# **Hatfield & District Group Parish Council**

Minutes of the one hundred and seventy eighth Ordinary meeting of Hatfield & District Group Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Pudleston Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Clare Hadley Chairman

Mike Bufton Robert Hanson Mary Morris Ryan Price

Also attending were Bruce Baker (HCWM) and SD Hanson (Clerk) 3 members of Public

- 1. Apologies were received from Adam Lewis (planting)
- 2. Declaration of interests and written applications for dispensations None received.
- **3.** It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 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 Bruce Baker** told members
- 1. A new cycle track in Hereford would be opening at the end of the month.
- 2. An open meeting was planned by a non-Councillor(member of public) trying to enforce a blanket 20 mph speed limit over all of Herefordshire. It was felt by some to be a retrograde step. RP said drivers should drive to road conditions (speed, weather, and environment)
- 3. HC will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to decide where the new library will be located. It will almost certainly be sited in The Shire Hall
- 4. HC are intending to join the Marches Forward Partnership (which includes Powys & Shropshire) to obtain funding from central Government.
- 5. HC are proposing to the lift phosphates ban on new housing developments in 2024. This will involve creating several wetlands to offset the phosphates (Phosphate credits.)
- 6. RACC: At this present time there is no RACC in Herefordshire Schools, testing is ongoing.

A Notice had been removed from the Pudleston PC Notice board which broke GDPR rules. In future the Notice Board would be closely monitored.

**4.2 To Note To receive view of Local Residents on Parish Matter (10 minutes)** Members of public asked who decided which roads were to be resurfaced. They pointed out the Bockleton to Fencote road, which was in good condition, had recently been resurfaced when other roads were in an atrocious state, especially by Pudleston Church. RH told the members that the Highways Authority did not appear to have the money to fund repairs. A member of public said why was so much money being wasted in Hereford on cycle lanes when the country roads were in such a mess. BB told the meeting that the Highways Engineer inspects local roads/lanes and from his conclusions, is able to establish which are suitable to be surface dressed.

#### 5. Finance

- 5.1 Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £16,447.54
- 5.2 Cheque passed for payment under delegated powers between meetings HALC hosting & domain name £132.00

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5.3 Cheques passed for payment PVH hire £15.00 (612) Clerk's Wages £\*\*\*\* (613) Clerk's Expenses £35.04 (614) Eyelid Productions website support £100 (615)

### 6. Planning

- 6.1 Consider comments on the following planning application for determined by Herefordshire Council
- 232587 Proposed erection of garden shed, carport and greenhouse, 7 Meadow Bank Hatfield

  No objections

# **6.2** To Note Planning Applications Approved/Refused by Herefordshire Council 231325 Proposed erection of garden shed and greenhouse 2 Meadow Bank Hatfield Approved with Conditions

MB asked BB what the current situation was on planning application 214539 Land adjacent to C1059 Hatfield. Proposed residential development of 5 houses. MB went on to explain 2 PC meetings had been held (19 and 21 members of public attended) over three quarters of the villagers from Hatfield had commented against the planning. BB said he would request that the planning should be sent to committee.

### 7. Highways

- **7.1** A reply had been received from the Locality Steward about the Highways problems pinpointed at the last meeting. MM said she would report the road to Bell Lane (off Whyle Lane.) The Locality Steward said he was happy to undertake a tour with a representative of the PC once all complaints had been logged
- **7.2** A.44 meeting, the Chairman had attended a meeting of the A.44 traffic Safety Group (HFSP) along with other parishes. She gave a brief resume and said she had found it informative (report filed with minutes.) The A.44 at Docklow was not significantly affected.

### 8. To Note

- $8.1\,$  .gov domain website and email addresses. Signed copies of minutes where resolution passed to be forwarded to HALC
- 8.2 Email from Herefordshire Council Governance Support Team. Email from HALC Declarations on Interest forms had been entered on to the website
- 8.3 Equality act 2010 (NALC)
- 8.4 BB had received an email from a Hatfield resident regarding lorries driving through the village. He had asked if a 7.5 tonne weight limit could be introduced. This was not practical or suitable in a rural community. (comment noted)
- 8.5 Additional information on adjoining sheet

## 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) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19 pm

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