

HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 19:30 on Wednesday 02 March 2022 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 C Overton (CO)

Cllr S Saban (SS)

Cllr N Robley (NR)

In attendance:

1 member of the public

Welcome by the Chairman

3137	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received and accepted from Cllr King : work commitment.
3138	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members
3139	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 complained that the Implementation of Article 4 relating to the POW Camp 116 was not on the council agenda. Dist Cllr Lemon reported that a CEO of UDC had said preliminary investigations would cost £2,000. ML said that any planning application in excess of 10 dwellings would now be considered by the Planning Inspector. Clerk to call an extra meeting of the council to propose payment of up to £2,000 be authorised to fund the coats of the Implementation. A member of the public complained about brambles along the Sawbridgeworth Road and incursion of vegetation on the slip road opposite Tudor Lodge and erosion of the verges. Contact Highway Rangers to get undergrowth cleared.
3140	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS To receive and note reports from County and District Councillors. District Councillor Lemon. • Had met with the CEO and Leader of UDC to discussion the Article 4 situation mentioned in public participation. • New planning committee working group to look at special measures called for by the Planning Directive. • Attended council meetings concentrating on the council's financial situation. • Suggestion of reverting back to a committee system. Cabinet system will remain. • Youth council membership has dropped to 4 members. • Grants applied for include facilities for schools and up to £900 for Jubilee celebration mugs plus funding for setting up celebrations. • Planning enforcement actions are non-existent. Currently 248 issues on officer's desk!
3141	MINUTES OF MEETING Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 02 February 2021 There were no matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda.
3142	MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE Received and noted: The draft minutes of the Planning Cttee held on 21 February 2022 Noted: The UDC Designation Notice re: Planning Powers

3143	REPORT FROM OPEN MEETING Received: A report on the Open Meeting which was held on Saturday 12 February 2022. Action items: Need to have warning notices to warn of roaming deer. Drain cover in car park has been replaced. Police doing speeding checks. Complaint about not receiving village magazine – due to his occupation of an unauthorised chalet at the rear of The Firs. Pothole on Pond Lane to be reported. “A” board issue is covered by a council policy, Clerk to be consulted.
3144	FINANCE MATTERS 1.Noted: Budget report to 24 February 2022 2.Noted: Items of expenditure in February 2022 as approved by the Finance Committee
3145	CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE Received and noted: Clerk’s report and correspondence. Agreed to hold a meeting of the Personnel committee by Zoom to discuss establishment.
3146	UDC CALL FOR SITES To discuss the activities of the parish council, including a report of the activities of the Three Parishes Local Planning Group (TPLPG) Parish Council is responding to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan used by UDC. Document will be put on council website,
3147	HIGHWAYS MATTERS To consider any matters relating to Highways. • NR had met with Cllr Barker to talk specifically about flooding. Silting issue will be sorted. Any scheme will be in 2023/24. Essex CC appear active not proactive. • UDC have not yet passed on £200k to the Highways Panel that they have received to fund local schemes. • LoM has cleared ditches on the Dunmow Road. Existing pond remains, but there is a congested highways road drain. • Request for a pedestrian crossing from church to school had been turned down due to insufficient lighting and lack of a footpath. Further that footfall was deemed to insufficient and limited to school times. Various routes were discussed, the proposed roundabout at Pond Land might mitigate the problem. Possibly introduce a “Lollypop Lady” Invitation from Cllr Barker to attend a meeting with Cllr Scott, Essex CC cabinet member for highways at Takeley or Dunmow on 07 or 13 April. Clerk to advise names of two attendees.
3148	VILLAGE GREEN To establish ownership and an action plan for the care and maintenance of certain trees on and around the village green. Cork still to arrange a meeting with LoM, his agent and Ben Smeeden of UDC. • Fallen tree on playpark, get quote to clear. • Footpath near Greenways flooding. • WasteAware Uttlesford to be notified about fly tipped container of some substance. • Dog Bins are still not been cleared. ML to action. • Fallen road sign to be reported to Highways. MB to report. • Some posts around the Green damaged. NL to talk to P May about repair. •
3149	PARKING MANAGEMENT AND CAR PARKS To consider any matters relating to village car parks, including: • Abandoned van in village car park will be cleared by UDC shortly. • Clerk to find solution to restrict parking in the village car park. • Nursery have restricted parking, contrary to their planning consent. ML to pursue.
3150	ALLOTMENT REPORT To receive and note a report on the Allotments. • Some vandalism, Clerk had spoken with SK, but remedial work has not been carried out. Need a new gate and fence post for security.

	• Trampoline has drifted onto allotments. Notice given to remove it or PB will arrange removal. • Four additional applicants on the waiting list.
3151	PLAYGROUND To consider any matters relating to maintenance and risk management of the playground. • A fence upright is damaged and needs fixing SK to be asked to attend to it.
3152	JUBILEE FESTIVAL To consider arrangements to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. • Jubilee committee meeting shortly to continue with arrangements. • Souvenir mug marking the occasion has been selected and quoted. 350 to be ordered.
3153	FAMILY FUN FAIR Agreed: To approve a request from John Carey to hold a "Children's World Fun Park (a small children's event)" on the Heath on 10-11 September 2022.
3154	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN To determine the next steps in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Civil parish of Hatfield Heath. Clerk to arrange invitation for UDC mentor to address the council. Important to appeal to a broad cross-section of parishioners to participate,
3155	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED There were no additional reports from members.
3156	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. • Key Task Monitor • Recruitment of Special Constable
3157	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next scheduled meeting of the council is on Wednesday 06 April 2022. The next meeting of the Planning committee is on Monday 28 March 2022.

Meeting ended at 21:35