

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 via Zoom

Present: Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Peter Rowland, Heather Rodgers

In Attendance: FoHPF member Tim Rutter (*part*); Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

079/20 Apologies for absence were approved from Cllrs Bridget Hanley and Tim Hill.

080/20 There was no variation in the order of business.

081/20 Public participation – Tim Rutter, Friend of Hathersage Playing Field (FoHPF).

082/20 There were no declarations of interest.

083/20 Minutes of the joint meeting of the Recreation and Amenities and Committees held on 17 November 2020 were **approved**. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Recreation Committee matters

084/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

- .1 **Basketball Hoops and Boards: consideration of options, and costs:** details of costs of various models had been circulated. Cllr Tim Hill had suggested purchasing one of the options, provided by J P Lennard with whom the Parish Council has an account - the Sure Shot Heavy Duty Wall Mount System at £437.60 plus VAT (total cost for two £875.20 plus VAT). Noted the Pool Manager also recommended this model confirming it would be sufficiently robust. Cllr Hill had noted it looked to be the best, most secure fit onto the existing supports. Cllrs concurred with the Pool Manager's and Cllr Hill's assessment and it was **agreed** to purchase this model.

Noted that consideration will need to be given to fitting the new boards. Cllr Rowland may be able to assist with provision of appropriate scaffolding. Further noted the need to be wary of damaging the MUGA surface in placing the scaffolding. It was agreed to proceed with purchasing the new boards then look at the operational details re fitting them.

- .2 **MUGA maintenance, repairs or any other matters to bring to the committee's attention:** the Assistant Clerk reported that groups are using the MUGA again with reminders to observe all Covid safety measures.

085/20 **Playing Field and Playground**

- .1 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): Noted there was nothing specific to raise or highlight. Cllr Rodgers noted she would check all Covid signs are still in place on the gates.
- .2 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers noted Claire Dainton had passed all the FoHPF paperwork to her. Cllr Rodgers highlighted some poor record keeping noting it will take her some time to get the paperwork in order. She confirmed there is £10K in the FoHPF NatWest account, to be used to purchase new play equipment. Agreed there was no need to change banks but noted the need to change the account signatories, as soon as possible - Cllr Rodgers to get the relevant forms and liaise with old, and incoming, FoHPF members to complete the process. Cllr Rodgers will also share all relevant FoHPF paperwork with new members.

Tim Rutter noted choices of new 'springie' models for the playground – noted he will email the catalogue references. It was suggested Cllrs Rodgers, and Jane Marsden meet with new FoHPF members, at the playing field, ahead of the January meeting of the Recreation Committee – suggested meeting in the period between Christmas and new year – Cllr Rodgers to email all re a suitable day/time.

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- .3 **Maintenance, repairs and any other matters to bring to the committee's attention:** the Assistant Clerk had provided an update on Alliance Environmental (AE) progress with various maintenance items. She noted AE had recommended a welding company who might be able to undertake a repair to the slide but she had problems contacting them. She asked for recommendations of local companies or individuals. Cllrs Marsden and Rodgers noted they could provide details – Assistant Clerk to liaise with them outside the meeting. Noted issues with removing some equipment where AE have stated they do not have the capacity. Cllr Rodgers agreed to liaise with Malcolm Hall about removal of the old 'springies'. She will also ask him about taking down the uprights. It was suggested a bench could be placed there which would make use of, and cover, the two remaining concrete bases. Cllr Rodgers to ask Malcolm Hall to provide a quote for this work.

Cllr Rodgers noted two of the train chimneys had gone and water was collecting in the holes. She suggested they be covered or filled. Agreed that Cllr Rodgers liaise with either Peter Wilcockson or Malcolm Hall about a solution. Cllr Rodgers reported that AE had put the chains back on rope walk. Tim Rutter reported that the gate through to the bowling green was sticking, and difficult to open – Cllr James Marsden agreed to inspect it.

- .4 **New play equipment:** noted the plan for FoHPF members to meet with Cllrs Rodgers and Jane Marsden, at the playing field, to consider new equipment needs. Cllrs discussed wider community input. Cllr James Marsden suggested placing a suggestion box in the playing field. Liaison with St Michael's school was also suggested. Cllr Rodgers noted she has a related survey, drafted previously – noted she would share it with Tim Rutter, for circulation at the school. Noted that, in previous discussions/consideration of equipment needs there had been an offer from an equipment provider to help with planning – noted this would be much more difficult under Covid measures.

086/20 **Contract for maintenance of King George's Field:** the Assistant Clerk reported that four companies had been invited to submit tenders – noted the submission deadline is 15 January 2021 with a view to confirming the contractor at the 2 February 2021 meeting of full Council. So far two companies had confirmed interest. One company had raised some queries about the contract specifications – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rodgers, to address.

087/20 **Bowling Green**

- .1 **Confidential item:** access to the bowling green – noted there was nothing to update.
Amenities Committee matters

089/20 .1 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH), covered seating and planter:** noted the covered seating is now in place. There has been some positive feedback; there had also been some complaints re those using the area to eat their takeaway fish and chips. The Assistant Clerk asked about fixing a bin at HoH noting the Parish Council would need to liaise with DDDC – Cllrs Rodgers and Jane Marsden noted they would consider the best site for a bin.

Noted Bernard Madden and Peter Wilcockson are liaising about putting up the noticeboard. Cllr Rodgers noted a second noticeboard to be put up at Cannonfields. There was some discussion on whether the residents had agreed to this – it was suggested there had been some previous correspondence with them. Cllr Olle noted she knows the residents and is happy to raise the issue with them. Cllr Rodgers noted she would liaise with Peter Wilcockson about the cost of putting up a second noticeboard.

Noted Pennine still need to remove a tier from the planter and line it – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Pennine.

Cllr Rowland reported that the three HoH barriers were now lined up by the downhill bus stop - noted there was no reason for them to be there. Noted there had been a suggestion about lending them to the Church to fence off the unsafe wall area – Cllr Jane Marsden to liaise with the Church. Cllrs queried whether the barriers would be needed at HoH between

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Christmas and new year to deter parking – Cllr Rowland suggested the bollards should be sufficient. Noted also there are a couple of the red and white blocks remaining at HoH – HR suggested an option of filling the blocks with water and placing them at the HoH access point to deter motorists. Agreed that no more planters will be ordered for the time being. Cllrs agreed that the ‘open, uncluttered feel’ is more attractive. Noted there may be some queries from those who had made donations for the provision of planters.

Tim Rutter left the meeting

- .2 **HoH Toilets, maintenance and repairs:** Cllr Tim Hill had provided a comprehensive update ahead of the meeting; noted he had arranged to meet with a Wallgate service engineer, onsite, on Friday 18 December. Cllr Hill will provide a further update after the meeting. Cllr Jane Marsden noted she was hopeful of resolving the issue by Christmas, or new year. Noted that, although the door to the disabled toilet had been fixed, it does not automatically shut, and blows about in the wind. Cllrs discussed possible solutions – Cllr Rodgers agreed to ask Peter Wilcockson if he had any suggestions.
- .3 **Covid distancing measures and the safer high street initiative:** Cllr Rodgers referred to a meeting with DCC Officer Paul Hannon – Mr Hannon had arranged for provision of the more visible red signs – they are now in place around the village and in the car park. Paul Hannon had also reviewed the situation with parking under the Dore Lane railway bridge, suggesting the use of the same red and white blocks used at HoH – noted he is liaising with his DCC colleagues about this proposal.

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Seating – provision, and maintenance

- .1 **Gatehouse Lane:** Cllr Jane Marsden noted the old seat had been taken away for repair but never replaced. Cllrs supported installing a new seat, or bench, there. Noted there is no base remaining from the old seat – provision of a new base would need to be included in the costs. Cllr Rodgers suggested inviting suggestions – via the Parish Council Facebook page or the parish magazine for memoriam names for a plaque.
- .2 **Jaggers Lane:** Cllr Jane Marsden noted it had been agreed some time ago to purchase a seat for Jaggers Lane. Agreed it should be a bench rather than a seat. Cllr Rodgers noted measurements need to be undertaken – agreed to do so, with the assistance of another Cllr. Cllr Rodgers also noted she has details of a company who makes seats/benches – noted she would share details.
- .3 **Moorland Road:** Cllr Jane Marsden referred to a bench around a tree on Moorland Road in need of repair. It was suggested this was not a Parish Council seat, but had been put there by an individual. Cllr Rowland agreed to take a look and see if there was a plaque with a name reference etc.

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Public Space Protection Order (PSPO): details had been circulated in relation to a DDDC PSPOs covering dog control at King George’s Field (KGF) in relation to dog fouling. DDDC had confirmed all their PSPOs are due to expire on 31 October 2021. To renew a PSPO, evidence of need is required. DDDC are asking for responses by 8 January 2021. For any renewal - or a proposed new PSPO - the Parish Council needs to provide evidence of need. Cllrs noted dog fouling at KGF is not currently an issue, in part due to the PSPO and related signage, and in part due to a change in attitudes. Cllrs suggested the evidence for continued need is that the PSPO was a significant factor in addressing the issue and that there is continuing need. Also noted the need to protect children using the playing field, and the playground, from dog fouling. **Agreed** that the Assistant Clerk respond to DCC on this basis, requesting the renewal of the PSPO.

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- Burial Ground Wall – noted Cllr Jane Marsden is to liaise with the Church re whether they want to borrow the HoH barriers to fence off the unsafe area of the wall
- Vandalism – noted incidents of vandalism at the station, the café, and at HoH had been reported to the police
- Grit bins – noted the damaged grit bin by the Chemist has not been replaced – Assistant Clerk to liaise further with DDDC
- Hedgecutting – noted Jonathan Slater had completed work at Greystones and at the pinfold on School Lane
- Work to memorial tree – noted work to this tree (and others) had been completed

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Items for next meeting – no specific items were highlighted.

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Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 19 January 2021, 7.30pm, via Zoom

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

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