

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundredth and forty third Ordinary Meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council held remotely on 21st October 2020 at 7.00pm.

Under the Coronavirus Act 2020 which came into force on 4th April 2020 the regulations enable all local authorities to meet remotely. *HM Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government Chief Executive*

Present:	CJ Price	Chairman
	MW Thomas	Clare Hadley
	RM Hanson	TJ Brooke

Also attending: SD Hanson (Clerk) John Harrington (Ward member) 1 member of public

1. Apologies Adam Lewis (picking up daughter from uni)
2. Declaration of interest and written applications for applications for dispensations. None received
3. It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2020 and minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 30 September 2020 (previously circulated) The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman
4. Open Sessions To receive a brief verbal report from:
 - 4.1 Ward Councillor John Harrington
 - 4.1.1 Covid 19 Cases in Herefordshire. As at 4.10.2020 there were 1,138 Covid cases. There had been 78 more this week. Although Herefordshire was a low risk area. The rate of increase was high, especially in schools and care homes. The total death toll in the area is 131. The advice was still to keep washing hands, wear a mask and socially distance.
 - 4.1.2 BBLP had been under review recently, the last review being 2013. The 2 Auditors said the contracts and Company were all ok. However, Herefordshire Council were not doing the best possible job. In future Herefordshire Council would ask for more tenders and break contracts up.
 - 4.1.3 The phosphate situation was close to resolution. The Environmental Agency, Natural England and Powys Council and Natural resources Wales were in talks to reduce the phosphate problems in the Rivers Wye and Lugg.
 - 4.1.4 Herefordshire council had been asked by Government to save money and reduce £16m from their budget.
 - 4.1.5 Pudleston Church road (U94205) it was hoped repairs would be carried out before Christmas or in springtime. It was asked if the white stop lines could be repainted
 - 4.2 To Note: To receive views of Local residents on Parish Matters (10 minutes) None
 - 4.3 Pudleston Village Hall. None
5. Finance (MW Thomas joined meeting)
 - 5.1 The members agreed to setup a finance working group. To include members CJ Price; AM Lewis; CS Hadley MW Thomas and the RFO/Clerk SD Hanson. **Resolved**
 - 5.2 Treasurers Account Balance Reconciliation to be checked and signed by non-signatory. To include Precept Received £20,343.31
 - 5.3 Bi annual Precept received £3,000

Signed Chairman..... Dated.....

- 5.4 Clerks wage NALC Salary awarded E01-20 2020-21 6 hours per week Resolved
- 5.5 Cheques to be passed for payment £143.88 inc VAT Zoom payment (531) Clerk reimbursement. The clerk had applied for a Grant of £71.94 (6 months) towards cost
- 5.6 Budget for 2021/22 To be discussed by finance group
- 5.7 Due to Coronavirus Pandemic; the dates of the period for the exercise of Public Rights had commenced on 1st September 2020. Confirmation had been placed on website and Notice boards

6. Planning

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

203337 - Fairview Caravan Park, Hatfield, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 OSD DESCRIPTION: Proposed works to large sycamore double stemmed from the base, high potential to split out in winds or as time goes forward. Signs of disease and being right next to caravans/property would highly recommend taking out. **No objections**

203270 - Burnt Mill, Docklow, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 OSN DESCRIPTION: Proposed muck store to maintain separation of storm water from manure and storage of agricultural implements and machinery **No objections**

203323 - Land at Old Hall, Hatfield, Herefordshire, HR6 OSF DESCRIPTION: Reserved matters following outline 200324 - Site for proposed cottage style dwelling and detached garage. **The Parish Council fully support this application and have no objections**

6.2 To Note Planning Applications Approval;/Refusal from Herefordshire Council

P201591/J - Works to trees covered by TPO , Coach House, Hatfield **CONSENT GRANTED**

P200324/O - Outline Land at Old Hall Hatfield Herefordshire, Site for proposed cottage style dwelling and detached garage **Approved with conditions**

P201585/XA2 P201585/XA2 Pudleston Court Pudleston Leominster Herefordshire HR6 ORA, Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 5 & 9 attached to listed building consent 171220. **Approved with conditions**

P200574/F Buckland Farm Docklow Leominster Herefordshire HR6 ORU, Proposed erection of an extension to existing general purpose agricultural building. **Approved with conditions**

202144 - Pudleston Court Farm, Pudleston, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 ORA Proposed steel portal framed building to cover an existing cattle yard. **Approved with conditions**

7. Highways

7.1 Highway problem re water seepage on road opposite Whyle House. Clerk reported 26.08.2020 Locality Steward inspected, logged for further inspection for assessment. The Chairman had met with the Locality Steward and a site meeting had ensued the leak had been repaired.

MT reported another leak had occurred in the vicinity. JH said he would look into it

7.2 Flooding on road by Rosedale lakes JH would investigate.

TJ Brooke joined meeting

7.3 A.44 road resurfacing. Several members commented on the debacle of the recent road

closure of the A.44 for resurfacing work. Several businesses lost access to their property and were unable to function efficiently. The traffic including lorries had ignored the road closed signs and continued on the road until they could go no further ending up in narrow country lanes, causing havoc. The clerk had contacted the Locality Steward. JH said to contact him in future, all members agreed they would. The head of BBLP had been taken to task and it was recommended that in future a convoy system be put in place, to enable traffic to still use the road.

8. To Note Information Sheet

8.1 Police crime and Commissioners

8.2 Docklow PCC thanked PC for their reply. However, they had informed PC that an act of Parliament states the Local Authorities undertake maintenance of closed burial grounds. (Local Government Act 1972)

8.3 Hereford Transport Strategy Review – Finally complete, would go to Scrutiny shortly followed by Cabinet before Christmas

8.4 Car Parking Review Parking charges can't be lowered but a reduced cost may be applied on car parks on the outskirts. MT suggested free parking in all car parks before Christmas to keep struggling businesses afloat in towns

8.5 Herefordshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020- Call for Sites. Parishioners were being asked to suggest sites for housing in the group area.

8.6 Courier Fraud Be Aware of Fraud Especially from people pertaining to be banks and asking for Credit Cards and pin numbers.

In these current times Scams and Fraud were high, Parishioners were warned to be extra vigilant

8.7 Wish Have you seen the fantastic new WISH website? Launched at the end of July, it not only has a fresh new look, but also incorporates a great range of new features and benefits, which will enable residents to continue finding the health and wellbeing information and support they need.

8.8 Arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints against Councillors Under Review

8.9 Additional items on attached sheet

9. To consider matters as Agenda items for next meeting (No discussion)

10. Date and venue next meeting 25th November 2020 7pm virtual Meeting