

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundredth and sixty first (rescheduled) Meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council held on 28th September 2022 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Meeting planned for 14th September was postponed as it fell within the Mourning period for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Present:	Chairman	Adam Lewis
	Clare Hadley	Mike Bufton
	Robert Hanson	Dawn Waterman
	Mike Thomas	

Also in attendance: John Harrington Ward Member SD Hanson (Clerk) 5 members of public

1. Apologies: All present
2. Declaration of interest and written applications for dispensations. None received
3. It was Resolved to adopt the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th July 2022 and the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 8th August 2022 (previously circulated) The minutes were conformed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Sessions

4.1 Ward Member John Harrington When Herefordshire Council were elected in 2019 there were lots of issues regarding Children's Social Care and Welfare, including poor judgement from HC, The recent Ofsted Report had flagged it **Inadequate** in 4 categories. There was no consistency in decisions. Children and young people in Herefordshire were not protected from harm. Protective responses were too often delayed and were not sufficiently robust. Fundamental areas of social work practice are weak. Assessments across the service are poor. They fail to identify children's needs or effectively assess carers' abilities to provide safe and secure homes. Plans do not ensure children are safer or have their needs met, and for too many children the security of permanence is not achieved soon enough. Drift and delays are endemic, compounded by continuous staff turnover, weak guidance and a lack of management. Herefordshire Council are under **Notice to Improve**. They intend to give £11.9m into the service. The Chairman thanked JH on behalf of himself and the members for his informative discourse.

4.2.1 No PVH update

4.2.2 Pudleston Village Hall Road sign on triangle. The members resolved to pay (£513.31) for the sign and donate it to the Village Hall Committee.

4.2.3 PVH intend to charge the PC an extra 25% on the Winter charge for the Hall. Members agreed but payment in future would only be for the amount of time **the** hall was in use, not the flat rate previously paid. Also, MB suggested any Extra Ordinary Meetings could be in the other Group area. All members were in agreement.

5. Finance

5.1 Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £20,538.21

5.2 September Precept 22-23 received (1/2) £3,000.

5.3 Cheques passed for payment £***** Clerk's Wages (580) Cheque cancelled (581) Eyelid Productions Website £100.00 (582) Herefordshire council PVH Signage Triangle by church £513.31 (583) Clare Hadley Travel Expenses £16.74 (584) Pudleston Village Hall Room Hire £20.00 (585) Clerks Expenses £58.46 (586)

Signed.....Chairman Dated 9th November 2022

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6. Planning

6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications **for determination** by Herefordshire Council. None at present

6.2 **To Note** Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council

221736 Bache View Whyte Lane **Pudleston** Leominster, Proposed removal of condition 2 Of planning permission 83/0621 (Erection of an agricultural workers bungalow for human habitation) To remove Agricultural Occupancy **Approved**
222402 - Agricultural building to South of Whyte House, Bell Lane, **Pudleston** (Part 3) Class Q Prior Approval **Prior Approval Not Required**

7. Highways

7.1 Greenways Routes Presentation regarding opening of 3 old disused railway lines in Herefordshire. RH and the Clerk had recently attended a presentation at Grange Court Leominster, regarding a proposed cycle, horse riding and walking route on the closed and disused Railway Line, Leominster to Worcester, part of which, passed through Docklow & Hatfield. This would be at a cost of well over £6m in fencing and road surfaces, alone.

The defunct railway line had been sold off to Landowners 70 years ago and was now in private ownership. Some bridges and the old line had been bulldozed and incorporated into fields etc. Parts had been left as wildlife havens. This affected several Landowners in Hatfield & Docklow. Most of whom were not in favour of the scheme.

The Gentleman giving the presentation was totally impervious to the comments and concerns of people present.

JH told the members that Herefordshire Council were not fully in support of the proposal and the gentlemen who had given the talk hadn't thoroughly researched the project or carried out accurate surveys; nor had he contacted any of the landowners concerned. JH told the meeting he had received numerous complaints about the meeting and the inaccuracies portrayed, not only from the parishioners in the Group area, but from several neighboring parishes as well.

8. To Note

8.1 2023 Proposed Dates for Meeting (previously circulated) All members were in agreement. The Clerk told members the May date may have to altered due to 2023 Elections.

8.2 Examination of Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

8.3 Talk Community zoom meeting

8.4 Herefordshire Council meeting Reducing Carbon, Together

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

9.1 Budget

9.2 Precept

10. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) 9th November 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed.....Chairman Dated 9th November 2022