

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Recreation Committee meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 19 May 2020 via Zoom

Present: Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers, Tim Hill, Pete Rowland

In Attendance: Maura Sorenson (Assistant Clerk)

- 101/19 To note Apologies for Absence – James Marsden.
- 102/19 To decide any variation in the order of business – there was no variation.
- 103/19 Public participation – no one attended.
- 104/19 Declaration of interests – none declared
- 105/19 Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2020 – the minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the next appropriate opportunity.
- 106/19 Matters Arising – all within the agenda.
- 107/19 Hard Play Area (MUGA).
- 107/19 .1 Closure and reopening: it was agreed the MUGA will not be reopened until the government advises that play areas and facilities can be reopened. Advice and guidance on safe reopening will be implemented and followed. Cllr Hill highlighted that the lighting box had been left open. It was noted that contractors need ongoing access; the lighting box will remain open for the time being.
- 107/19 .2 Maintenance and repairs: Cllr Hill reported on a meeting with a contractor in relation to repairs to the MUGA fencing. It was agreed to ask the contractor to provide a quote for a daily rate with a view to installing stokboard fencing on one side. If the installation is successful the contractor will supply a further estimate for the costs of repairing the rest of the fence. Materials to charged to HPC. **Cllr Rodgers will liaise with the contractor.**
- 107/19 .3 Charging for regular users: it was noted that a letter had been circulated to local groups of MUGA users confirming that they would not be invoiced for the 2019-20 financial year in light of the fact that the lights had been faulty for some weeks early in the year.
- 108/19 Playing Field
- 108/19 .1 Closure and reopening: it was agreed the playing field will not be reopened until the government advises that play areas and facilities can be reopened. Advice and guidance on safe reopening will be implemented and followed. **It was agreed that closure notices will be refreshed.**
- 108/19 .2 Report from the Friends of the Playing Field Group – no update/report was provided at this meeting.
- 108/19 .3 Maintenance and repairs: Repairs to the wall have begun and are ongoing; the repairs are being undertaken in small sections so there is no need to rope off the area. Cllr Rodgers noted that the grass needs cutting again. **Cllr Marsden agreed to liaise with the contractor.**
- 108/19 .4 Issue with the gate between the playing field and Back Lane: an issue had been raised by a resident about difficulties she had experienced with navigating the gate. Cllrs noted that it would not be possible to maintain the gate in an open position, as this would present a potential road safety hazard to children using the playground. The resident will be informed of the outcome of the discussion. **Cllr Rodgers highlighted an issue with the post on the bottom gate, between the bowling green and the playing field. It was agreed to ask the contractor currently undertaking the wall repairs to inspect the gate.**
- 109/19 Playground
- 109/19 .1 Closure and reopening: it was agreed the playground will not be reopened until the government advises that play areas and facilities can be reopened. Advice and guidance on safe reopening will be implemented and followed. **It was agreed that closure notices will be refreshed.**

- 109/19 .2 Maintenance and repairs and weekly inspections: Cllr Hill reported that he had undertaken an inspection recently. He had dealt with a potential hazard (protruding matting). **Cllr Hill will undertake a further inspection in a week or so or until such time as the caretaker is back in post.**
- 109/19 .3 Play equipment condition and possible replacement: **It was agreed to make arrangements for the bases on two pieces of play equipment – where the wood is rotting – to be removed.**
- 109/19 .4 Adult outdoor exercise equipment: Cllrs Marsden and Rodgers reported on visits to sites at Bakewell and at Youlgreave and had been particularly impressed with the equipment at Youlgreave. A joint visit – HPC councillors and Friends of Hathersage Playing Fields – was proposed, once lockdown measures have been lifted. Cllr Marsden referred to potential grant funding.
- 110/19 Quarterly footpaths report: a report had been circulated. Some sinkage of the stepping stones across the river were noted. Cllrs noted potential issues around making any repairs. It was agreed to consider this further at the next meeting.
- 111/19 Handrail at the steps between the café and Oddfellows Terrace: Cllr Marsden noted that steps also need levelling. **Three quotes will be sought and consideration given to potential contractors.**
- 112/19 Bowling Green
- 112/19 .1 Reopening and risk assessment guidance: Cllrs agreed that the Council would not support the reopening of the club until there is clear government guidance and direction for safely reopening sports facilities. The Council would also need evidence that all necessary risk assessments had been undertaken and any conditions on reopening had been met. **The matter will be considered again at a meeting of the full council on 2 June.** Any further guidance or direction received will be taken into account and the Council will liaise with the Bowling Club.
- 112/19 .2 Confidential item: access to the bowling green: a response to proposals from the HPC solicitor was agreed.
- 113/19 Clerk's Report/Correspondence – none.
- 114/19 Items for next meeting were noted: consideration of repairs to the stepping stones across the river; tendering for work to handrails around the café.
- 115/19 Confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 16 June 2020 7.30 pm (if required).

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