the difficulties met by people on mobility scooters. SB agree to participate.

22/235	FINANCIAL REPORT 1.Approval of Expenditure. Noted: Items of expenditure in March 2023 approved by the Finance committee 2. Management Accounts. Noted: Management Accounts for the twelve months to 31 March 2023.
22/236	CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE <i>Received and Noted:</i> Clerk's report and correspondence received. • Elections on 04 May 2023, or parish there are 10 valid nominations so there will be a Poll. There are two nominations for District including ML. • Invitation from Hatfield Broad Oak PC to contribute £5k to employ a youth worker. This is not budgeted but Clerk to seek clarification. • Coronation celebrations. Clerk has ordered 350 mugs. Response not yet received from UDC as a response to our grant application. Beacon lighting discussed. Noted that some street parties are being planned. • Complaint by a parishioner regretting parish council is not promoting the wild life area. Clerk will respond with our actions.
22/237	KEY TASK MONITOR & PARISH FORUM To review and update the Key Task Monitor with actions from Forum meeting held on 18 March. A simplified report will be prepared. Next Forum will be coincident with the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 April.
22/238	HIGHWAYS MATTERS To consider matters relating to Highways. Report on meetings attended on 07 March and 28 March with Cllr Lee Scott, ECC Cabinet member for Highways. He has agreed to review VAR maintenance, look again at a pedestrian crossing near the school, and visit village with an engineer to familiarise himself with the issues. Consideration of a "savings scheme" to fund major projects in future years.
22/239	PARKING MANAGEMENT AND CAR PARKS To consider matters relating to parking management. • Installation of height barrier lock. SK has the project in hand. • NR has had a conversation with a resident of The Shaw who will provide us with a CCTV quote. • Complaint that church car park flooding had not been reported. Issue is intermittent, only occurs in heavy rain and usually soaks away.
22/240	ALLOTMENT REPORT To receive and note a report on the Allotments. • RB delivered allotment rents of £440 for banking. • Three people on waiting list but all 19 allotments are now occupied.
22/241	PLAYGROUND To consider any matters relating to the playground. • New entrance gate. Further equipment contact given to SK. • Annual RoSPA inspection due in May.
22/242	VILLAGE GREEN To consider any matters relating to the village green • Grass cutting contract has been extended with P May for a further year while the future maintenance and care regime are reviewed, NR and clerk to review scope of work, including posting, but leave wildlife area until, EECOS report received and debated. • Clerk to write to Kenney to clarify if he is going to carry out the pond clearance work that he agreed to.

	• Tree maintenance. We are advised that the Lord of the Manor will be visiting during April and a tree maintenance plan put in place. • Complaints about FPs 30 & 40 that need addressing. • Complaints about Suffolk Show notice appearing on the Heath. LoM has not given consent. PB to instruct B Newman to remove it. • Confirmation that Steve Caller, the new litter picker, has started. • Complaint that a pick-up truck is persistently parking on grass verge by Vets. PCSO has been asked to identify keeper and make an approach. • Weed growth in car park noted, P May will be asked to spray them off.
22/243	VILLAGE AMENITIES To consider matters related to other village amenities • Defibrillator has been obtained and Clerk will contact the COOP to arrange for replacement of the current unit which is not accessible. • RB noted that the new Trust Deed regulating the Village Hall was now in place. This removes any legal interaction with the parish council.
22/244	WILDLIFE AREA To discuss the future of the wildlife area. Contact made with EECOS consultants who reported in 2009. Quote received for £1,275 to visit and advise on future upkeep and maintenance. Resolved: To accept the quote and ask them to proceed. <i>[prop Cllr Robley; secd Cllr Saban; all in favour]</i>
22/245	FESTIVAL To note that the Hatfield Heath Festival date has been set as 25 June 2023.
22/246	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Hilary Allen reported 32 people now on her contact list. No specific issues have been raised.
22/247	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Progress on the pathway to producing the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. Claim in progress to UDC for expenditure incurred on leaflet publication. Initial analysis of responses to questionnaire seeking priorities for village. Report by NR on initial meeting held on 31 March. Will be discussed at APM. Next meeting on 21 April for Steering Group.
22/248	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED To receive and note any additional reports from members • ML attended a meeting re: Parliamentary Constituency boundary changes which will put Hatfield Heath into the Harlow Constituency. • ML noted that work on the Local Plan will be halted until after the local elections. The Garden Village site is back on the agenda.
22/249	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There were no additional items for the agenda of the next meeting.
22/250	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be at 19:30 on Wednesday 10 May 2023

Meeting ended at 21:15