

HATFIELD & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the one hundredth and thirty-eighth meeting of the Hatfield & District group Parish Council held on 15th January 2020 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7pm

Present:	Chairman	CJ Price
	MW Thomas	AM Lewis
	CS Hadley	RM Hanson

In attendance SD Hanson (Clerk) 4 members of public

1. **Apologies** received from Tim Brooke (Holiday) John Harrington Ward Member

2. **Declaration of interest** and written applications for dispensations. None Received.

3. To Approve the minutes

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2019 (previously circulated) The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

4. Open Session

To receive a brief verbal report from

4.1 Ward Councillor John Harrington: In his absence the Clerk was asked if she could get a report from JH to detail current proceedings at Herefordshire Council

4.2 **To Note** To receive views of Local residents on Parish Matters (10 minutes) included in Highways (7.3)

4.3 Pudleston Village Hall Report

4.3.1 The "bookshop" is situated inside the porch where a variety of Cd's DVD's and books are available to borrow. When finished with parishioners could return items and donations could be left on the porch floor. This is a free service and the porch is open 24/7.

4.3.2 Gigaclear had said they would donate internet access to PVH free of charge.

5. Finance

5.1 Treasurers Account Balance Reconciliation to Bank Statement to be checked & signed by Clare Hadley £17,905.69.

5.2 Cheques to be passed for payment £20.00 Pudleston Village Hall Hire (510) £*** Clerk's wage (511) £0 PAYE £33.45 PC Expenses (512) HALC Training Leading Lights £48.00 (513) C Hadley HALC Training Course Planning expenses & parking £17.60 (514)

6. Planning

6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council

Electricity Prior Approval 194433 Stone House **Docklow** Proposed upgrading of 4 span of existing 11kv overhead line to 3 Phase (3 wires) Western Power Distribution (W. Midlands)

No Objections

192317 Docklow Pools, **Docklow** Nr Leominster HR6 ORU Description of a single dwelling and garage for occupation by site manager. Outline to Committee 15/01/20. JH who had been present at the Committee meeting informed the Clerk that this application had been passed. (Unanimously Approved)

6.2 To Note planning Applications Approved/Refuse by Herefordshire Council
None received.

7. Highways

7.1 Verge Cutting: Balfour Beatty had written to all the PC's asking, in the interest of biodiversity, if they would like the verges cut in their area once instead of twice per year.

Signed Chairman.....Dated 18/03/2020

Members voted to keep it at twice per year. **Resolved**

7.2 The Clerk had circulated the full Balfour Beatty's Parish briefing held in December and read out a few Q & A from the briefing.

7.3 A member of Public asked what had happened to the white "Give Way" lines outside Pudleston Church and Court Farm, and also at the end of Golderfield.

7.3.1 It was also asked if these roads were unadopted, as the Council were not repairing and maintaining them.

7.4 All members of public present said that no road repairs had been carried out at east Pudleston. They felt it was unacceptable.

7.5 Signs were broken in Pudleston, CP said he would look into it.

The Clerk said she would report the problems to the Locality Steward and to JH and also enquire if the roads mentioned were adopted. She said she would also report the potholes on the Fairmile (C1059)

7.6 AL was thanked for making salt bins, he had delivered them to CP who was to liaise with a member of public(Pudleston) regarding the best place to site them.

7.7 Sand bags the Clerk said to her knowledge Balfour Beatty did not give out sandbags any more. The Clerk was asked to verify this and to find out how the PC could acquire some.

8. Smart Water

Information (pre-circulated) was read out regarding the PC buying Smartwater kits for householders in the group area. After much discussion about the drawbacks/benefits. It was **Resolved** not to take up the offer

9. To note information sheet

9.1 CH had attended two Training Courses (Leading Lights along with the Clerk & Planning) She said she found them very informative. As they were short courses, she'd had a brief precis on planning. There were several HALC courses available. The Clerk said she would also like to attend more as the HALC courses kept both Clerks and Councillors, updated on legal aspects, current legislation and policy.

9.2 The Rural Services Network

9.3 Public Health & Executive Committee

9.4 The Great Collaboration (Climate Change) 6th February CH & Clerk to attend

9.5 Public Health Sector News & Analysis

9.6 Drop in Session at Leominster Library (website) for people affected by flooding

9.7 Natural Flood management letter Herefordshire Council

9.8 Herefordshire CPRE housing issues (pre circulated)

9.9 Auschwitz – Birkenau Exhibition 24 -27 January All Saints Church. The members felt it important that one of the Councillors attend.

9.10 Reply from Defra regarding Ragwort. CH said she would send clerk info from BHS and the clerk said she would recontact highway department.

10 To consider matters as Agenda items for next meeting

10.1 Risk Assessment

10.2 Asset Register (update)

11. Date of next meeting

It was proposed to hold the next meeting on 11th March 2020 at PVH at 7.00 pm. (alternative date 18th March 2020.) The clerk was asked to check with the Ward Member that he was available on this date, as several highway queries had been raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.01 pm.

Signed Chairman.....Dated 18/03/2020