**Minutes of Outseats Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2014 in the Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillor Jane Marsden (chair) In attendance:

Councillor Pauline Whitney Councillor Peter Mander, Hathersage PC

Councillor Jean Hodgkinson Councillor Heather Rodgers, Hathersage PC

Councillor David Palmer Councillor David Jackson, Hathersage PC

Councillor Bill Gordon (from item 183/14) Councillor James Shuttleworth, Hathersage PC

Chris Cave, Treasurer, Hathersage PC

No members of the public were present.

Clerk: Peter Leppard

178/14 Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Bill Hanley and Nick Williams.

179/14 Variations in Order of Business

None

180/14 Declaration of Members’ Interests

None

181/14 Public Speaking

None

182/14 Finance

1. Consequent upon the creation from 1 April 2015 of the successor Parish Council to the current Outseats Parish Council and Hathersage Parish Council, and the need for that new Council to have a budget, Councillors considered the already-agreed 2015/16 budgets produced by the 2 existing Councils, and also a proposal jointly prepared by their respective Responsible Financial Officers for merging those budgets into a single budget for the new Parish Council. It was resolved to endorse that proposal as the 2015/16 budget for the new Council.
2. Although each existing Parish Council is required to make, in January 2015, its own precept application to DDDC for FY2015/16, it was resolved to ask DDDC officers to ensure that the per-household precept levied is identical (for each Band) between residents of the 2 demising parishes.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Having received information from Hathersage PC that it intends to make a 2015/16 precept application at an identical level to 2014/15 (£51.73 for Band D), it was resolved that Outseats PC will also make a 2015/16 precept application at the level of £51.73 for Band D. It was noted that this will lead to a nearly £10 drop in Band D precept in Outseats for 2015/16. **Action: Clerk**

183/14 New Parish from 1 April

The following matters relating to the creation of the new Parish Council from 1 April 2015 were discussed:

1. It was noted that the Clerks from the 2 existing parishes are meeting DDDC and DALC on January 16th to ensure that the Clerks are adequately addressing all necessary aspects of the changeover.
2. While advice had been received from DALC that the existing parishes’ staff will all transfer under TUPE to the new body, it was noted that nevertheless a Proper Officer needs to be appointed for the new Council. This will be given further consideration in January. **Action: JM/PM**
3. It was agreed that the expectation is that the new Council will have the following committees: Burial Ground, Finance, Planning, Recreation, Swimming Pool, Transport & Highways, Website.
4. On 1 April, all then-existing Councillors for the 2 former parishes will become Councillors of the new parish, but there will be a need to decide a Chair from 1 April. It was agreed that this will be voted on at the first meeting in April.
5. A DDDC officer must be present at the first Annual Meeting of the new Parish Council. It was resolved to propose to DDDC that the date of this be May 19th (May 14th as second choice). **Action: Clerk**
6. It was noted that the existing Hathersage Parish Council’s bankers had advised them that their existing current accounts could be rolled over for use by the new Council. However, some Councillors wondered whether it would be more proper to create new accounts for the new body. It was resolved to seek advice from Corporate Services at DDDC as to the best approach to take. **Action: Clerk**
7. It was resolved that, other than exceptionally, the new Council will meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month, and that Hathersage Hall Business Centre, assuming that it continues to be available gratis, will be the usual venue.
8. It was resolved to hold a Website Committee meeting in January, to progress redesigning the website to reflect the new Parish Council arrangements. **Action: Clerk**
9. It was resolved that each of the 2 existing Parish Councils will produce its own annual report for 2014/15, albeit with some common wording about the way forward.
10. It was resolved that the new Council will produce a quarterly newsletter, and that the practicalities of distributing it to residents by email will be explored, while noting that Data Protection legislation may be relevant and also that some residents do not have e-mail.

184/14 Other Parish Matters

A proposal from a Hathersage resident that new defibrillators should be obtained for the village was discussed. It was noted that he appeared to have not yet approached Edale Mountain Rescue - who are believed to have defibrillators already at a number of locations locally. The Clerk was instructed to advise him to do so before progressing his ideas further. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9pm.