**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Swimming Pool Committee Meeting held at the

Sampson Room, at 7.00 p.m. on 14th March 2017.

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| Present: | | Councillors Bridget Hanley; D Jackson (Chair); P Mander; J Marsden; H Rodgers; S. Turner and P. Whitney |
| In attendance: | | CF Cave (Finance Officer); A Watts (Professional Adviser); G Foy (Assistant Manager); A Jones (Clerk); C M Wilkinson (Marketing); One member of the public. |
| 131/16 |  | Apologies for absence were received from M Wellington (Pool Manager). |
| 132/16 |  | There were no variations in order of business. |
| 133/16 |  | Ashley Watts, George Foy and Chris Wilkinson declared an interest because of their employment at the pool. |
| 134/16 |  | Gordon Evans, a near neighbour to the pool, attended to report to the SPC on noise levels at events at the pool during the 2016 season. (*Background - Gordon had found that noise levels at certain events in 2015 were a problem, and at the SPC meeting of 9th February 2016, minute 110/15.2 the Committee had made assurances that steps would be put in place to address this.*)  Gordon said that the changes had worked very well for the 2016 season, there were a few fluctuations but a big improvement over the previous 3 years and noise levels had been reasonable. He was very gratified that the SPC had listened to his concerns, had come up with a plan and had stuck to it. He appreciated that this was the result of the efforts of individuals, largely volunteers, managing the events on the ground at night time. Whilst he would really prefer no noise at evening events he is a firm supporter of the pool and understands that these events raise much needed funds. He is happy that this compromise is a positive outcome.  Councillors thanked Gordon for his feedback which is very valuable to the committee. Any future feedback would also be very welcome. Gordon left the meeting after this item. |
| 135/16 |  | The Minutes of the SPC meeting of 14th February 2017 had been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair. |
| 136/16 |  | **Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising.** |
| 136/16 | .1 | A very positive free item on the pool is appearing in the Peak Advertiser. |
| 136/16 | .2 | The project to write up the changes which have been happening at the pool over the last few years has grown to quite a lengthy document which is very informative. |
| 136/16 | .3 | Gala is donating funds to Aqua health. |
| 136/16 | .4 | Weston Park will be supporting cancer swimming sessions again this year. |
| 136/16 | .5 | Brochure amendments were agreed. There are no changes to the HPA hire charges. |
| 136/16 | .6 | Advertising Boards – Simon Gedye has re-ordered his board. Maazi’s and St. Michael’s have not responded yet. |
| 136/16 | .7 | Advertising in Dore to Door and the Bradway Bugle was authorised. George to provide copy. |
| 136/16 | .8 | The Marie Curie Swimathon 7th – 9th April is fully booked. Clerk to check for notices of road closures affecting those dates so the pool website can give advance warning to swimmers. The pool will be closed to the public from 7.30 – 1.30 on the Sunday.(*Clerk’s note:* *As of 27th March there are no scheduled road closures on the DCC website which would affect travellers to Hathersage around the time of the Swimathon.)* |
| 136/16 | .9 | The ‘Pool with a View’ advert was authorised to run again for 2017 @ £305. George and Mike to update the copy. |
| 137/16 |  | **Plant/Machinery and Operational Issues** |
| 137/16 | .1 | The pumps are being serviced one at a time @ £450 each. |
| 137/16 | .2 | The pool covers will be installed on 11th April. It will take one day and will require the pool to be closed for the day. This means the covers will be moved manually for the first 3 days of the season. |
| 137/16 | .3 | There had been a clash with installation of the pool covers and work on the new disabled access, but this had been overcome.  Page 1 of 2: Chair’s initials……………………………………… Date: 11th April 2017 |
| 137/16 | .4 | Quotes are being requested for a new front door to the pool. |
| 137/16 | .5 | Replacement hatch/door for café. One quote has been received. Two further quotes are required. (GF to arrange). The work will have to be carried out when the solarium roof is finished. |
| 137/16 | .6 | It was approved to update the fencing between the café and office, as this last section is letting the rest down. |
| 137/16 | .7 | Request for a Methodist Service in celebration of the solarium refurbishment, (in recognition of George Lawrence the benefactor, who was a Methodist). It was noted that this request is now to include a full immersion baptism. The service was approved in principle, with Mike and George to plan exactly how this will be managed. It was felt that a 5.00 pm service on a Sunday evening after the pool had closed to the public would be the ideal arrangement, to be fixed for after the solarium work is completed. |
| 137/16 | .8 | Ashley Watts will have the Risk Assessments updated and with the RFO for 16th March. |
| 137/16 | .9 | The Asbestos Report is in hand. |
| 138/16 |  | **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – covered at 134/16. |
| 139/16 |  | **Solarium Development and Funding** |
| 139/16 | .1 | The solarium has basically been pulled apart and put back together again. There have been photographs of the work progress on face book and the pool website. Progress has been good, thanks also to the good weather. |
| 139/16 | .2 | The solar panels have now been added to the Insurance Policy. |
| 139/16 | .3 | The solarium will be completed on target but we won’t have use of the full veranda at that time. The pool will be able to open on 7th April. |
| 139/16 | .4 | A new valuation of the pool and insurance cover is to be an item for the April HPC meeting. |
| 139/16 | .5 | Additional professional costs. It was agreed that there had been additional costs in respect of the change to a larger lift. The costs of £420 + VAT were approved. |
| 139/16 | .6 | It was agreed that there would be additional professional costs in respect of the veranda flooring. Extra fees of £350 + VAT had been quoted. It was noted that there were problems in renewing the flooring at this stage. A decision on this was deferred. |
| 140/16 |  | **Staff.** |
| 140/16 | .1 | Further staff training was approved on the usual terms. |
| 140/16 | .2 | The issuing of 2 season tickets was approved in recognition of the value of the contribution of staff running the Masters Swim Club on a voluntary basis. |
| 141/16 |  | **Finance.** |
| 141/16 | .1 | The RFO had established that invoices for the solarium should be sent to DDDC for the end of year. DDDC will now only carry forward funds towards major specified projects. |
| 141/16 | .2 | It was agreed to set aside an hour of the June SPC meeting to draft a 5 year business plan for the pool, to incorporate a review of the heating system, and agree spending needs on long term maintenance requirements for the pool. |
| 142/16 |  | The next meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee will be on Tuesday 11th April 2017 from 7.00 pm in the pool office. |
| 143/16 |  | Items for the April agenda – Annual Report (at printers); Staff meeting at beginning of season; Appointment of Councillor with responsibility for DBS monitoring. Cllr Hanley gave apologies for the April meeting. |
|  |  | The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.  Page 2 of 2: Chair’s Signature …………………………………………. Date: 11th April 2017. |