

HATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held on 23rd November via the Zoom platform

Present;

Martin Le Tocq, Sue Hague, Michael Busby, Tony Burrows, Veronica Chapman, Maggie Langford, Caroline Wilkie
Katherine Skudra (Clerk)
Les Caborn (WCC)
Jan Matecki (WDC)
1 member of the public

No apologies were received.

Open Forum

Concerns about dangerous parking in Hatton Green were raised by one of the Councillors. It has been noticed that the parking outside the school is increasing again and this leads to the obstruction of the pavement and makes it difficult to navigate in and out from the Birmingham Road, especially for larger vehicles.

It is noted that when the school staff car park was redone recently the school has included space for 14 vehicles but following objections from neighbours and the need for safety of pupils as they walked to Forest School this was reduced to 10. It is also noted that this issue has been looked at by the Safer Routes to School group who made no recommendations. It was suggested that the road markings between the School and the Birmingham Road which restrict parking in that area have added to the problem and further into Hatton Green. Parked vehicles at the Dark Lane junction are also causing an obstruction and a danger for pedestrians and vehicles. As was mentioned at the last meeting the overgrown hedge at this junction makes visibility difficult for those navigating it. The Clerk will write again to the site manager about the hedge and the vehicles. A resident has also written directly to the County Council who are also looking at this. ¹

Declarations of Interests

No new interest recorded and the resignation of Caroline Wilkie from the end of January 2021 was noted.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were approved as drawn and will be signed by the Chair. It was noted that a resident had contacted the Clerk asking why their issue had not been raised. The Council felt that it had been noted in the minutes and an action followed up.

From the log;

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| 1 | SppeedWatch trial | The Chairman contacted the resident who did not want to engage in a Community Speedwatch as he felt it was not safe |
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| | | on the main road and had concerns about the reactions of drivers |
| 2 | Goalposts -order (consider stronger ones) | The Goalposts have been ordered and will be erected by Councillors soon. Clerk to look into cost of a 'sticker' saying donated by Hatton Parish Council |
| 3 | Care Home – meet developers? Invite Budbrooke | Meeting date now set in conjunction with Budbrooke Council ² |
| 4 | Licencing Application -file response | The Council filed a response objecting but did not attend the hearing. It is noted that the application was refused by WDC |
| 5 | Play Area on HP | On the agenda |
| ongoing | VAR Explore bank accounts | Clerk liaising with WCC and Les Caborn Continuing to get advice |

Michael Busby attended the recent WALC training on responding to planning applications and will share the presentation with the councillors.

Planning;

33 Charingworth Drive- the Council have no objection to this and will file a neutral response. It is also noted that the application to vary the condition re the accessway from H28 development was refused.

It was reported that there is a development at a property on Quinton Close for which there has been no application. The Clerk is following this up with the planning department at WDC.

It was noted that the Canalside Development Paper was available for consultation. It is felt that the proposals are much as those when the conservation area was designated.

Play Area on Hatton Park

The Clerk continues to look into the logistics and costs of this. Suggestions were given as to other councils to talk to about this regarding grants etc. The current area is owned and maintained by Warwick District Council and Jan Matecki suggested approaching Leader of Community Projects at WDC, Andrew Day and the Chief Executive, Chris Elliott. The Clerk will follow this up Sue Hague has offered to help with the necessary research and gathering of information.³

Finance

The Chairman presented the November financial breakdown (an appendix to the minutes). After discussion it was agreed to use this year's expected underspend as a grant to Hatton Joint Organisation(HJO) whose income had been severely reduced this year due to the Covid restrictions. There will be no major increase in the grants next year and taking into account additional expenditure including the Zoom platform for meetings and the ongoing commitment to the goalposts we will ask for a precept of £14080.⁴ This will preserve our reserves as at the beginning of this year.

The Clerk's salary will rise by 2.5% (the Clerk withdrew for this part of the meeting)

Current balances; HPC £20793 and WM £3081

The following payments were approved.

- Clerk's Salary £1653.
- Royal British Legion £50,
- Clerk's expenses (ZOOM 6 months) £71.95
- Information Commissioner £40
- Goalposts £246.90

Warwick District Council

Jan Matecki reported that the District Council are currently consulting on the Housing Allocation Policy.

The Council are also looking at a new waste collection scheme in partnership with Stratford District Council.

Hatton Park Residents' Association

The Chairman was thanked for cleaning up the memorial plaques are now much improved.

Warwickshire County Council

Les Caborn reported that at the moment Warwick has a high rate of Covid infections but there is still capacity for elective care in the hospitals and monies have been promised for the lateral flow test kits. When asked Les Caborn said he believed the NHS via GPs who be the first teams asked to roll out any vaccine.

A Health and Wellbeing Board consultation will shortly be opened and the Clerk will share the details.

Correspondence;

- WDC notification of H28 refusal
- WDC- licensing application- acknowledgment of response, invitation to speak and notice of outcome
- John Bell – re Care home meeting
- WDC- weekly planning lists, application 33 Charingworth, Vicarage Cottage decision, Lockdown plans
- Rural Bulletins
- WALC – updates from WCC, AGM, training
- Les Caborn – WCC updates
- Planning Policy – Canalside Development consultation
- Councillors -CIL information re development in Hatton Green
- WDC – calls for venues for NHS use for vaccinations/ testing
- Residents – speeding on A4177 and B4439
- WDC – Christmas refuse collections

It was agreed there would be a distribution of Hatton Past before Christmas and the agreed contributions should be with Sue Hague by 29th November.

The next meeting is 25th January 2021 at 8pm via Zoom

Action log

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| 1 | Letters to residents re parking and hedgerow | Clerk |
| 2 | Care Home meeting | MLT, VC, Clerk |
| 3 | Play area – gathering information/advice | Clerk, SH |
| 4 | Call for the precept | Clerk |
| ongoing | VAR Online banking | |

The meeting concluded at 9.32pm