

Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26 April 2010 in the Hathersage Memorial Hall Sampson Room at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Jane Marsden – Chairman
Councillor Jean Hodgkinson
Councillor Pauline Whitney
Councillor Bill Gordon
Councillor Simon Taylor

In attendance
Councillor Chris Cartledge (Hathersage PC)

Clerk: David Palmer

No members of the public were present.

The Annual Parish Meeting had been held immediately before this meeting and did not close until 8pm. Therefore, this meeting commenced as soon as the other meeting had concluded.

40/10 Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Graham Markham (on holiday) and Anne Claxton (on holiday).

41/10 Variations in Order of Business

There were no variations in the Order of Business.

42/10 Declaration of Members' Interests

No Councillors declared an interest.

43/10 Public Speaking

1. PC Ian Richardson had sent his apologies and a short report. This stated that there had been 2 crimes in the Parish during the month – a house burglary on Ranmoor Lane and vehicle broken into at Dennis Knoll Car Park. There were 10 other incidents, including a nuisance off-road vehicle on Stanage Edge.
2. There were no representatives of the County or District Councils present.

44/10 Finance

1. It was resolved to note the Statement of Accounts for March 2010.
2. The Clerk had received the insurance renewal papers for the next year. He advised that he had also received a letter from an insurance broker (via DALC) offering at least 15% discount. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk would try to speak to this broker on 28 April, when they would all be at the same meeting, to ensure that this discount would be for more than one year. If assurances were received, the Clerk was to take forward this new policy.
3. It was resolved to accept the quotations received from Redwood Landscapes (Hathersage) Ltd for grass cutting, strimming and tidying the Bund Wall and for cutting and clearing the undergrowth of various footpaths in the Parish.
4. It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment (total sum £2,729.36):

Clerk	salary, office allowance and expenses for April	£170.39
Hathersage PC	various contributions to expenditure (s137)	£1840.00
Hathersage PC	contribution re playing field	£375.00
Hathersage PC	contribution re village website	£316.71
Peak Park Parishes Forum	annual subscription	£20.00
Staples	stationery	£7.26

45/10 Correspondence for Decision

1. It was resolved that Councillor Hodgkinson would represent the Council at the AGM of Hathersage and Outseats Allotments Group on 28 April.
2. A letter had been received from DALC advising that the Council's Quality Council status would be for renewal later in the year. It was resolved that it was more important that the Council ensure it had the Power of Well Being, which had very similar requirements to Quality Status anyway. It was also resolved that the Chairman and Clerk should discuss this decision with Brian Wood of DALC at a meeting they would all attend on 28 April and, if he advised an alternative course of action, they would report back to Council on this.
3. A letter had been received from the Land Registry regarding registering parish property. Since the Parish owned no property, no action was required.

4. A letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Graham Markham. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding the process to advertise the vacancy.
5. A letter had been received from a Hathersage resident regarding an application by The Plough in Leadmill to build a semi-permanent summer marquee for weddings and other social events. The letter highlighted that such events would inevitably include live bands and discos and thus potentially cause a significant noise nuisance for many residents of Hathersage and Outseats. The letter suggested that the noise heard would be similar to that of the Gala events, but would be throughout the summer, rather than just for a few days during Gala. The Council agreed with these concerns, noting that the nature of the landscape in the valley was such that its acoustics caused noise to reverberate around a wide area, especially when the source of the noise was in the base of the valley. Such noise was known to disturb many people, including many residents of Outseats. It was also noted that there had been problems with noisy events in the past. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), copying Hathersage PC, to explain the Council's concerns. He was also instructed to write that, if the application were to go ahead, there should be a limit of the number of events allowed per week/month and a time should be set when all events should finish by.
6. It was resolved that no one could attend a meeting re Credit Union Services in Derbyshire on 26 May.

46/10 Renewable Energy

The Clerk said that he and Councillor Claxton had met with Matt Freestone of PDNPA for advice on possible ways that residents of Outseats could be assisted in better energy efficiency and installing renewable sources of energy. He had said that the first thing to do was ensure residents had done all they could to make their houses energy efficient; there was no sense in installing renewable energy until this was done. He had provided the Clerk with much useful information on this matter and it was resolved that this would be circulated to residents in the next newsletter. If there was sufficient interest from residents following the newsletter, it might also be possible to arrange a meeting to allow experts to advise residents on these matters and perhaps arrange a scheme to help residents install these new technologies.

47/10 Items for Information

It was resolved that the following items for information should be received:

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars 17/10 – 22/10, Minutes of Exec Comm 27/2/10
Hathersage Parish Council Agenda 30/3/10; Minutes 30/3/10
Recreation Committee Agendas 1/4/10, 20/4/10; Minutes 16/3/10, 1/4/10
Joint Transport Committee Agenda 29/3/10; Minutes 11/1/10, 29/3/10
Village Centre Group Minutes 23/3/10
Allotments Group Committee Minutes 16/3/10
Environment Group Minutes 9/3/10
Derbys County Council Letter from Cty Councillor Twigg re new CCTV to be installed on Hathersage Station
PDNPA Press Releases: Bus to Stanage; Affordable Housing in Calver
Operation Blackbrook Email correspondence from Edale PC, Article from The Observer dated 21/3/10
East Mids Dev Agency EMDA News Spring 2010
Derbys Dales Council Voluntary Service Quart Newsletter April 2010 & various related leaflets

48/10 Committee Reports

1. Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) – The Clerk read a report of the last HPC meeting from Councillor Markham. It was resolved that Councillor Marsden would attend the next meeting of HPC on 4/5/2010.
2. Recreation Committee – Councillor Whitney reported that the opening of the pool had gone well and attendance had been good. The new toilets were now in place. Water loss from the pool was still happening, but was quite manageable; ultimately significant remedial action would be required. Some good news was that the rates payable by the pool had reduced because it was owned by a charity; this was a good saving and had improved the pool finances.
3. Churchyard – Councillor Marsden reported that a survey was to be made of loose headstones and action will be taken where necessary to fix any issues.
4. DCC Meeting re Gritting of Roads – Councillor Whitney and the Clerk reported that this had been a very useful meeting and that DCC seemed to be suggesting a number of interesting possibilities to ensure that the issues with gritting were reduced in future years.

39/10 Parish Matters and Items for Next Agenda

1. Councillor Marsden reported that there was an issue with Sat Nav systems directing people down Hurstclough Lane, which was virtually impassable in places. Councillor Gordon reported that there was a similar issue with Sat Navs being used to find the North Lees Campsite. The Clerk was asked to write to

DCC Highways on both these issues, recommending that signs be put in place to warn Sat Nav users and perhaps a gate be put across the Bamford end of Hurstclough Lane.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 24 May 2010 at 7.30pm in Hathersage Methodist Church Lounge.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.