

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020 via Zoom

Present: Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, Peter Rowland

In Attendance: Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

034/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr James Marsden

035/20 Any variation in the order of business – there was no variation

036/20 Public participation – no members of the public attended

037/20 Declaration of interests – there were no declarations of interest

038/20 Confirmation of minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 18 August 2020 – the minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising from the minutes:

026/20.1 – call for new members of the Friends of Hathersage Playing Fields (FoHPF) - the Assistant Clerk reported that she had posted notices online including on our own website and Facebook site, and in Hathersage News Online. Cllr Hanley agreed to produce a letter for circulation to parents/carers of children at St Michael's School, and to liaise with the school.

Recreation Committee matters

039/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

- .1 Maintenance and repairs – Cllr Hill noted that funds for the next stage of repairs to the wall had been agreed at full Council on 1 September but it was not known if the contractor had been informed – the Assistant Clerk to check, and action.

040/20 **Playing Field**

- .1 Report from the Friends of Hathersage Playing Field – no-one was in attendance and no report had been provided. An update on a call for new members had been noted under matters arising from the 18 August meeting
- .2 Maintenance and repairs including regular inspections – reference was made to a recent 'running repair' to a step on the climbing frame – Cllr Rodgers noted that the fix was unsatisfactory beyond a very short-term remedy.
- .3 Noted that Cllr Rodgers and the HPC Caretaker, Neil Vaughan, will meet with representatives of Alliance Environmental (AE) on Friday 18 September to undertake a joint inspection of play equipment. Cllr Rodgers noted that it would be an opportunity to ensure that AE and HPC are taking a similar view of, and approach to, equipment wear and tear, and maintenance.
- .4 Play equipment – replacement including budget, and fundraising – agreed that the Assistant Clerk will review previous discussions around equipment to be replaced/ additional equipment, including costings, and also look into accessing relevant grants/ funding. The Assistant Clerk will provide a report at the next meeting.
- .5 Adult outdoor exercise equipment – the Assistant Clerk will include reference to previous consideration of adult outdoor exercise equipment in her report on play equipment, at the next meeting.

041/20 **Handrail and steps between the café and the bowling green – improving accessibility:** a report from Tom Crooks (Architect) had been circulated. Cllrs noted the costs quoted for the initial, exploratory stages of a project. Cllrs agreed to put this on hold for the time being and to further explore other options e.g. automated opening and closure of gates on to the playing field and bowling green.

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042/20 **Memorial Tree**

- .1 Three quotes had been received for maintenance work on the memorial tree in the playing field. Cllrs unanimously agreed to award the contract to Treefellas. The Assistant Clerk will liaise with all three companies.

043/20 **Cuttings left in playing field:** Cllr Rodgers referred to tree cuttings left in the playing field (swimming pool side). It was noted that it had been initially agreed that the cuttings be left there to decay naturally, provide a habitat for wildlife etc, however Cllr Rodgers noted that some of the branches were very large and unwieldy and may need removing. The Chair noted she would look into the matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

044/20 **Bowling Green**

- .1 Confidential item: access to the bowling green – Cllrs noted a forthcoming meeting with representatives of all the relevant parties.

Amenities Committee matters

- 045/20 .1 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)** – covered seating and planter: the Chair noted liaison with Greenstone and Ivy, re stone cutting, and with Pennine Woodworking. It was anticipated that the covered seating will be in place early in October. The new planter is in place. Cllrs noted some of the negative reactions from residents. It was suggested that the appearance of the planter will improve with weathering. It was agreed that the height needs to be reduced (by one tier) and that the planter be repositioned (at the end of the seat by the Veterinary Practice parking area) – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Pennine Woodworking. A village resident, Jennie Wedgewood, will organise and maintain the plants, taking into consideration height, overhead wires etc. It was agreed any decision to purchase more planters be put on hold.

It was noted that it had been anticipated that planters could be used/placed to deter parking at HoH, however that had been pre Covid and the need for more stringent measures including social distancing. Cllrs discussed other measures, apart from permanent bollards, that could be used to stop/deter parking including retractable bollards – it was suggested some research be undertaken into their use in other villages. Cllr Olle noted that the parking problems experienced over the last few months had, in part, been due to the exceptionally high visitor numbers and that the situation may ease in the coming months.

- .2 **HoH Toilets** – maintenance and repairs: it had been reported that all three toilets were working, and that spare parts had been delivered to Studio Gedye – and noted that arrangements were being made to move and store the spare parts at the toilets so they are readily accessible.
- .3 **Covid distancing measures and the safer high street initiative:** it was noted that some of the pavement decals are already beginning to lift away from the pavement. Cllrs noted that they considered the pavement decals unnecessary. Cllrs noted the one-way system by the Chemist was working well but that some improvements could be made including signage to inform motorists that there has been an alteration to the road layout; and moving the downhill stop point to improve the line of vision for motorists coming downhill.

046/20 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence** – nothing to note.

047/20 **Any other business**

- .1 Cllr Hanley noted that the plaque by the Millennium Tree (noting the names of all those born in the village in 2000) appeared to be missing. The Chair noted that she would look into it and provide an update at the next meeting.
- .2 Cllr Rodgers noted a request to authorise the replacement of the sign re Little John's Grave (there would be no cost to the Council) – this was **agreed** – Cllr Rodgers will liaise with the relevant parties.
- .3 Cllr Hill asked about maintenance of the area next to the Methodist Church. Cllr Rodgers noted that another of the Millennium projects had been the creation of a small wildlife

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area and lawn to be maintained by a group of volunteers; the rest of the area was the responsibility of the Methodist Church.

048/20 Items for next meeting – the September agenda will inform the agenda for the October meeting.

049/20 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 20 October 2020 7.30pm (to be confirmed)

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