**Minutes of the meeting of HEATHER PARISH COUNCIL held Tuesday 12 July at 7pm at the David Taylor Memorial Hall**

Members present**:** Chairman, Councillor J Clarke

Councillors Fell, Harris, Pettitt and Petty

In attendance: Cllr V Richichi, District Councillor

Mr P Taylor, Allotment coordinator

Mrs Jan Shepherd, Parish Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wright, County Councillor D Harrison and PC Edward Fowkes

Declaration of Interest: as on the Register of Interests

**48. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 were proposed by Cllr Petty, seconded by Cllr Fell and all were in favour of acceptance.

# 49. MATTERS ARISING

There are no matters arising at this time.

# 50. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no residents at this meeting.

**51. COMMUNITY POLICING**

PC Fowkes has been unable to attend this meeting but had contacted the clerk in advance of the meeting in regard to the following matters:

* Following a concern about Highfields House some time ago, we were informed that the District Council are in touch with the owner of the property.
* We were notified that Grab Hire have been fined for regular driving through the village in a weight restricted area.
* We were notified that The Crown Public House have been visited by the Police in connection with the lorry running into the side of the premises. Suggestions have been made to them and they have submitted an insurance claim with photographs. The council are really concerned about the safety of residents around this junction.
* The councillors have agreed to do a Patch Walk with PC Fowkes on 10th August from 4.30pm until 6pm and on 17th August from 10am. It was suggested that all meet at the Village Hall Car Park on both days. It was further suggested that another Patch Walk needs to be undertaken in September when schools are back because it will be a very false impression of the problem if school is on holiday when the walks are done. The clerk will contact him.

1. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS COMMENTS**

Cllr Richichi reported that North West Leicestershire District Council are expected to and required by government to build a further 5000 houses. This is over quite a prolonged period but nevertheless, we need to be aware of this fact. Our District Councillor expects that new applications may be submitted on land owned by various developers. He informed us that Money Hill will be having a further 650 properties built there shortly.

1. **REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT HOLDERS CO-ORDINATOR**

Mr Paul Taylor reported that there has been a problem with dog mess at the allotments recently. He asked if it might be possible to have a notice made. The clerk is to cost it and take costs to the next meeting.

1. **REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE TREE WARDEN**

There was no report from the Village Tree Warden at this time.

# VILLAGE ISSUES

* Play Area Inspections were carried out 20th and 27th June and 12th July. No problems were reported other than the bin at Belcher Close which is being dealt with currently.
* Action from Play Area Inspection reports – the clerk was asked to proceed with the work at Belcher Close to the rope.
* To check out the speed signs from the Members Fund LCC

The clerk had sourced and sent to councillors quotes for the Speed signs requested to be purchased from the members fund at a meeting held with Cllr Harrison at ARI Garrison in Ibstock on 22nd June at 4.30 when, after some discussion, this was agreed by Cllr Harrison. Unfortunately, Cllr Harrison was unable to be in attendance at the meeting. However, the councillors asked that the clerk contact County Highways with a view to finding out what permissions were needed and to agree acceptable sites for the speed activated signs on Pisca Lane, Mill Lane and Swepstone Road. They further requested that the portfolio holder and the police should attend our meeting to discuss these proposals and provide us with the information that we need to progress this project. They suggested that we look at four panels initially and see how these work to improve the traffic speed of vehicles through the village. Panels with vehicle data log in, solar panels and front plate were suggested. The clerk is to ascertain whether the panels swivel or are static.

* Community Speed Watch update from Cllr Clarke.

Cllr Clarke reported that he had been in contact in connection with setting up a Community SpeedWatch. He was informed that the system is to be changed and it is unlikely that anything will be in place this year so it may be 2023 when we are able to hold the next Community SpeedWatch.

* To consider a resolution for a problem brought to our attention by a resident at the Belcher Close Play Area – the bin on the Belcher Close Play Area appears to have a lot of dog pooh bags around it at the bottom and underneath the actual bin. The clerk will check out as will Councillor Harris and we will see what can be done. We will endeavour to have this problem rectified by the next meeting.
* The councillors were notified of a burial at the cemetery in Heather.

1. **VILLAGE HALL**

* Progress on Land Registry – update on progress. Everything submitted by NWLDC.
* On-line diary – look at Parish web site calendar

# ACCOUNTS

The following payments for June were approved at the meeting

434.24 clerk’s salary

27.15 clerk’s expenses

36.10 WaterPlus

654.07 CJ Springthorpe re hanging baskets

Council income for June is as follows:

27.00 Allotment fees

Village Hall expenses for June 2022

75.98 Eon for Village Hall

20.46 British Gas for Village Hall

60.00 Refund of party fees due to Covid, Flanagan

38.60 WaterPlus

Village Hall Income for June 2022

203.00 rent for classes and activities paid in this month.

All invoices sent up to date for end of June 2022

The Bank statement for Heather Parish Council for June 2022 was received

The Bank statement for Heather Recreation Ground for June 2022 was received

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications

## Decisions this month and decision awaited

19/01441/OUT Land rear of 55 Mill Lane erection of two detached dwellings

Heather

(Further amendment received 10/12/2021)

22/00318/FUL 9 Holyoake Drive Dem of garage, Erect 2 storey side extn.

Heather new front porch + ass extn alterations

Application approved, 16th June 2022

22/00756/REM 2 Newton Road Erection of three dwelllings with vehicle

Heather access + off street parking

**59. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS**

It was notes that there was a lot of litter around in the village.

The councillors were pleased that the hall would be open every day during the Scarecrow Festival.

Cllr Pettitt informed the council that he had been asked about cutting back some tree branches so that a mural could be fixed between trees during the festival.

He also informed the council that the Queens Head Music Festival had been very good and the music excellent. It was very full. However, there was a major mess around the area following the event. The clerk was asked to write and congratulate them on an excellent event and ask for the mess to be cleared away for any future event.

Cllr Petty asked that the gutters could be swept from Mr Lewis’s to his house because they are very overgrown. He suggested that they needed to be shovelled out this time.

He further said that Swepstone Road was the same and needed to be shovelled out.

In preparation for the Scarecrow Festival, the clerk was asked to check the contract for SDI Gardening and ask if he could strim the Millings before the festival. The clerk will contact him.

There were a number of comments about Highfields House and the state of repair that it is in. Cllr Clarke said he would email the local authority about that.

Cllr Pettitt noted that some of the bins were overflowing and needed to be emptied before the festival.

The clerk confirmed that she had placed a request with the District Council to bring extra bins into the village for the duration of the festival in the regular places. She will let the council know when this has been acknowledged.

**60. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

District Council:- nothing to date

County Council: - nothing to date

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council: Nothing to date

# 61. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

Clerks and Councils Direct

The Clerk

**Next meeting**

To confirm the dates below:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at the David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm – see web site for details

Future meetings:

13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December; 10th January 2023; 14th February 2023; 14th March 2023. All meetings will be held at the David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Web site address -www.heatherparishcouncil.org.uk