

## HATFIELD & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the one hundredth and sixty fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present:	Present	Chairman	Adam Lewis
		Clare Hadley	Ryan Price
		Mike Thomas	

Also, in attendance SD Hanson (Clerk) John Harrington ( HCWM) 9 members of Public

1. Receive Apologies for Absence Michael Bufton (Meeting Shrewsbury) Robert Hanson (Broken leg)

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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. RP questioned the minutes from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (RP was not present at this meeting) 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 John Harrington

The last cabinet meeting of Herefordshire Council outlined business.

Local Transport Plan needs refreshing

Future of the Public Realm Tech staff are coming back into HC offices (to be approved)

120 Asylum seekers are to be housed in the Three Counties Hotel Hereford (refugees Government Rules)

In 2022 £100m less revenue coming in. A serious situation, Government says HC must raise council Tax. JH says it is unfair to use capital for maintenance. They are currently £350m behind repairing highways.

JH explained that A and B roads receive priority over U & C roads due to the safety matrix the Council and BBLP use, meaning faster roads are rated as needing quicker repair. BBLP have different categories for risk for rural potholes and repair accordingly.

JH feels there are no answers to the reduction in revenue into the Council except to lobby government to return fairer funding.

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

A member of the public made comments about a previous application which he wished had been reconsidered on issues of drainage etc. His comments and concerns about due process were noted. This application in a neighbouring ward (Kimbolton area North & Rural) has, we understand, has been requested to go to committee if officers are minded to approve by the ward Cllr. John Stone, Member for Leominster North and Rural. Cllr Harrington has confirmed that is his understanding after speaking to Cllr Stone but will seek confirmation.

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Signed.....Chairman Dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Pudleston Village Hall** PVH Chairman told the meeting things were going very well at the Village Hall. They had some sell out events planned and were going to have bi-monthly coffee mornings (next proposed dates April & June) The Parish Council thanked her for her very informative talk and noted her comments

## 5. Finance

5.1.1 Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £17,147.72

5.1.2 Cheques passed for payment Clerks Wages £\*\*\*\* (596) Expenses £49.68 (597) (598 Cheque Cancelled) Pudleston Village Hall Hire 1 ¼ hour plus 25% £15.63 (599) Clare Hadley Expenses HALC Meeting £17.65 (600) HALC subs & Affiliation Fee April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March £511.01 (601)

## 5.2 End of Financial year 31/03/2023

5.2.1 Appointment of Internal Auditor Mrs CA Griffiths, Ashton.

5.2.2 Clerk/RFO commencement of preparation of year accounts, including any monies owed (VAT) etc

## 6. Planning

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

224167 Proposed installation of a small domestic ground mounted solar panel array within a residential curtilage. Keepers Cottage **Pudleston** **No objections**

230411 Garden shed and Car port at 4 Meadow Bank **Hatfield** **No objections**

214516 Proposed steel frame building for agricultural use to store hay and straw Long Fridays **Pudleston** The members discussed this application for further action, as it was for agricultural purpose had **No objections**

6.2 To Note Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council

223895 Proposed wooden summerhouse at Chapel House Lower Whyte Pudleston **Approved with Conditions**

7. Appointment of trustee to the Edmund Godson Charity. The members said they were quite happy for Reverend Mike Kneen to continue as the Parish Council representative for the next three years. **Resolved**

## 8. Highways

8.1 Bell Lane Pudleston Complaints had been received regarding the atrocious state of the road, It was extremely muddy and at times parts were being blocked for unloading and loading stock. JH said he would contact the complainant

8.2 Church Lane Pudleston Drainage problems had been identified, If the road was to be resurfaced in the future, the drainage problems should be investigated further.

9. To complete Risk Assessment & approve Asset Register The members noted and approved the Asset Register Signed by the Chairman **Resolved**

The Risk Assessment was completed at the meeting, Approved and Signed by the Chairman **Resolved**

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10. To Note:

10.1 HALC info (circulated)

10.2 Annual Plan Public realm report 25/01/23 (circulated)

10.3 Herefordshire Children's Services (Ministerial Report)

10.4 Additional information on adjoining sheet

11. Nomination papers for parish elections Nominations forms and annotated forms were circulated to members.

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

12.1 End of year: Audit etc.

13. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This has been amended due to Parish Council Elections and the Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III. It is proposed to hold this meeting and the Annual Meeting for Hatfield, Pudleston and Docklow Thursday on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

A member of public told the meeting that on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10am there would be a Church service at Pudleston to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed.....Chairman Dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023