

Minutes of a meeting of Hatton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

at Jubilee Hall, Station Rd, Hatton.

Councillor John Billings (in the Chair)

Present: Councillors: Mrs A.Beatson, A. Billings, Miss J Osborne

In attendance: Councillors Mrs J Patten (DCC), 1 member of the public.

Minute 1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Walker, Mr Whittingham, Mr Brooks.

Minute 2. Variations of Order of business.

There were none.

Minute 3 .To receive the report of the Chairman for the year 2016/17

The Chairman reported that during the year the following events occurred.

- John Maw, the Clerk for 25 years and who was an excellent servant to the Parish and the Parish Council retired and Jacqui Storer was appointed as the new Clerk
- Darren left after 13 years with the PC, we wish him well.
- Roger Bristow is doing a sterling job of keeping the pavements area areas litter free.
- The Parish Council received the resignation of Cllr Underwood, there are still 2 vacancies if anyone is interested
- A new Parish Council logo has been introduced.
- Slow progress is being made on updating the website. A Facebook page is set up and the Clerk will take this over, the training has been delivered.
- The Faccenda application in Scropton was granted. Conditions have been imposed which directly mirror the factory's transport management plan. Hopefully will reduce the number of HGVs along Scropton Road and through centre of Hatton
- The planning application for up to 400 houses near the Saltbox was granted. The village will be undergoing significant change going forward and to assist with this and to establish a good link with the developers; the Parish Council has established a Developers Liaison Committee so that areas of concern and information can be exchanged
- In January, the Parish Council set a 5 year plan of projects it wishes to undertaken, the Cllrs were assisted in this by members of the public attending the meeting. To achieve this the precept for 2017/18 has risen significantly, but we are confident that without this rise, we would not be able to deliver and enhance the Hatton Community.
- Work has begun to bring the allotments back into use. The Community Payback Team and a grant funding has been secured to assist with the funding of this project.

- At the April meeting we considered the plaque for the bridge, the new benches and bins for Scropton Road and the noticeboard for the jitty; these being items within the first year of the 5 year plan
 - We have seen new play equipment to the value of £55,000 installed at the Scropton Road Rec Ground, which receives enormous use and benefit. Thanks to SDDC who provided a free concrete table tennis table, bats, balls.
 - The changing rooms and exterior of the Sports & Social Club were redecorated with the assistance of the Community Payback Team
 - The fireworks night was slightly different in format, different fireworks, food was available and glow sticks and bracelets were given free to all children attending the event. Again the attendance was superb and thanks go to Graham Cox and his team for organising this event on the Council's behalf
 - The summer sports sessions continue to be a huge success, with attendances being amongst the best in the district.
 - Thanks to Youth of Hatton for undertaking various activities. We understand that the core members of YoH need to take a less active role but hope that someone can come forward, maybe someone from the University to continue the sterling work that YoH has achieved.
 - Parking, dog fouling, traffic through the village and motorists who jump the red light at the pedestrian crossing and the issue of the drug use at the Recreation Ground are all items which sadly continue to blight our otherwise fantastic village. Representations are made to the police and we welcome the support of the residents that by adding their voices to that of the Parish Council, it may make the various authorities pay more attention and provide a speedier response.
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- DCC has triggered the right to dispose of the Hatton Community Centre, the Hatton Community Centre Group is now working towards a business plan and bid to take over the former centre and to run it for the benefit of the community
 - The Saltbrook Heritage Trail is underway
 - Grant applications have been successfully made for funding towards some bollards near to the school to help combat the inconsiderate and selfish parking. Grant funding successful for a defibrillator at the Sports & Social Club and this has been ordered
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- Thanks goes to the members of the public who attend the meetings, and for keeping the Parish Council informed on matters and keeping us on our toes.
 - Thanks to Thistley Common members who maintain our area. A new licence has been agreed and the area will be harrowed and reseeded.
 - Thanks also are extended to Nestles who are good neighbours and who do provide funds and items, we are grateful for their involvement
 - Thanks go to all Parish Cllrs and staff who continue to work hard and to represent the public

Minute 4 To receive questions from the Floor

No questions were raised.

Minute 5 To receive the accounts for the year ending 2016/17

The Clerk circulated the internally audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017.

There was a loss made during the year, which was due to

- a) A gratuity paid to the retiring Clerk
- b) A large amount of VAT paid in the year due to the increased level of activity. A claim for the refund of the VAT, has been submitted but as it is large, HMRC has called it in and is reviewing the claim.
- c) The Parish Council has undertaken various projects as highlighted in the Chairman's report.

The setting of a Five Year Plan will assist with good financial management for the future.

There being no further business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55pm.

.....Chairman.