

Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28 February 2011 in the Hathersage Memorial Hall Sampson Room at 7.30pm

Present:	Councillor Jane Marsden – Chairman	<u>In attendance</u>
	Councillor Jean Hodgkinson	Councillor Jason Dietsch (Hathersage PC)
	Councillor Pauline Whitney	District Councillor David Hoskin
	Councillor Bill Hanley	PC Ian Richardson
	Councillor Simon Taylor	
	Councillor Anne Claxton	
	Councillor Bill Gordon	Clerk: David Palmer

Two members of the public were present.

- 14/11 Apologies
There were no apologies for absence.
- 15/11 Variations in Order of Business
As Councillor Whitney needed to leave the meeting early, the Recreation Committee report (minute 23/11) and the petition from the children of Hathersage (minute 24/11) were discussed before she left.
- 16/11 Declaration of Members' Interests
Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor Gordon for minutes 17/11 and 19/11, from Councillor Marsden for minutes 21/11 and 24/11 and from Councillor Hanley for minute 23/11.
- 17/11 Public Speaking
1. Ms Chris Winfield spoke as Chair of the Hathersage Village Centre Group (HVCG), to provide the Council with an update on the progress of HVCG. She said the Group had had discussions with all the local landowners and had also discussed possible designs for the village centre. HVCG had now started to involve local businesses in their plans and a meeting had been arranged to do this. They had been successful in obtaining a conditional offer of funds from "Awards for All" to hire a landscape architect, so that a viable plan for the village centre could be produced. The next step, therefore, was to secure the funds and hire someone into this post. After that, it was anticipated that £300-400k would need to be raised to pay for the actual works required.
 2. A second member of the public spoke on the consultation by Defra on the future governance of the National Parks. There was a question as to whether Defra had properly consulted all the interested parties.
 3. District Councillor David Hoskin said that there were going to be significant cuts in the Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) budget. These were going to be more substantial than had been initially expected. He hoped that the grant to Hathersage Swimming Pool would be maintained at its existing level for this year and confirmed that this had already been promised in writing. Nevertheless, he and District Councillor Jacque Bevan were continuing to lobby DDDC to ensure that the grant was provided as promised. He also said that the Saturday Waste Collection in the car park was almost certainly going to be lost as part of the cuts. Various Councillors explained how unfortunate this would be for local residents and the problems that it might create, including fly-tipping and extra bonfires.
 4. PC Ian Richardson reported that 33 incidents had been reported in the village of Hathersage in the last month, although about 95% of these were reports from the public of suspicious activity, mainly regarding people collecting scrap metal. There had been 2 incidents regarding antisocial activity (one speeding car and one group of mopeds speeding on Main Road) and 1 theft of a vehicle from Castleton Road.
- 18/11 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
It was resolved to confirm as a correct record minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011.
- 19/11 Highways/Transport
1. Review of Processes for Snow/Ice Clearance – Councillors discussed the lessons learned from the heavy snows this winter and ideas for improving matters for next. It was suggested that notes on best practice for snow and ice clearance be put on the inside lid of grit bins and that a newsletter be sent around in the autumn covering similar points. There was also a suggestion that volunteers be sought to look after individual grit bins, so that the Council would know quickly if a particular bin was empty. It was resolved that Councillors would give this matter extra thought and that it would be discussed again at the next meeting. It was also resolved that the Clerk should write to the JTC Clerk to highlight the problems with the clearance of snow and ice on the Sheffield Road and ask whether extra grit bins or another solution could be found to alleviate these problems in future years.

2. It was resolved that the Council had no objections with Derbyshire County Council's proposal to designate Birley Lane as a Quiet Lane.
3. A letter had been received from Derbyshire County Council regarding a report on how Long Causeway should be designated on the Definitive Map. Although this letter had been received after the agenda had been published for the meeting, it was discussed since the deadline for sending a reply was 11 March. It was resolved that the Clerk would scan the letter and email it to all the Councillors, to allow them to review it as quickly as possible. It was also resolved that the Council approved a small group of Councillors to meet and agree a response on behalf of the Council, so that it could be sent before the deadline of 11 March.

20/11 Planning

It was resolved to note that the following planning decisions had been received from Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA):

1. NP/DDD/1110/1175 – Upper Hurst Farm, Gatehouse Lane. Extension of an existing riding surface. Application granted subject to conditions
2. NP/DDD/0910/0897 & NP/DDD/0910/0910 – Upper Hurst, Gatehouse Lane. Alterations, extensions and improvements to dwelling and curtilage barn with occasional use of barn for bed and breakfast accommodation. Erection of outbuildings to form garages and home office above with occasional use of office for residential arts and crafts courses. New section of drive. Plus listed buildings consent for the above. Application granted subject to conditions
3. NP/DDD/0410/0309 – Plough Inn, Leadmill. Erection of temporary marquee. Application refused.

The Clerk noted that the final decision regarding the Plough Inn had not been received directly from PDNPA, but fortunately the Clerk of Hathersage Parish Council had informed him of this decision. It was resolved that the decision on Upper Hurst be put in the Correspondence File, so that each Councillor could see the significant number of conditions included with this decision.

21/11 Finance

1. It was resolved to note the Statement of Accounts for January 2011.
2. The accounts supplied by the Treasurer of Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) and his subsequent correspondence with the Clerk were discussed and it was resolved that the following contributions should be made to HPC for the Financial Year 2010/2011:
 - Village Caretaker - £1,390
 - JTC Clerk - £100
 - Playing Field Mowing/Raking - £795
 - Millennium Garden Grass Cutting - £86.67
 - Purchase of Playbark - £46

It was noted that the amounts for the Village Caretaker and the JTC Clerk were based on estimates that might need correction once the Financial Year was over. It was also noted that the Budget for 2011/12 included a reserve of £800 for the purchase of playbark. It was resolved that this reserve should now be £754, to allow for the £46 paid for playbark in the current Financial Year.

HPC had also requested a contribution of £91.67 towards the cost of cutting trees on the Playing Field. The Council had previously informed HPC in writing that they would only contribute towards costs incurred that they had agreed in advance and no such agreement had been made regarding this expenditure. Therefore, the Clerk was asked to write to the Clerk and Treasurer of HPC to inform them of this and remind them that they must agree any expenditure in advance if they would like a contribution.

3. The Council discussed the charitable donations and other contributions it would like to make for 2010/11, in light of its new Grants Policy. It was resolved that these would be as follows:
 - Churchyard (Hathersage Parochial Church Council) - £260
 - Careline in Hathersage - £80
 - Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport (BECT) - £390

It was noted that the donation to BECT was to also include a donation to Hope Valley Social Car Scheme and the Clerk was instructed to advise BECT that they should assign a significant proportion of the donation to this Scheme. Furthermore, it was noted that while a grant application had been received from Hathersage Luncheon Centre, no accounts had been received (as required by the Grants Policy). It was resolved that Councillor Hodgkinson would speak to their Treasurer about this and, if suitable accounts were received, the Council would reconsider whether to make a donation to the Luncheon Centre.

4. It was resolved that the Clerk could attend the DALC Clerk's Training Day on 13 April 2011.
5. It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment (total sum £217.31):

Clerk	salary, office allowance and expenses for Feb	£182.31
DALC	Clerk's Training Day	£30.00
SLCC	return of CiLCA Portfolio	£5.00

22/11 Items for Information

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

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars 06/11 – 14/11
 Hathersage Parish Council Agendas 1/2/11; Minutes 1/2/11
 Recreation Committee Agendas 16/2/11, Minutes 12/1/11
 Village Centre Group Minutes 7/2/11
 Joint Transport Committee Agenda 21/2/11
 Website Committee Minutes 15/2/11
 PDNPA Selected Press Releases; Response to Defra on Governance Review
 Derbyshire Police Selected Ringmaster mailings; "Have Your Say" June-Sept 2010
 NHS Letter regarding Derbyshire Community Health Services becoming an NHS Trust
 Defra Access Newsletter 31/1/11
 Financial Inclusion Derbyshire Letters about basic bank accounts and debt
 Hope Valley College Newsletter Feb 2011
 Rural Action Derbys The Playing Field Winter 2010/11
 PDNPA Decisions on Planning Applications NP/DDD/0910/0897 & NP/DDD/0910/0910 – Upper Hurst, Gatehouse Lane.

23/11 Committee Reports

1. Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) – Councillor Marsden gave a report of the last meeting of HPC. It was resolved that Councillor Hodgkinson would attend HPC's March meeting.
2. Recreation Committee – Councillor Whitney reported that lots of good ideas were coming forward for the Pool's 75th anniversary celebrations in July. An infrastructure for fundraising for the Pool was also getting started.
3. Joint Transport Committee – Councillor Gordon reported that DCC had offered a new entry sign for Hathersage, near the Millstone Inn, but it had been so similar to the existing sign and so poor compared to previous designs discussed, that the JTC had decided that it wasn't worth the cost of installation. The JTC had been very happy that a vehicle-activated sign had been put in place near the railway bridge on the Castleton Road. There were still problems with parking on Station Approach, that the JTC were chasing, and Councillor Gordon said a review of all the parking restrictions in Hathersage was planned.
4. Website Committee – the Clerk and Councillor Claxton reported that the Website Committee were still trying to optimise the website. Stephen Briscoe, the Chair of Hope Valley Railway Users Group, had volunteered to produce some pages for the website on transport in the village and the Website Committee had approved this – he would work with the Clerk on this. The Clerk and the Clerk of HPC would soon meet a pupil of Hope Valley College, who had offered to run the What's On pages of the website.
5. Memorial Hall Committee – Councillor Hodgkinson reported that the AGM was at 7.30pm on Monday, 7 March; everyone was welcome to attend.
6. Church Charities – Councillor Marsden reported that there had been 39 beneficiaries of £20 each.

24/11 Parish Matters

1. The Clerk had received a letter from George Marsden (age 13) requesting that a skate park be built in Hathersage. This included a petition with the signatures of 61 children. He noted that plans for refurbishing the Playing Fields were currently being made and requested that the installation of a skate park be included in these plans. The letter also gave a number of valid reasons why a skate park would be beneficial. It was resolved that the Clerk should reply to George, advising him that his petition had been forwarded to HPC's Recreation Committee, who were the correct body to decide upon this matter. It was also resolved that the petition be included in the Correspondence File.
2. It was resolved that the situation regarding Gamekeeper's Cottage at Brookfield Manor be included on the next agenda.

Date of Next Two Meetings

The dates of the next two meetings are 28 March and 18 April 2011 at 7.30pm in Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall. The meeting on 18 April will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.