**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council, 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in the School Hall, Hathersage St. Michael’s School, Hathersage.

Councillors Present: Jane Marsden, William Eames, James Marsden, James Shuttleworth, Bill Hanley, Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, Pete Rowland, Rosie Olle, Kirsty Kirkham, Heather Rodgers

Also In attendance: Steve Wyatt (Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO), DDDC Cllr. Peter O’Brien (part)..

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| 170/19 |  | To receive apologies for absence – Cllr. Stuart Turner, DCC Cllr Judith Twigg, PC Linda Hancock, PCSO Anthony Boswell. |
| 171/19 |  | To decide any variation in the order of business - none |
| 172/19 |  | Declaration of Members Interests - none |
| 173/19 |  | Public Participation. |
| 173/19 | a) | A period of not more than ten minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.  Members of the public attended with regards issues this year with the Nativity Crib – The current location is no longer acceptable by the landowner due to the recent vandalism. Can the PC suggest another location for next year? Vandalism in any location could be a problem but protection could be incorporated if discussed in advance. A smaller crib could be devised. Cllr. Jane Marsden thanked those present for making an approach so early in the year. It was agreed that the location and design should be looked into once the covered seating area is in place to better ascertain available space in the Heart of Hathersage. An estimate of cost for protecting the current crib should be provided. |
| 173/19 | b) | If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.  DDDC Cllr. O’Brien had nothing to report at this time but asked for any questions -  Cllr. W Hanley mentioned the recent agreement for green bins that are to be provided for an annual charge of £50 from 01/04/2021. There will be a discount of £15 for the first year.  Cllr. Kirkham asked if existing green bins are to be retained and just the new charges applied. It is understood that this will be the case but some sort of electronic tagging is thought to be required to ensure payments are up to date.  Cllr. Jane Marsden – mentioned the varying standards of grass verge mowing. Cllr. O’Brien was asked to look into who actually arranges this mowing and the standard expected.  There is a Forum at Bakewell Agricultural centre 29th January 2020 to which Cllr. O’Brien encouraged attendance. |
| 174/19 |  | Confirmation of Minutes of HPC meeting of 3rd December 2019 and to note any matters arising – the minutes were reviewed, **approved** and signed by the Chair. |
| 175/19 |  | Confirmation of Extraordinary Minutes of HPC meeting of 16th December 2019 and to note any matters arising – the minutes were reviewed, **approved** and signed by the Chair. |
| 176/19 |  | **Financial Matters** – RFO’s Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is noted as received. |
| 176/19 | .1 | To receive the statement of accounts – the statement was noted as received. |
| 176/19 | .2 | To approve accounts for payment – These were scrutinised and **approved** for payment to the amount of £95,512.12 inclusive of £12,973.94 VAT. Some late additions to the final payments were explained. These were included in those payments that were scrutinised: Church clock repairs - £2,638 was the amount paid less VAT so this is what will be paid; extending insurance to cover the works at the pool; Architects certificates had been received for works completed to-date at the pool; Jonathan Slater had submitted invoices in recent days for burial ground maintenance and ivy clearing at the pool. |
| 176/19 | .3 | To note account scrutiny arrangements and approve signatories for 4th February meeting from the agreed schedule to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this and the 4th February meeting. It was **agreed** that **Cllrs. Olle and B Hanley would scrutinise payments** and sign cheques for the next period. |
| 176/19 | .4 | To agree the budget and approve the precept for 2020/21 –  Cllr. Jane Marsden suggested an additional £1,000 for CCTV to allow for recent proposals to the current system – this was **agreed**.  Signed: Date:  Cllr. W Hanley suggested an amount in the budget for engaging HR consultants – it was **agreed** that £2,500 would be entered into the budget.  Cllr. Jane Marsden suggested additional budget for wall repairs at the recreation ground - it was **agreed** that £3,000 would be entered into the budget.  Chris Cave, RFO, explained that the budget now amounts to £43k with these changes.  It was suggested and **agreed** that the precept request should be £58k. In light of the earlier conversation about the village crib Cllr. Jane Marsden suggested that additions to reserves should be an additional £1,000 to Village projects, £2,000 to the MUGA and £12,000 to the pool. This was **agreed**. |
| 176/19 | .5 | Transfer of RBS bank account – it was **agreed** to transfer the account to the Co-op as the first preference unless information comes to light suggesting this would not be appropriate. Authorised signatories to the Co-op account to be the members of the finance committee. It was **agreed** that a NatWest debit card with a zero facility for withdrawing cash be obtained in the name of Councillor Rodgers to enable bankings to be made at the Post Office. |
| 176/19 | .6 | Playing Field equipment insurance – The figure of £50k suggested at the previous meeting was thought to possibly be insufficient to enable full replacement of equipment. If the amount of cover only amount to half of the value then any claim will he half of the value a single piece of equipment It was **agreed** that insurance will be arranged in the future once new equipment has been installed. Equipment renewal is currently in the hands of the Recreation Committee. |
| 176/19 | .7 | The RFO, Chris Cave, reported that, following the closure of various accounts to release funds for the swimming pool refurbishment, the funds currently held in the Unity Trust deposit account significantly exceeded the FSCS limit of £85,000. The Council **approved** this temporary position. |
|  |  | There was a break for KGF Business after which the meeting resumed. |
|  |  | **Committees and Working Groups** |
| 177/19 |  | **Review committee membership and appoint recent co-optees to committees –** the current committee membership had been circulated to all members. Agreed changes were:  Cllr. Hill to be a member of Transport, Recreation, Swimming Pool, Burial Ground and Planning and also to be the second HPC rep to attend Breedon Group meetings.  Cllr. Rowland to be a member of Recreation, Burial Ground and Transport. |
| 178/19 |  | **Swimming Pool Committee**. To receive minutes of the 12/12/19 meeting – these were noted as received. |
| 178/19 | .1 | Pumping and filtration upgrade – project update – a report was emailed prior to the meeting by Tom Crooks. This was read out to the meeting and will be forwarded by the clerk to all members  The Parish Council were very pleased with the level of reporting being received. Cllr. Rodgers reported that on a very bad day for weather during Christmas and New Year that she provided refreshments for the staff on site. |
| 178/19 | .2 | Repainting of café windows – an email had been sent to the tenants advising painting was not required. |
| 178/19 | .3 | Approval of 2020 swimming pool admission prices.  Chris appraised the meeting of the general formula used for determining season ticket prices. The recommendation from the SPC had been circulated. Cllr. Hill asked about the approximate per centage increase in prices. High Peak BC contribution is yet to be determined which may affect the High Peak price. The recommendation was **agreed**. |
| 179/19 |  | **Recreation Committee**. To receive minutes of meeting – there was no meeting in December. |
| 179/19 | .1 | Bowling Green access – the next steps will be enquired of our solicitor. |
| 179/19 | .2 | Recreation field wall – the current damage to the wall was dealt with in the budget discussion but will be handled further by the Recreation Committee. |
| 180/19 |  | **Planning Committee** – To receive minutes of 18/12/2019 meeting – these were noted as received. |
| 181/19 |  | **Amenities Committee** – To receive minutes of meeting. |
| 181/19 | .1 | Update on covered seating and planters. Cllr. Marsden updated the meeting on the contact that she had had with the stone mason to get the work moving ASAP.  Covered seating – it was suggested that it may be worth considering putting in ducting to the Parish Rooms for future CCTV or electric power while the paving stones are lifted for the rain water pipe connection. Alternative ground works team are to be found for the connection to the drains. |
| 181/19 | .2 | Water tap – report back – carried forward. |
| 181/19 | .3 | Café lease – the meeting on 05/12/19 went ahead with our solicitor and Cllr. Eames gave a summary. HPC then subsequently responded to a letter detailing required changes to the lease from our solicitor following our meeting which has now then been passed to the tenant’s solicitor. A response is awaited. The clerk was instructed to write to our solicitor stating that a signed lease is expected by the end of the end of the month (January 2020) otherwise new tenants will be found.  Signed: Date: |
| 181/19 | .4 | Request to fit a gate suitable for horse riders at the access point to the recently defined bridle path from the road from Whim Cottage to Fiddlers Elbow – It was pointed out that back in 2013 a horse squeezer was requested from DCC to prevent unauthorised access but with the public enquiry this was never installed. The clerk was asked to follow this up gain with DCC. |
| 182/19 |  | **Transport Committee** – To receive minutes of meeting. There had been no meeting. The clerk was asked to enquire of progress re the TRO. A committee meeting is to be set-up later this month. |
| 183/19 |  | **HR Committee** – To receive minutes of meeting 2nd January 2020. |
| 183/19 | .1 | Discussion re matters discussed at the HR/SPC Committee meeting 02/01/2020.  Cllr. W. Hanley explained the suggestion that had come out of the joint meeting of the SPC and HR committee with regards retaining the pool advisor. This proposal was **agreed**. Confidential minutes of the meeting detail the proposal. |
| 183/19 | .2 | HR consultant quotes have been obtained and enquiries are continuing. |
| 184/19 |  | **Website Update** – To receive any report of the Website Working Group - There had been no meeting. |
| 185/19 |  | **Burial Ground Committee** – To receive minutes of meetings since the last Parish Council meeting - There had been no meeting. |
| 186/19 |  | **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – |
| 186/19 | .1 | A letter was read out detailing the PDNPA and Environmental Health investigation into the complaints received about noise at Bank House. There is no nuisance and current activity is within the defined usage. |
| 186/19 | .2 | Brookfield Manor permissive path – the permissive path will be closed for one day Monday 3rd February. |
| 186/19 | .3 | Request for contribution to Memorial Hall redecorating – a letter had been received but this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. |
| 186/19 | .4 | A letter had been received with regards urging residents to cut their hedges ahead of the growing and bird nesting time. This was noted. |
| 187/19 |  | **Village Matters** |
| 187/19 | .1 | To discuss and agree either an additional CCTV camera or wifi protection - It was **agreed** to go ahead with the additional camera AND wifi improvements. |
| 188/19 |  | **Memorial Hall** - To receive Memorial Hall Management Committee Minutes.  Cllr. Rodgers reported that VAT payments have to be made on the current arrangements with the Memorial Hall. There is a request for HPC seeking a way of supporting/managing the Memorial Hall that will allow VAT to be reclaimed on expenditure. It was noted that a Parish Council has the Powers allow support of village and community halls. This will be discussed further. |
| 189/19 |  | To note DALC circulars and other items circulated – noted as received. |
| 190/19 |  | To confirm the next HPC meeting will be at 7.30 pm Tuesday 4th February 2020 in the **School Hall**. |
| 191/19 |  | To note items for the 4th February 2020 agenda. Memorial Hall redecoration, grass verges. |

Signed: Date: