

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 17 November 2020 via Zoom

Present: Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers,

In Attendance: Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

- 065/20 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bridget Hanley and Peter Rowland.
- 066/20 There was no variation in the order of business
- 067/20 **Public participation:** Grace Spolding and Tim Rutter, new members of the Friends of Hathersage Playing Fields (FoHPF), joined the meeting.
- 068/20 **Declaration of interests:** in relation to agenda item 7.3 (Maintenance and repairs, removal of seesaw uprights. Grace Spolding noted her connection with the current contractor. Grace left the meeting after item 7 and had no part of the discussion on item 8.
- 069/20 The minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 20 October 2020 were **agreed** and will be signed by the Chair at the next opportunity. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- Recreation Committee matters**
- 070/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**
- .1 **Maintenance and repairs:** the Assistant Clerk reported that the Pool Manager had provided two quotes (from J P Lennard, with whom the Parish Council has an account) for replacement basketball hoops and backboards. There is a significant difference in costs with one hoop/board priced at £437.60 each plus VAT; the second at £1,199.85 plus VAT. The Pool Manager notes the cheaper option would be sufficiently robust. It was agreed to seek a third quote, from another supplier, and consider/reach a decision at the next meeting of this committee.
 - .2 **Covid safety:** noted that the NHS track and Trace QR code has been posted at the MUGA.
- 071/20 **Playing Field and Playground**
- .1 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): Cllrs noted this item should be kept on the agenda, going forward, for reference.
 - .2 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers introduced new FoHPF members Grace Spolding and Tim Rutter. Tim had met with Cllrs Marsden and Rodgers at the playing field; a further meeting will be arranged to enable Grace to undertake a visit, with Cllrs. Noted there is a third individual interested in joining FoHPF; Cllr Rodgers is liaising with her. Cllr Marsden outlined the role of FoHPF and their relationship with the Parish Council. She also referred to inspection and maintenance regimes; and to the funding of new equipment. Both Grace and Tim agreed to sharing their contact details with one another, and with Cllrs. Cllr Rodgers noted that she was still waiting for a handover of FoHPF paperwork from Claire Dainton.
 - .3 **Maintenance and repairs:** a report from Alliance Environmental (AE) on progress with maintenance and repairs identified at the 18 September joint inspection had been circulated. Cllr Rodgers led attendees through the report highlighting where specific directions to AE were required or where clarification on actions/those responsible, were required. A full list of actions, and queries, are noted separately in the maintenance/repairs report. Grace Spolding noted she might be able to arrange for removal of the seesaw uprights where specialist tools might be needed. Clerk to contact Philip Wilcockson, and other contractors to obtain further quotes as required by HPC.
 - .4 **New play equipment:** a catalogue of play equipment had been shared with Tim Rutter. He will arrange to pass it onto Grace Spolding. Further consideration to be given by new FoHPF members. Available funding (jointly from FoHPF monies and the allocation in the Parish Council budget) to be confirmed.
- 072/20 **King George's Field - maintenance**

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- .1 **Maintenance contract:** the landscape maintenance specification, approved in 2015, had been circulated. Cllrs noted no changes were necessary. A number of potential contractors had been suggested - Assistant Clerk approach four contractors (including the current contractor) for quotes for provision.
- .2 **Memorial Tree** – noted that work on the Memorial Tree is scheduled to take place on 2 December. Cllr Rodgers noted a possible fungus infection on another tree – agreed to request Treefellas to inspect and advise.
- .3 **Playing field wall:** Cllr Hill confirmed that work to repair/maintain a further section of the wall is due to be undertaken w/c Mon 23 November.
- 073/20 **Bowling Green**
- .1 Confidential item: access to the bowling green – there was nothing to update.
- 074/20 **Amenities Committee matters**
- .1 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH), covered seating and planter:** Cllr Olle reported on her encounter with a DCC Officer undertaking a visit to HoH in relation to the installation of a bus shelter. Subsequent correspondence between the Clerk and the Officer had clarified that DCC will not install a bus shelter at HoH and that the Parish Council will proceed with plans for the covered seating. It is hoped all will be in place by the end of November. The DCC Officer had also made reference to tarmacking the ‘beach’ however it was noted that this would only have been in conjunction with the installation of a bus shelter. There had been some questions around planters, licencing and placement. For the time being the focus is on work to the planter in-situ – Pennine Woodworking to remove the top tier and line the planter in preparation for planting.
- .2 **HoH Toilets, maintenance and repairs:** Assistant Clerk reported receipt of an email from T&C Williams confirming that one of their plumbers would visit/inspect the middle toilet before the end of the day on Thursday 19 November. It was agreed that Cllr Hill should meet with them – Assistant Clerk to liaise with T&C Williams to arrange. Cllr Hill reported on some research he had undertaken about issues with the toilet mechanism and possible alternatives. All Cllrs acknowledged frustration with the ongoing problems and lack of resolution. It was agreed to await the outcome of the T&C Williams visit before considering alternative provision.
- .3 **Covid distancing measures and the safer high street initiative:** noted that signs have now been posted on utility and lamp posts and that there are some spare signs if any need replacing.
- 075/20 **Right of Way Consultation** (addition of footpath from Mortimer Road to A57): noted this had been flagged up by DCC Cllr Judith Twigg. The initial consultation had been undertaken in 2019 but DCC had asked if there were any final comments before they concluded their report. Cllr James Marsden noted that as the area concerned had a ‘right to roam’ there was no additional need for a right of way footpath. Cllrs agreed that any right of way that may have existed appeared not to have been used in living memory.
- 076/20 Clerk’s Report/Correspondence
- Noted that, in response to the HPC request to DDDC for a dog waste bin for Leadmill, DDDC had noted they would not provide the bin and were ‘moving away’ from provision of dog waste bins for health and safety reasons. Cllrs asked for clarification on whether DDDC advocated putting dog waste in with general waste – Assistant Clerk to liaise with DDDC.
- 077/20 **Items for next meeting** – no specific items identified.
- 078/20 **Date and time of next meeting** – Tuesday 15 December 2020 7.30pm

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