

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundred and sixty seventh meeting of Hatfield & District Group Parish Council
held on 12th July 2023 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

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

Also attending were Bruce Baker (HCWM) SD Hanson (Clerk) 2 members of Public

The Chairman warmly welcomed BB's return as Ward Member, saying the Parish Council had had a good rapport with John Harrington, Mr Baker's predecessor and hoped to emulate this relationship with BB.

The Chairman also warmly welcomed Mary Morris as the new Councillor/Representative for Pudleston

1.. Apologies All members present

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

3. It was Resolved to adopt the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 11th May 2023 and to sign the APM minutes from the 11th May 2023 . 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

i) **The Rural Services Network** it may be worth the PC becoming a member of this organisation

ii) **Childrens Services** were "still in trouble". An independent member is now in charge. A recent Ofsted report said things were looking better. Herefordshire City Council has now linked up with Leeds City Councillors (leaders in Children's services.)

iii) **Hereford Library**, the new site at Maylords is under review. . The previous admin did not examine all available options, so along with the Maylords site , the Shire Hall is now under consideration. A decision will be made by the Joint Cabinet.

iv) **Asylum seekers** will be housed at the Talbot Hotel in Leominster, there are also Asylum Seekers currently housed in a hotel on the outskirts of Hereford.

v) **Phosphates in the Lugg & Wye**. The Lugg has severe problems with phosphates.

vi) BB was asked by the PC if he had received any information on application 214539 (06/01/22)

Proposed residential development of 5 houses with associated access.

BB said he would ask for an update.

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

To include PVH update

One of the local residents said the road by the Whyte Lane was breaking down, MM agreed saying the road by Whyte House was still dangerous.

The bridge at Batches Brooke was collapsing.

Hedges were overhanging with branches making the roads narrower.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Colin Smith the Locality Steward and raise these points & copy in BB.

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PVH update:

- i) Gigaclear had supplied free internet access at the Village Hall, all were urged to take advantage of this kind offer.
- li) Grant money was being applied for to upgrade the accessible toilet
- iii) Lack of Trustees for PVH. 8 trustees of PVH were resigning as of May 2024, they had 110 years' service between them. It was hoped members of the local community would step up and volunteer as new trustees for PVH. The Parish Council thanked them all for their years of hard work and service and for all their achievements.

5. Finance

5.1.1 Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £17,492.97

5.1.2 Cheques passed for payment £15.00 Hire Pudleston Village Hall (608) Clerk's Wages £****
(609) Clerk's expenses £58.11(610)

5.2 Acknowledgement of Exemption form received from Littlejohn External Auditors

6. Planning

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

231325 Proposed erection of garden shed and greenhouse 2 Meadow Bank **Hatfield**
No Objections

220724 Proposed erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated development
Nicholson Farm Hatfield (Re consultation) **No additional Comments**

6.2 **To Note:** Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire **None received**

7. Highways

7.1 Email from the Vice Chair Humber, Ford, and Stoke Prior PC (re speeding on A.44) The Clerk expressed concerns regarding this email from the Vice-Chair, She was validating its authenticity.

7.2 Bi-monthly meetings over Teams (open conversations) can be held with Balfour Beatty. Every 8 weeks from Wednesday 27/09/23 until 25/07/2024 from 10-11am. Clerk has meeting ID and passcode. These meetings are NOT FOR REPORTING DEFECTS in the area.

8. Adopting .gov domain for Parish Council and members . The Clerk informed members of a reply from Lynda Wilcox from HALC regarding updating the PC email address and website. All members were in agreement with adopting a .gov domain. **Resolved**

9. To Note

9.1 Declarations of Interest forms. The Monitoring Office are required to keep a hard copy (Localism Act 2011) Instead of the MO publishing the information, Parish Councils are now asked to display DoI on their website. There will still be a link from Herefordshire Council to the Parish Councils website.

9.2 HALC Information HALC advised members to continue as they presently were regarding Declarations of Interest. The PC decided to wait for further clarification.

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

11. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) 13th September 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed Chairman.....Dated 13th September 2023