**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL POLICY**

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***HoH Flagstaff Usage***

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# Introduction

At the Hathersage Parish Council meeting 2nd April 2019 the Clerk reported on a letter that had been received from a resident with regards the Parish Council supporting the occasional use of a flagstaff with a suitable flag to mark national events. The resident had suggested that the Christmas tree socket would be used for the flagstaff and that there would be no cost to the Parish Council for either the flagstaff or any flag that is flown. It is recorded in the minutes of this meeting (*Minute number 246/18.6*) that the Parish Council agreed in principle to the request but that a policy should be drawn up to define the usage.

# Planning Consent

At the meeting on the 2nd April 2019 the Clerk reported that the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) had been consulted about the use of a flagstaff and flag. The response received (appended to this policy) was that as long as the flag was not an advertisement then permission was not required.

# Flagstaff Location

In the redevelopment of the village centre in 2018 the area that has become known as the Heart of Hathersage (HoH), incorporates a ‘socket’ into which a Christmas tree or crucifix can be placed. A paving slab can be removed exposing the socket with the paving slab stored in the HoH meeting space for safe keeping while the tree/crucifix is in situ. A suitable secure method of locating the flagstaff in this same socket has been devised.

# Usage Policy

At their meeting 03/03/2020 (minute number 228/19.2) Hathersage Parish Council agreed to the following:

1. The flagstaff would be put in place with the intention of flying a flag to mark national or international events.
2. The only flags that can be flown are the Union flag; the flag of St George; the flag of St. Patrick: the flag of St. Andrew, the flag of St. David and the Derbyshire flag.
3. Examples of events may be the passing of the monarch and/or consort; the passing of another member of the Royal Family; an international event such as the remembrance of a World War; a major national incident causing significant loss of life.
4. Each event for which a flag should be flown would be considered on a case by case basis.
5. A committee of 5 members of Hathersage Parish Council, including the chair or vice chair, would be agreed. This committee would have the powers, agreed by the Parish Council, to judge each event and to decide if the event warranted the flying of a flag.
6. A flag will be flown for a maximum of 2 weeks following the date of the event and from no longer that 1 week prior to the date of the event.
7. Once the flag is taken down the flagstaff will also be removed and stored for safe keeping until its next use. A bare flagstaff will not remain at the HoH.

**History of changes**

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| 01 | 20/01/2020 | Draft for discussion |
| 02 | 20/03/2020 | Addition of Derbyshire Flag as a flag that can be flown. Approved minute number 228/19.2 03/03/2020 |

Email from PDNPA with regards permission for a flagstaff

