**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting**

**held at 6.45pm on Monday 10th June 2024 in Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Littlefair, Keith Park, Stuart Brookes, Joanne Quarmby, John Wilson, Keith Brown

**In Attendance:** Fiona Ford - Clerk, Ward Councillors Rob Darby and Aaron Roy, 1 member of the public

Ward Councillor Aaron Roy was welcomed to the meeting.

1. **Public Forum**

It was noted the proposals for Welly Hill Farm would be going to planning committee for consideration on 16th June.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillor Tom Britcliffe.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Littlefair declared an interest in Item 8.

1. **Police Report**

There was no police report available. It was noted Cllr Littlefair would be attending the Tees Rural Crime Forum on Wednesday 26th June 2024

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2024**

The Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings were agreed as true records.

1. **Matters Arising**
2. **South View Car Parking** – Clerk to obtain update from Peter Frost
3. **CCTV on Worset Lane** – Should be installed w/c 24th June
4. **Forsa Energy Site Visit** – Clerk suggested a Friday or weekend, awaiting feedback.
5. **Car Park Gate – Submission of Planning application and installation of the gate**

The quotes for supply and installation of a double access vehicle gate and single pedestrian gate were as follows:

The Gate Company £2,762 Manual, £5,508 Mechanical, £6,980 Solar operated

Pearts Fencing £2,875

Stonetech Services £13,182

Chris Seymour £3,990

Two other companies were approach but declined to quote.

RNJ Partnership quoted £1,800 for preparation of drawings and submission of planning application. The planning application fee is £234 and Archaeological attendance (1 visit) is £680.

It was agreed to appoint the Gate Company, noting the total cost will be £5,476.

1. **Worset Lane Battery Energy Storage – BESS Community Fund**

Cllr Littlefair declared an interest. Councillor Darby noted HBC had looked at the agreement and advised it was suitable to sign. The Clerk then signed the agreement.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

It was noted the weeds down the front street and back alleys and been sprayed and Anglian Water were repairing a burst/blocked pipe at the end of Palace Row.

The plant pots along the front street were discussed and it was agreed to ask again for volunteers on the Hart Hub and raise it next week at the Parishioners Meeting.

Litter across the village was then discussed and it was agreed to ask if the Village Hall Committee (Debbie Simmons) if they would like to undertake a joint litter pick with the Parish Council.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had been asked if the Kings Portrait could be hung in the Village Hall, but the request was refused. A discussion then took place regarding formally asking the Village Hall Committee or asking on the Village Hub.

1. **Ward Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Darby advised the CCTV was being installed w/c 24th June. Councillor Roy talked through the process for logging issues with HBC, it was agreed Councillor Park would liaise direct with Councillor Roy.

1. **Maintenance Committee Report**

A general discussion took place and it was agreed the minutes would reflect the monthly maintenance report produced by Councillor Park, as follows:

**Hartlepool Borough Council Actions**

*Village Wide - Road Flooding*

* Buckingham Avenue access road
* Butts Lane at the triangle
* Opposite the Raby Arms
* Fens access road
* North Hart access behind Bungalows drainage ditches require clearing out
* A179 north bound opposite layby. Since this report in May, this section of road flooded on the 26th May 24.

The above are a danger to pedestrians and road users. All these actions have been outstanding for a number of years without any action by HBC, a village wide action plan of preventative maintenance is required from HBC.

*Village Wide Traffic Management Plan*

* In progress by HBC

*Magdelene Drive*

* Shrubs to cut back from north side foot path.

**Hart Parish Council Actions**

*P.C. Car Park Gate*

* Quotations have been received from a number of contractors by the parish council, two contractors have been selected, once drawings and documentations are available planning approval can be obtained.

*Chare Wall*

* HPC are currently looking for funding to rebuild the wall.

*HPC Defibrillator*

* The defibrillator is ready for emergency use and registered with www.thecircuit.uk/defibrillators

*Village Hall*

* Overgrown Ivy to cut back from hall down to the beck bridge wall

1. **Financial Report**

The Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR) for 2023/2024 was signed. The following cheques were then signed:

100908 Clerk wages (May 2024) £231.20

100909 HMRC (PAYE May 2024) £57.20

100910 Affordable Landscapes (grass cutting) £952.80

100911 Clear Insurance Ltd £511.08

**Total £1,752.28**

1. **Correspondence**

* HBC re non voting attendance at Policy meetings
* Substation complaint – email Northern Powergrid

1. **Planning Applications**

H/2023/0368 - Hart Reservoir - Proposed residential development of 70no. dwellings and associated infrastructure - Amended layout, materials, some landscaping and boundary treatments – no additional comments to make

1. **Matters of Concern to Councillors**

* Ivy on Vicarage land is encroaching onto the road – speak to Chairman Patrick Hoy re concerns
* Magdalene Drive – 1 Butts Lane to school entrance Northern side (school side) hedge needs to be cut back, children unable to access footpath
* Improving the look of the website
* Tea/coffee and biscuits for the Parishioners meeting

1. **Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next meetings will be held as follows:

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners – Monday 17th June, 7.00 pm

Monthly Meeting – Monday 8th July, 6.45 pm

*Meeting closed at 8.20 pm Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*