

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundred and eighty fourth Ordinary meeting of Hatfield & District Group Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman Clare Hadley
Robert Hanson Adam Lewis
Mary Morris Mike Bufton
Ryan Price

Also attending SD Hanson (Clerk) HCWM Bruce Baker

1. Receive Apologies for Absence All present
2. Declaration of interest and written applications for dispensations. None were declared
3. It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the APC and APCM meeting held on 8th May 2024. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4 Open Sessions To receive a brief verbal report from:
 - 4.1 *Ward Councillor Bruce Baker*
 1. Surface dressing of U & C class roads was due to commence in August.
 2. The Government hopes to bring in free school meals to all primary school children.
 3. HC's Chief Finance Officer & 151 officer Andrew Lovegrove is retiring.
 4. The next Parish Summit would be held in October 2024. The last one had been very successful.
 5. The Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation was underway,
 6. Covid 19 was rife again.
 7. A strategy was underway regarding Unpaid Carers; these were often children. Plans were in place to attempt to identify them and perhaps give them respite.
 8. The Government was looking for devolution in the counties.
 9. A resident had spoken to BB about the NDP after the recent Planning Committee meeting.
 - 4.2 To Note views of **Local residents** on Parish Matters (10 minutes) To include PVH update (No members of public present)
5. Finance
 - 5.1. Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £15,654.47
 - 5.2 Cheques passed for payment Pudleston Village Hall Hire £15.00 (637) SD Hanson Clerk Wages £**** (638) SD Hanson PC Expenses £46.17 (639)
 - 5.3 Financial Regulation 2024 (updated) Considered and approved the members **Resolved** to adopt the Model Financial Regulations (NALC) 2024
 - 5.4 Notification on Exempt Status for the year ended 31/03/24 Received SBA External Auditors
 - 5.5 Bank Mandate update. All members agreed to adding MM & RP as signatories and updating the Bank Mandate **Resolved**
6. Planning
 - 6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications for **determination by** Herefordshire Council
241102 Proposed rear extension to the ground floor to form a first-floor extensions above the existing double garage. Firtree Cottage, **Pudleston** **No Objections**

Signed.....Chairman Dated 11 September 2024

6.2 To Note: Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council
214539/F Proposed residential development of 5 houses with associated access land adjacent to C1059 Hatfield (forwarded to Planning Committee Meeting on 17th July)

The above planning application had gone to committee and had been approved. Virtually all the Parishioners of Hatfield had commented with valid reasons against the planning application on the web portal. A report of the meeting was given by the Chairman, BB and MB. It was felt the lack of NDP and change of Government had contributed amongst several other factors to its success. A debate followed with MB asking several pertinent questions. Delegated Decision Report attached.

240314 Double Garage at 3 Meadow Bank **Hatfield** **Granted**

241102 Proposed rear extension to the ground floor to form a first-floor extensions above the existing double garage. Firtree Cottage, **Pudleston** **Approved with Conditions**

7. Highways

7.1 A report from MM & RP re walkabout with Locality Steward in Pudleston

The following report was given by Mm:

1. The end of Whyte lane by the Nunnery and the road from there to Hamnish had been completely stripped and re-tarmacked, even white lines had been added. Fantastic work and it's hoped it will last for many years.
2. Road by PVH that floods, the Locality Steward is due to meet Mark Watkins (Drainage Technician) They are hoping to redirect the water into the ditch on the other side of a hedge.
3. Whyte Lane from Chapel Cottage to the junction of Bell Lane. This stretch of road is full of potholes. They have been filled but the road condition is poor. Although this stretch of road is reported annually no date has been set for repairs.
The culvert outside Ben Edar will be jetted.
4. Bell Lane. As there are only 3 properties on the lane and it has very little traffic, the chances of repairs are very slim. Only further deterioration to the point of the road becoming undriveable will raise it to the level to have work done.
5. Pudleston Church to the finger post this bit of road has been on the "list" for years. It is still on the list but not for this year.
6. Stretch of road our side of Batches Bank Mark Watkins (DE) is aware of the problem and is hopefully coming up with a plan.

Colin will formally inspect the road in June/July

Essentially everything is on a list, gets reported every year but our roads are low priority (especially Bell Lane) the likelihood of getting anything done anytime soon is remote. Only political pressure via our Ward Member, or the roads becoming undriveable (literally) or the new money being awarded for U roads in our area will result in action.

The Clerk had emailed the Locality Steward and thanked him for his time and assessment of the Pudleston roads

The clerk was asked to contact the Locality Steward regarding an embankment of Bell Lane, it was overgrown so badly that a service lorry had refused to drive down it. The clerk said she would contact him and send a copy of the email refusing delivery.

8. To Note (Continued on attached sheet)

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

10. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) 11th September 2024 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00 pm

There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed.....Chairman Dated 11 September 2024