

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Recreation Committee meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 June 2020 via Zoom

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

In Attendance: Maura Sorenson (Assistant Clerk)

There were some connectivity issues for all attendees

116/19 To note apologies for absence – there were no apologies.

117/19 To decide any variation in the order of business – there were no variations.

118/19 Public participation – no-one attended.

119/19 Declaration of interests – none declared.

120/19 Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2020 - the minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the next appropriate opportunity.

121/19 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

122/19 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

122/19 .1 **Closure and reopening:** it was noted that there had been no government confirmation on a reopening date for outdoor leisure facilities. Reference was made to whether a reopening risk assessment needs to be undertaken. The Sheffield City Council approach was noted – a copy of their MUGA users notice was shared, outlining measures to which users need to adhere. It was suggested this could be used as a template for the HPC MUGA.

122/19 .2 **Requests from groups to return to training on the MUGA:** noted –also noted that users will only be able to return once it has been officially confirmed that outdoor leisure facilities can reopen, and after any necessary measures are put in place.

122/19 .3 **Maintenance and repairs** (including fencing): Cllrs noted work is ongoing.

123/19 **Playing Field**

123/19 .1 **Closure and reopening:** it was noted that there had been no government confirmation on a reopening date for outdoor leisure facilities. Reference was made to whether a reopening risk assessment needs to be undertaken. Cllrs referred to the Sheffield City Council MUGA users notice, which had been shared, suggesting it could be adapted for use in the playing field.

123/19 .2 **Report from the Friends of the Playing Field Group:** no-one attended and no report had been provided.

123/19 .3 **Maintenance and repairs:** Cllr Rodgers noted that she had met with a couple of Tree Officers to look at the condition of the celebration tree in the playing field. They had noted that, though not diseased, the tree had suffered some frost damage, needed pruning and some of the dead wood removed, and would eventually need felling. Cllr Rodgers had removed weeds from the area surrounding the tree. It was **agreed** to include this as an item on the agenda for the next full council meeting.

124/19 **Playground**

124/19 .1 **Closure and reopening:** it was noted that there had been no government confirmation on a reopening date for outdoor leisure facilities. Reference was made to whether a reopening risk assessment needs to be undertaken. Cllrs referred to the Sheffield City Council MUGA users notice, which had been shared, suggesting it could be adapted for use in the playground.

124/19 .2 **Maintenance and repairs including regular inspections:** Cllr Hill had been undertaking regular inspections during lockdown, while the caretaker was on furlough. The Assistant Clerk will check with the caretaker if he has resumed regular inspections and ask him to forward any completed inspection notes.

124/19 .3 **Play equipment condition and possible replacement:** Cllr Hill referred to the small slide, noting that the supporting timbers are rotting. Cllr Rodgers noted that repair works

- would need to be costed. If it proves too costly to repair consideration will be given to removal/replacement.
- 124/19 .4 **Adult outdoor exercise equipment:** Cllr Hill had visited the Youlgreave site and noted the equipment seemed sturdy, well made and fit for purpose. It was noted it would be difficult to pursue this item any further under ongoing Covid measures and it was agreed to further consider provision when the situation is more settled.
- 125/19 **Handrail and the steps between the café and the bowling green:** Cllr Jane Marsden noted that the possibility of installing a ramp from the café to the bowling green is being investigated – an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- 126/19 **Bowling Green**
- 126/19 .1 **Confidential item: access to the bowling green** it was confirmed that a joint site visit, with the Council's solicitor, to the bowling green is being arranged. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- 127/19 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence** there was nothing to report.
- 128/19 **Any other urgent business**
- 128/19 .1 Cllr Rodgers noted that a number of children on Oddfellows Road regularly use the playing field and playground and suggested parents may be interested in joining the Friends of Hathersage Playing Field. Cllr Hill agreed to liaise with parents.
- 128/19 .2 Cllr Jane Marsden referred to concerns raised about pedestrian safety, particularly for children, at the swimming pool entrance, and a request for a warning/stop sign to be erected. Cllr Hill agreed to look into producing and erecting a laminated sign.
- 129/19 **Items for next meeting:**
- Hedges and hedge cutting particularly along Station Road – it was suggested this should be included on the agenda for the next full council meeting.
- 130/19 **Date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday 21 July 2020, 7.30pm