

**HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 APRIL 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Neil Clowes (Chairman), Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Don Marshall, Cllr Jean Stainthorpe and Cllr Liz Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and Mark Robinson (Parish Clerk)

**12/63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

12/63.1 Cllrs Chettle and Tindall

**12/64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

12/64.1 None declared.

**12/65. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2013**

12/65.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**12/66. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

12/66.1 Litter-Picking Weekend

Further to minute 12/56, it was agreed that the litter-pick would be held on Saturday 27 April 2013. Participants would be advised to congregate at the Oaks Corner at 9.30am. Litter grabbers and hi-vis jackets would be provided but participants would need to provide their own gloves.

A request for volunteers would be placed on the website and emailed to the newsgroup. Councillors absent from this meeting would also be invited to attend.

12/66.2 Risk Schedule

With regard to the maintenance of the street-light, the Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response from Cheshire East. For the procedures should the Clerk become unavailable, the Chairman had been advised of how to access the online file store and an arrangement had been made with another local Clerk, Carol Jones, to provide reciprocal support in case of unexpected absence.

**12/67. FINANCE**

12/67.1 The Accounting Statement 2012/13 and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 were received by the Council. These detailed the Council's income and expenditure during the financial year. The Council's opening balance at 1 April 2012 was £3,733 and its closing balance on 31 March 2013 was £3,778. The budget was underspent in the sum of £456.70. The Council also considered the Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED – that the accounting statements for 2012/13 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Audit return.

12/67.2 Payments authorised at the meeting

- CHALC (Affiliation Fee 2013/14)

£117.60

**12/68. PLANNING MATTERS**

12/68.1 The Planning Log, which included the list of 'delegated powers' applications, was noted.

12/68.2 Enforcement Action – Beaulieu Wood

The Clerk advised the latest position regarding the works at Beaulieu Wood. Although no formal enforcement action would be sought at this time, a planning application would be sought to remedy the breach of planning control.

**12/69. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

12/69.1 Boars Head Junction

It was noted that the resurfacing had been completed earlier in the day.

12/69.2 A529

Borough Cllr Clowes advised that as a result of the increase in accidents on the 'Hatherton bends' the highways authority was considering appropriate road safety measures.

**12/70. HOMEWATCH**

12/70.1 Cllr Wilson advised that a Homewatch meeting would be held on 10 April 2013 commencing at 7.30pm. This would be attended by the Crewe Police Homewatch coordinator.

**12/71. BENCH**

12/71.1 Cllr Wilson advised that a Walgherton resident had enquired about placing a bench adjacent to the Boars Head junction. Cllr Wilson was advised to contact Cheshire East for advice and any permissions.

**12/72. WRINEHILL ROAD CHURCHYARD**

12/72.1 Borough Cllr Clowes advised that the Revd Canon Helen Chantry from Wybunbury Church was seeking financial support from local Parish Councils towards the maintenance of the Churchyard. It was agreed to provide an invitation to the next meeting.

**12/73. COMMUNICATIONS**

12/73.1 A communications strategy would be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Stainthorpe was asked to provide a briefing note prior to the meeting for Councillors to consider.

**12/74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

12/74.1 Monday, 20 May 2013 (Annual meeting). To be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.45pm, concluded at 9.15pm.