**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting**

**held at 6.45pm on Monday 8th July 2024 in Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Littlefair, Keith Park, Joanne Quarmby, John Wilson, Keith Brown, Councillor Stuart Brookes (from 8pm Item 10)

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

1. **Public Forum**

A representative from the Church raised concerns with not installing the gate; they feel there is a general safety concern on the community garden and fish pond area and the installation of the gate will protect this area. It was noted the Church and the parish council have worked together really well previously to deliver the seats, and information points and fully support the Parish Council in delivering this project.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillor Stuart Brookes and Aaron Roy.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Littlefair declared an interest in Item 6c.

1. **Police Report**

There was no police report available and it was noted the representative has now retired. Councillor Littlefair attended the Tees Rural Crime Forum on 26th June. The new PCC Commissioner attended the meeting and Councillor Littlefair reported to Chief Inspector John Hagen that police are very rarely seen in the village.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2024**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted with the following amendments:

* **Item 7 – Car Park Gate** – The Gate Companies quote was out of date and should not have been considered. The item should now read as follows:

Pearts Fencing £2,875

Stonetech Services £13,182

Chris Seymour £3,990

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 Pearts Fencing to install the gate, noting the total cost will be £5,589.

* **Item 15 – Matters of Concern to Councillors** - should read Ivy on Village Hall Land not Vicarage land.
1. **Matters Arising**
2. **South View Car Parking** – Councillor Darby to obtain update from Peter Frost
3. **CCTV on Worset Lane** – Installation slightly delayed
4. **Forsa Energy Site Visit** – It was agreed to undertake the site visit on 16th August. Clerk to advise the residents that a limited number of places are available and to contact her to book a place.
5. **Car Park Gate – Submission of Planning application and installation of the gate**

A discussion took place regarding undertaking consultation and it was agreed to re-consult with the residents of Magdalene Drive and Chare House.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

A discussion took place regarding some of the communication issues raised at the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee and ask for a member of the Parish Council to attend their month meetings on a rota basis and invite a representative from the Village Hall Committee to attend the Parish Council monthly meeting.

1. **Ward Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Darby apologised and advised the installation has been delayed due to work commitments, it is hoped the installation will take place by the end July.

*8pm – Councillor Stuart Brookes attended the meeting*

1. **Maintenance Committee Report**

The following items were discussed and remain outstanding:

**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 following cheques were then signed:

100912 Clerk wages (June 2024) £231.20

100913 HMRC (PAYE June 2024) £57.80

100910 Affordable Landscapes (grass cutting) £952.80

 **Total £1,241.80**

1. **Correspondence**
* HBC re Parish Council representatives – Yes but will be alternated between representatives and availability
* Dalton Parish Council handyperson and Hart Parish Council having access to them on an ad-hoc basis – agreed.
* Member of the Public and use of the £60k Community Benefits Fund – Already agreed it will be used towards the Heart of Hart Project and fixing the Chare Wall, which has been a priority for the Parish Council for several years now.
1. **Planning Applications**

H/2023/0368 - Hart Reservoir - Proposed residential development of 70no. dwellings and associated infrastructure – amended elevations and floor plans

1. **Matters of Concern to Councillors**
* Hedge up to Nine acres needs cutting
1. **Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next meetings will be held as follows:

Monday 9th September at 6.45 pm

Monday 21st October at 6.45 pm (third week in October)

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