**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Swimming Pool Committee Meeting held at the

Pool Office, at 7.00 p.m. on 12th April 2016.

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| Present: | Councillors Bridget Hanley; D Jackson (Chair); P Mander; J Marsden; H Rodgers; P Whitney |
| In attendance: | A P Jones (Clerk); CF Cave (Finance Officer); A. Watts (Professional Advisor), and S Gedye (Architect) |
| 133/15 |  | Apologies for absence were received from C M Wilkinson (Asst. Clerk); M. Wellington (Pool Manager) G. Foy (Pool Assistant Manager) |
| 134/15 |  | Simon Gedye had been invited to speak to the committee at 7.30 pm to explain the solarium options in more detail. |
| 135/15 |  | A Watts declared an interest because of his employment at the pool. |
| 136/15 |  | The Minutes of the SPC meeting of 8th March 2106 had been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.  |
| 137/15 |  | **Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising.**  |
| 137/15 | .1 | The very positive article in the Sheffield Telegraph on 17th March 2016 was circulated.  |
| 137/15 | .2 | The 80th anniversary event on Sunday 24th July will include a children’s dance class using recorded music. It will be on a 30’s theme. This event needs to be separately notified to neighbours.  |
| 137/15 | .3 | There are still 2 advertising boards available. |
| 137/15 | .4 | The Village Society in Dore has agreed to advertise the pool on its 3 notice boards. |
| 137/15 | .5 | There are 660 season ticket holders this year. |
| 137/15 | .6 | Anecdotal reports from swimmers are very positive. |
| 138/15 |  |  **Plant /Machinery/Operational Matters.** |
| 138/15 | .1 | The perimeter fencing was very successful. The uprights had been suitably treated to prevent rotting. At the end of season the rest of the fencing would be replaced. |
| 138/15 | .2 | The Water Polo goals had been ordered and invoiced and delivery awaited. |
| 138/15 | .3 | The purchase of lockers needs to be approved at the May HPC meeting. |
| 138/15 | .4 | The new benches are very successful. |
| 138/15 | .5 | The hedge at the side of the Memorial Hall has been cut which is a big improvement. |
| 138/15 | .6 | Ops Jobs List – all in hand. |
| 138/15 | .7 | The George Hotel had enquired about a discount on Season Tickets again this year. For 2015 they had a discount on 2 OOA adult tickets full price £396.00 for £375.00, a discount of 5.3%. It was agreed to offer them the equivalent for 2016 which would be @ £410. |
| 138/15 | .8 | Ash will provide up-to-date risk assessments for the 3rd May main HPC meeting. |
| 139/15 |  | **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** |
| 139/15 | .1 | The Clerk had circulated an email from Gordon Evans appreciating the new arrangements for managing pool events. The Clerk had sent an acknowledgement and thanks for the feedback. |
| 139/15 | .2 | The Clerk had circulated an email from Barry Walker which had restated comments already covered and replied to in previous correspondence. The Committee did not feel it was necessary or appropriate to respond on this occasion. |
| 140/15 |  | **Solarium Development and Funding.** |
| 140/15 | .1 | Plans and costings had been circulated to all SPC members prior to the meeting (see file). Simon Gedye explained the detail of each of the options under consideration. Options are – Polysolar panels on the roof of solarium to provide electricity which could be sold back to the grid. (Planning permission may be needed). Councillors asked if there was a similar installation they could have a look at. The revised proposal at £38k was most energy efficient.A solar thermal water heating system to assist with heating the pool could be located at the back of the changing rooms.The cost of installing a platform lift was considered too high at £40k.Councillors will consider the options for a decision to be made at the 10th May SPC meeting. |
| 140/15 | .2 | The Transition Hope Valley energy audit shows the pool to be quite energy efficient. The invoice for £100 for the audit was approved to be paid.Page 1 of 2: Chairman’s initials: ……………………………. Date: 10th May 2016 |
| 141/15 |  | **Staff** |
| 141/15 | .1 | Rob Wilman has given notice to finish at the pool on 22nd April. Rob’s contribution as a Lifeguard at the pool since March 2010 has been very much appreciated. He has now found a full year job which is a career progression. The Clerk will send Rob a letter of thanks for his efforts and commitment. Ashley Watts will provide Rob with an open reference as to the quality of his work.  |
| 141/15 | .2 | Rob’s leaving creates a vacancy for a Swimming Teacher. Pool Managers recommend Lucy Wilman to undertake the training to be paid for by HPC on the usual agreement of years of service requirement (The RFO will provide the wording for the agreement.) |
| 142/15 |  | **Finance** |
| 142/15 | .1 | The RFO advised that DDD Cllr Jean Monks’ report to the April HPC meeting flagged up the likelihood that DDDC is now reviewing its future financial commitment to Hathersage Swimming Pool. He recommended that the SPC hold a meeting with DDDC to make clear what the long term plans are for financial support to the pool. The RFO was asked to arrange such a meeting, preferably at the pool so as to demonstrate the value of the facility.Cllrs asked how much support DDDC gives to the other pools in the area. |
| 142/15 | .2 | The RFO pointed out that if DDDC does withdraw financial support, then there would be no legitimate basis for a price differential for season tickets for Derbyshire Dales residents. This would need to be reviewed. |
| 143/15 |  | The next meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee will be on Tuesday 10th May 2016 from 7.00 pm at the Pool Office.  |
| 144/15 |  | No further items were noted for the May agenda. |
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|  |  | The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.Page 2 of 2: Chair’s Signature …………………………………………. Date: 10th May 2016. |