**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Swimming Pool Committee Meeting held at the

Pool Office, at 7.00 p.m. on 11th April 2017.

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| Present: | Councillors D Jackson (Chair); P Mander; J Marsden; H Rodgers and S. Turner.  |
| In attendance: | CF Cave (Finance Officer); M Wellington (Pool Manager(part); A Jones (Clerk); C M Wilkinson (Marketing), and Steve Wyatt (Assistant Clerk). |
| 144/16 |  | Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bridget Hanley and P. Whitney; A Watts (Professional Adviser); G Foy (Assistant Manager)  |
| 145/16 |  | There were no variations in order of business.  |
| 146/16 |  | Mike Wellington and Chris Wilkinson declared an interest because of their employment at the pool.  |
| 147/16 |  | There was no public participation. |
| 148/16 |  | The Minutes of the SPC meeting of 14th March 2017 had been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.  |
| 149/16 |  | **Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising.**  |
| 149/16 | .1 | The Marie Curie Swimathon had been a successful event. |
| 149/16 | .2 | Opening day was very popular. There have been quite a few new swimmers seen this year. |
| 149/16 | .3 | Half the residents’ letters have been delivered, the other half to go out tomorrow/next day. |
| 149/16 | .4 | The Patrons letter, an update on developments at the pool and a copy of the brochure have also been delivered. (Copies of all on file with the minutes.) |
| 149/16 | .5 | Merchandise is available for sale – extra items are tea towels, coasters and magnets. These will be taken to the May HPC meeting so all Councillors have an opportunity to see them. |
| 149/16 | .6 | It was agreed to put a pool poster in notice boards in Dore (for free) and in Totley for £1 a week during the heated season. |
| 149/16 | .7 | There has been an enquiry for a regular booking for cold swims throughout the closed season, willing to pay costs. Mike will follow up with the lady who enquired. |
| 150/16 |  | **Plant/Machinery and Operational Issues** |
| 150/16 | .1 | The Pool Notice Board is in a precarious state, part collapsed. Mike to ask the joiners working on the pool if they could fix it, and put a H & S warning on it. |
| 150/16 | .2 | The new pool covers have been fitted today. They are lower and better visually than the previous. Also, with two covers they are less susceptible to wind damage. They have temporarily been fitted with more powerful motors than needed because these were available in stock. They will be replaced with the appropriate lower power motors when these become available. |
| 150/16 | .3 | Mike had asked that metal conduits be replaced with more appropriate plastic ones. |
| 150/16 | .4 | The new flooring has been installed in the cubicles to a good standard. Unfortunately, it draws attention to the older aspects of the facilities. |
| 150/16 | .5 | Polysolar will be coming on Wednesday/Thursday to connect the solar panels. Cllr Jackson is checking that this is included in the Polysolar quote. |
| 150/16 | .6 | The Caretakers Store is an eyesore and spoils the overall effect of the work done to enhance the appearance of the pool facility. It was agreed that repairs to part of the render and an inexpensive coat of paint (perhaps white and blue) would be appropriate, but to spend any more would be wasteful as ultimately the building will be demolished. Cllr Jackson will ask for Simon Gedye’s opinion on suitable treatments for the building. |
| 150/16 | .7 | The Café canopy and signage were also out of keeping with the new corporate pool image/colours. Mike will discuss with Kevin and bring proposals to the May SPC meeting. It was anticipated that the gazebo will stay as it is. |
| 150/16 | .8 | Kevin has gone ahead with work to the hatch and is understood to be paying for it himself. |
| 150/16 | .9 | Levelling the ground on approach to the café. Mike to obtain quotes from 3 local builders for either levelling the ground or a post and rail to prevent a fall.Page 1 of 3: Chair’s initials……………………………………… Date: 9th May 2017 |
| 150/16 | .10 | Replacement of surface water drain cover. Mike and George will resolve this.  |
| 151/16 |  | **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** |
| 151/16 | .1 | Request for a split year season ticket. It was decided that this would be administratively unmanageable. Mike and George will consider the implications of a 12-swim ticket as a possible option to introduce in the 2018 season, however, a number of potential drawbacks were foreseeable.  |
| 151/16 | .2 | Request for a season ticket as a donation/sponsorship. It was decided that this was not appropriate, and it would set a precedent which would cause problems in the long run. Donations from the pool to outside bodies are only given in exceptional circumstances, each case decided on individual merit. |
| 152/16 |  | **Solarium Development and Funding** |
| 152/16 | .1 | We had run out of time to install new flooring over the closed season. It was agreed to paint the floor with a non-slip paint and monitor over this season. Mike and George will investigate flooring options in preparation to bring proposals for new flooring to be installed asap after the end of the season. |
| 152/16 | .2 | The platform lift is being installed. There are several stages of concrete pouring before the actual installation. |
| 152/16 | .3 | Widening the footpath to be more accessible. Again, we had run out of time. Paving would be reconsidered at a future date.  |
| 152/16 | .4 | Fencing quote. The quote from PD Brown for £5,400 was considered. The maximum sum which SPC can spend on a single item without going to HPC for authorisation is £2,500. Also, HPC must ask for 3 quotes for any spending of this nature. Mike will obtain two more quotes from appropriate local companies. He will also ask for the PD Brown quote to be broken down into component parts.  |
| 152/16 | .5 | Electricity generation – public display. It had been agreed to have a display panel showing how much energy was being generated. This required further investigation to achieve a display of the necessary size. Mike and George will investigate options.  |
| 153/16 |  | **Staff.**  |
| 153/16 | .1 | Staff had been retained from the previous season with a few new added.  |
| 153/16 | .2 | Training agreements for staff undertaking swim teaching training had been signed by Councillors, to recover costs appropriate if staff left a short while after undergoing training. |
|  |  | (Mike Wellington left the meeting at this point.) |
| 154/16 |  | **Finance.**  |
| 154/16 | .1 | DDDC have now paid over the £100,925 reserves they were holding towards the solarium development costs. This means finances are now up-to-date with DDDC. There is a further sum of £25,000 due from DDDC for further developments over the forthcoming year. Actual costs for the solarium have been £105,000. |
| 155/16 |  | Cllr Jackson distributed copies of the Business Plan drafted in 2012. It was noted that most of the objectives stated in that plan had now been achieved, with the only outstanding ones being improvement to the circulation of the water and improvements to the entrance of the pool. An agenda item of the June SPC meeting will be to draft a new 5-year business plan for the pool, to incorporate a review of the heating system, and agree additional spending needs for the pool. Investigation of air and ground source heating options will be part of the process. One suggestion was to have a competition of pool users to suggest improvements to the office and entrance in keeping with the traditional style of the existing buildings. It would be of benefit to incorporate a digital counter of numbers coming into the pool.It was agreed that Mike Wellington and George Foy would be integral to the 5-year plan process. Page 2 of 3: Chair’s Initials ………………………………………….. Date: 9th May 2017 |
| 156/16 |  | Cllr Jackson confirmed that this will be his last meeting as a Parish Councillor, and it was noted that his role, particularly as Chair of the Swimming Pool Committee would be a very difficult one to fill. All Councillors thanked Dave for his carrying out exceptionally demanding work and his commitment to the Parish Council, and congratulated him particularly on the achievements at the pool over the last few years. Cllr Jackson praised all the Staff and volunteers who had made this possible. |
| 156/16 |  | The next meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee will be on Tuesday 9th May 2017 from 7.00 pm in the pool office.  |
| 143/16 |  | Items for the May agenda –Staff meeting; Appointment of Councillor with responsibility for DBS monitoring. Update on lift and access; Fencing.  |
|  |  | The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.Page 3 of 3: Chair’s Signature …………………………………………. Date: 9th May 2017. |