

**Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24 January 2011 in the Hathersage Memorial Hall Sampson Room at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance  
Councillor Dave Jackson (Hathersage PC)  
District Councillor Jacque Bevan  
Clerk: David Palmer

Two members of the public were present.

1/11 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bill Hanley (away from home), Anne Claxton (on holiday) and Simon Taylor (no babysitter available).

2/11 Variations in Order of Business

There were no variations in the order of business.

3/11 Declaration of Members' Interests

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor Gordon for minutes 7/11 and 9/11.

4/11 Public Speaking

1. A member of the public spoke regarding the village website. He noted that the original intention of the website was to cover wider village matters and not just information relating to the parish councils. In particular, he requested that additional transport details should be included on the website, for example current bus and train timetables as well as information on local services such as Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport. He offered to assist with maintaining this information on the website and suggested that similar coordinators might be found for other areas of the website. The Council thanked him for his ideas and confirmed that they would be discussed at the next meeting of the Website Committee, planned for early February.
2. A second member of the public spoke on the discussions held in latter part of 2010 regarding the swimming pool. He said the pool was a great asset for the village that is valued by many and so lots of people want to help in its continued success. He also noted that the village is capable of great things when it works together (e.g. the Gala and the Village of the Year Competition). For this reason he felt it was important that the whole village gets behind the essential improvements planned for the pool in the next few years, not least because it would require a huge effort from everyone to raise the funds needed for these essential repairs. It was important that everyone "bought-in" to the planned solution. It was noted that a meeting to plan for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pool in July and to raise funds for the refurbishment of the pool had already been arranged for 2 February at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Lounge; it was suggested that this might be a good place to start the process of clearing the air and getting buy-in from all. The member of the public agreed with this strategy and offered his help and professional experience to facilitate this.
3. District Councillor Jacque Bevan explained that the DDDC Government Grant had been cut much more severely than expected. She also confirmed that the number of Members of the Peak District National Park Authority was likely to stay at 30.
4. Hathersage Councillor Dave Jackson gave a report on the last meeting of Hathersage Parish Council.

5/11 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

It was resolved to confirm as a correct record minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2010.

6/11 Highways/Transport

1. Review of Heavy Snow in December – Councillors noted that compliments had been received from residents for all the work done during the bad weather to keep the roads in the Parish open. The new process for distributing salt seemed to have worked well. A request for a new bin to hold salt had been received from the residents of Higger Lane and it was resolved that this would be acceptable (thanks to a kind donation of a suitable bin) so long as a position to site the bin could be agreed with the residents of Higger Lane; Councillor Hodgkinson agreed to take this forward. The Clerk noted that he had put in the Correspondence File documents from DCC and the Council's Insurance Company regarding gritting and clearing roads; it was resolved that all Councillors would review these and discuss their requirements at the next meeting.

- Railways – It was resolved that the Council agreed with the response on the Northern Route Utilisation Strategy sent to Network Rail on 14 January. This was as follows: *Outseats Parish Council are a parish council based in the Hope Valley. We would like to confirm that we fully support the recommendations regarding the Northern Route Utilisation Strategy sent to you by the Hope Valley Railway Users' Group. Furthermore, we would urge you to enhance the poor service currently provided to rail users in the Hope Valley, as this can only encourage more people to choose the railway over personal car use, with its associated environmental benefits.*

7/11 Planning

- Application NP/DDD/1110/1175 – Upper Hurst Farm, Gatehouse Lane; extension of an existing riding surface. It was resolved that the recommendation to PDNPA should be the same as to the previous application for this property (NP/DDD/0810/0816). This was: *Outseats Parish Council have made a careful review of this application and several Councillors made a site visit to fully consider the implications of this application in situ. The Council would like to note the excellent job that the applicants made in landscaping and screening the existing riding surface and believe that they will do just as good a job this time. Furthermore, the locations where the riding surface can be seen are very limited (and the Council are very confident that these will be screened anyway). The Council note that there are no similar size facilities to this proposed riding surface in the area. On this basis, the Council are very happy to support this application and recommend it for approval*

8/11 Finance

- It was resolved to note the Statement of Accounts for December 2010.
- It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment (total sum £538.87):
 

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| Clerk                     | salary, office allowance and expenses for Dec & Jan | £427.74 |
| Hathersage Memorial Hall  | room hire for 2010                                  | £69.30  |
| DALC                      | annual subscription for Local Council Review        | £15.50  |
| Hathersage Parish Council | contribution re website improvements                | £26.33  |

9/11 Consultation Documents

- PDNPA – Draft Planning Guide/Draft Parish Charter. It was resolved that the Council supported the changes recommended by the Clerk and Councillor Marsden. The Clerk was instructed to send these suggested changes to PDNPA.
- PDNPA – Hathersage Conservation Area Appraisal and Proposed Boundary Extension. It was resolved that the Council had no comments on this. The Clerk was instructed to include the papers in the Correspondence File.

10/11 Surveys

- DCC – Assessing Surface Water Flooding in Derbyshire. Councillor Gordon noted some places in the Parish where there was surface water flooding and blocked culverts. Councillor Marsden agreed to speak to the Parish Flood Warden to ascertain if there were any other areas in the Parish subject to flooding. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to DCC listing these findings.
- Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport – a short questionnaire was completed and it was resolved that the Clerk should send this to BECT.

11/11 Items for Information

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

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils      Circulars 54/10 – 05/11  
 Hathersage Parish Council      Agendas 7/12/10, 4/1/11; Minutes 7/12/10, 4/1/11  
 Recreation Committee      Agendas 30/11/10, Minutes 10/11/10, 17/11/10, 30/11/10  
 Village Centre Group      Minutes 20/12/10  
 Memorial Hall      Minutes 1/11/10, Agenda 10/1/11, Draft Constitution  
 Derbyshire County Council      Letter re Parish Liaison Meeting, DCC Winter Services Plan, Notes on gritting from DCC and Came & Co  
 PDNPA      Views invited on proposed “green lane” restrictions, Assessment report praises National Park, Authority reshapes services to cope with Govt cuts, YHA preferred bidder on Losehill Hall, Monsal Trail memories, Hathersage Conservation Appraisal  
 Derbyshire Police      Selected Ringmaster mailings  
 Railways      Agenda & papers for meeting of HP&HVCRP on 8/12/10; Email on improvements to Hope Valley Line and summary of outcome of meeting  
 Magazines      The Clerk Nov 10 & Jan 11; Clerks & Councils Direct Nov 10 & Jan 11; LCR Winter 2010

Localism Bill Summary from SLCC; Journal of Local Planning  
Environment Agency Changes to Flood Warning Service & Codes  
SLCC Branch Newsletter Dec 10  
Peak District Rural Housing Assoc. Annual Report  
Rural Action Derbyshire The Playing Field Autumn 10  
Hope Valley College Newsletter Dec 10  
British Legion Letter re "Great Poppy Weekend"  
PDNPA Hathersage Conservation Area Appraisal and Proposed Boundary Extension

#### 12/11 Committee Reports

1. Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) – The Clerk read a report from Councillor Claxton regarding the January meeting of HPC and Councillor Gordon gave a report of the December meeting. It was resolved that Councillor Marsden would attend HPC's February meeting and Councillor Whitney their March meeting.
2. Recreation Committee – Councillor Whitney reported that the Recreation Committee had decided to top-up and revive the bark used on the playing field; alternative surfaces had been investigated and considered but they were all too expensive. She also mentioned planning currently underway to replace the seesaw and improve the top area of the playing field. The opening of the swimming pool was planned for 28 May (after essential repairs were completed) and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in July might include a play being held at the pool.
3. Joint Transport Committee – a meeting is planned in February
4. Website Committee - a meeting is planned in February. It was noted that the matters raised by a member of the public (minute 4/11) would be considered at this meeting.
5. Memorial Hall Committee – Councillor Hodgkinson noted that bookings continue to increase. It might be necessary to increase charges in line with inflation. At the AGM in March, a new Constitution will be discussed and agreed – a copy is available on the Memorial Hall website and everyone is welcome to review it. The Clerk noted that there was also a copy in the Correspondence File.
6. Church Charities – Councillor Marsden reported that the distribution had taken place before Christmas and that this would be finalised at a meeting in February.
7. Lafarge Liaison – the Clerk read a report from Councillor Claxton that mentioned that there would be a Walking Festival in April and May, with guided walks around the Cement Works given by staff who could explain the flora and fauna. The public could book places directly with Lafarge. It was also reported that business grew by 5% last year.

#### 13/11 Parish Matters

1. It was resolved that the Council supported Councillor Hanley attending a training course on the Power of Well Being and would pay its associated cost.
2. Councillor Gordon reported that the road sign at the top of Cattis-side had been lost. It was resolved that the Clerk should request a new sign from DCC, highlighting the correct spelling.

#### Date of Next Two Meetings

The dates of the next two meetings are 28 February and 28 March 2011 at 7.30pm in Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.