

HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 19:30 on Wednesday 01 December 2021 in the URC Hall

Present:

Cllr M Bissell (MB)
Cllr P Brown (PB)
Cllr R Breavington (RB)

Cllr N Champion (NC)
Cllr M Lemon (ML)
Cllr S King (SK)

Cllr S Saban (SS)
Cllr N Robley (NR)

In attendance:

1 member of the public

R Bowran – Parish Clerk

Welcome by the Chairman

3093	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received and accepted from Cllr Overton – unwell.
3094	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members
3095	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no questions from members of the public.
3096	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Dist. Cllr Lemon advised that the Leader of UDC, Cllr Lodge, had resigned. The Local Plan Working Group was now concentrating on business and the local economy. Cty Cllr Barker reported <i>in absentia</i> that she had been further contacted about flooding issues on Stortford Road and that Essex CC has been nominated as “social care employer of the year”
3097	MINUTES OF MEETING Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 03 November 2021. [<i>prop Cllr Bussell; secd Cllr Saban</i>]
3098	MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Cttee held on 22 November 2021.
3099	REPORT FROM OPEN MEETING Received: The report on the Open Meeting which was held on Saturday 13 November 2021. Action items placed on KTM.
3100	FINANCE MATTERS 1. Received and noted: The budget report to 25 November 2021 2. Received and noted: Items of expenditure in November 2021 as approved by the Finance Committee
3101	CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE Received and noted: Clerk’s report and correspondence. Thanks received from Hatfield Regis LHS; HHURC; Cricket Club; Holy Trinity church; Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and HHPCC for grants received.

3102	KEY TASK MONITOR The Key Task Monitor as updated was reviewed.
3103	UDC CALL FOR SITES NR reported on the completion and submission to UDC of the technical verification of the nine sites local to Hatfield Heath and the one large site which has been worked on by USAG (Unsustainable Sites Action Group). NR reported on the stresses in the working relationship in USAG between HBOPC as compared with the three other parishes. USAG is not currently recognised by UDC and so all four parishes are making individual submissions. Clerk to write to UDC to clarify the position of HHPC, LHPC and GHPC. Next step is preparing for Article 19 consultation due in March 2022.
3104	HIGHWAYS MATTERS To consider any matters relating to Highways, which should now include on the “wish list” the inclusion of a pedestrian crossing to increase the safety of children. To consider matters relating to speeding in the village, Little Hallingbury PC have expressed an interest in working with us on this issue.
3105	VILLAGE GREEN To establish ownership and an action plan for the care and maintenance of the village green and certain trees thereon. This remains an outstanding issue. Chairman (MB) was thanked for providing the Christmas Tree. ML has populated the planters. Litter bins are not being cleared, Clerk to obtain a bin emptying schedule from UDC.
3106	PARKING MANAGEMENT AND CAR PARKS To consider any matters relating to village car parks. Spaces have been reduced by temporary structures which have been reported to UDC planning enforcement. Essex parking partnership to be contacted.
3107	ALLOTMENT REPORT Activity is seasonally quiet, the rat infestation appears to be under control, one plot has recently changed hands.
3108	PLAYGROUND Thanks were given to SK for the work that has now been completed.
3109	JUBILEE FESTIVAL MB outlined a provisional four-day plan in June; Thursday 02: School children dressing up and parading in costume for the decades of the reign, evening beacon lighting; Friday 03 possible village photo shoot; Saturday 04. Jazz evening and art exhibition; Sunday 05 usual festival activities. Presence of the Fair during the week-end. To consider the provision of a souvenir of the occasion, such as a mug or a medal, to be presented to the children on the roll of the school. Agreed in principle, proposition to be brought to council.
3110	LOCAL PLAN To consider any matters relating to the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Application for a designated area made to UDC, RCCE offered a briefing meeting by Zoom in January, Clerk to arrange.

3111	VILLAGE HALL TRUST To consider a request from the Executive Management Committee on behalf of the Trustees of the Village Hall for the parish council, as Custodian Trustee. Resolved: To consent to the change of the legal status of the Trust from being an unincorporated body to being a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) <i>[prop Cllr Robley: secd Cllr Lemon]</i>
3112	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED Adverts had now been places to attract interest in establishing a Special Constable for the village.
3113	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. • Signs at Reynolds in Pond Lane.
3114	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 05 January 2022. The next meeting of the Planning Committee is on Monday 20 December 2021. Chairman ended the meeting by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Meeting ended at 20:50