

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 19 January 2021 via Zoom

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

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

095/20 There were no apologies for absence.

096/20 There was no variation in the order of business.

097/20 Public participation – Tim Rutter, Friend of Hathersage Playing Field (FoHPF).

098/20 There were no declarations of interests.

099/20 Minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 15 December 2020 were **approved**. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Recreation Committee matters

100/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

.1 **Basketball Hoops and Boards:** the Assistant Clerk noted ordering of these items had been delayed, with lockdown – delivery would have been made to the swimming pool. The Chair advised purchase should be made within this financial year – delivery could be made to her home address, if necessary, and arrangements made to take the items to the MUGA, for installation. *Assistant Clerk to proceed with ordering the items, liaising with the Chair re delivery.*

.2 There were no other MUGA maintenance or repair issues to note.

101/20 **Playing Field and Playground**

.1 **Covid lockdown:** noted appropriate signage on Covid safety measures is posted at the playing field. No concerns were raised about users adhering to social distancing measures.

.2 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): noted this remains as a standard agenda item, for reference – and that there were no new/additional measures to note.

.3 **Maintenance, repairs and any other matters to bring to the committee's attention:** Alliance Environmental (AE) had forwarded a quote from Timberplay (*circulated to Cllrs*) for replacement parts. Cllrs agreed they did not want to order the item – the inclined wall for the small square tower – noting it is likely the entire structure will be removed/ replaced when new equipment is being purchased. Cllrs also queried the cost of the wedge bearing for the space net, suggesting the price quoted was excessive and a replacement part could be found/repair made at significantly lower cost. Cllrs agreed to make arrangements to remove the existing bearing and investigate the possibility of repairing it or purchasing/installing a new bearing – Cllrs noted relevant stockists. Cllrs were mindful of possible insurance implications. It was **agreed** the Assistant Clerk will liaise with AE instructing them to order items on the quotation – apart from the inclined wall, and the bearing - also to ask if AE would fit the replacement parts, and request a quote for this work.

Cllr Rodgers noted she was liaising with Malcolm Hall about removal of the old 'springies'. Noted she was liaising with Peter Wilcockson about taking down the uprights and about removing, or filling-in, the train chimneys where they are filling with water. She is also liaising with a welder about fixing the metal step on the slide.

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Noted that, when ordering new springies, we will need to ask the supplier about fixing them – whether we also need to purchase specific bases or whether the springies can be set into the existing concrete bases.

- .4 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers noted ongoing liaison with past members of FoHPF on transfer of bank signatories.
- .5 **New play equipment:** noted Cllrs Marsden and Rodgers had met with Tim Rutter at the Playing Field, before Christmas. Tim Rutter is going to produce a questionnaire on play equipment preferences, for circulation to pupils at St Michael's. An email from another provider of play equipment (Creative Play) had been circulated – Cllr Rodgers to request a brochure. Tim Rutter will include photographs of various pieces of play equipment (from the equipment brochures), in the questionnaire. Cllr Hanley referred to the process undertaken at her school in planning new playground equipment, noting it had not been undertaken quickly and, as well as asking children about their preferences, staff had spent time observing children play, to see which pieces of equipment were most used. Cllr Hanley agreed to share details of the school's play equipment supplier. She cautioned installation costs quoted by the supplier were high and the school had made separate arrangements for installation.

In terms of equipment for KGF, the Chair noted some older children had asked about provision of a swing net. Tim Rutter suggested, with lockdown, time could be taken to consult on equipment preferences and consider all options. He noted his intention to create a dedicated website. Cllrs suggested the equipment questionnaire be shared more widely via Facebook including community forum Facebook pages. It was also noted a budget will need to be agreed/set and, if appropriate, grant funding sought.

102/20 **Contract for maintenance of King George's Field** (playing field): details of three tenders had been circulated; Cllrs **agreed** on a recommendation to full Council for award of the contract.

103/20 **Footpath report:** the latest report from the Footpaths Officers was received – no queries were raised.

104/20 **Bowling Green**

- .1 **Confidential** - access to the bowling green – there was nothing to update.

Amenities Committee matters

105/20 .1 **Butchers car park, and lease:** this was a late, additional agenda item. Noted that responsibility for oversight of Parish Council leases comes under the terms of reference of the Amenities Committee. Cllrs noted Philip Bramall (solicitor) is currently reviewing the lease for the Butchers Car Park as instructed by the Parish Council. Mr Bramall had raised some queries which Cllrs considered:

- Cllrs suggested the Clerk liaise with the owners of the butcher shop (the Bowyer brothers) to clarify their understanding of the terms of the lease particularly with regards to the joint leaseholder (partners in the firm of solicitors no longer based at the premises);
- Agreed that rent under the new lease should be subject to review in the same way;
- Agreed that tenants should pay the Parish Council's solicitor costs associated with the grant of the lease

- .2 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH):** noted the Chair, and Cllr Rodgers, will consider where to site a bin. No issues raised related to the covered seating. Noted the barriers have been taken to the burial ground (to fence off an unsafe section of the wall).

- .3 **HoH Toilets:** noted the disabled toilet has been temporarily locked for safety reasons – concerns about high winds damaging the door. Noted all toilets are currently in good working order. Cllr Hill noted he is still waiting for Wallgate to provide the instruction manual related to the toilet cisterns – if a local plumber and electrician are to be engaged to undertake routine maintenance and repairs they will need the manual. *In light of the slow response from Wallgate it was **agreed** to ask the Clerk to formally request the manual.*
- .4 **Covid lockdown measures:** nothing to update.

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- .5 **Seating (Gatehouse Lane, Jagers Lane):** Cllr Rodgers confirmed two benches have been ordered but they are unlikely to be with us before the end of March. The Chair noted she will make arrangement for installation of the benches.
- .6 **Grit and salt bins:** updates had been provided on provision throughout the village including a list of bins for which the Parish Council is responsible, and those for which DCC is responsible. Cllrs discussed adoption of bins (regularly checking for damage and that they are filled), local to them. Cllr Rowland offered to adopt the bin on Ladybower Drive; Cllr Hill to adopt bins on Oddfellows Road, the bin opposite the Chemist, and the bin on the Dale. Cllr Olle offered to adopt the bin on Hillfoot – the Chair noted this bin is already covered. Noted a grit supply is held at Thorpe Farm, for when refills are needed.
- .7 **Parish noticeboards:** noted erection of the noticeboards is to be undertaken. Also noted the residents at 1, Cannonfields have agreed a noticeboard can be erected on their property – Peter Wilcockson to liaise with them about the exact location.
- .8 **Bus shelter cleaning:** the Chair confirmed both shelters had been cleaned, last week. There was some query about whether the previous cleaner had been notified that his services are no longer required – Assistant Clerk to liaise with the RFO. The Chair referenced an email from DCC proposing provision of a new bus shelter opposite the George Hotel – noted the Transport Committee will consider this proposal at their meeting on 26 January.

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Clerk's Report/Correspondence

- Noted that the permissive path through Brookfield Manor will not be accessible on 1 February 2021 (for one day only). Noted the owners will post a sign – the Chair suggested the Parish Council also post a notice. *A notice is posted on the Parish Council Facebook page.*
- To note the closure of Footpath 50 (by railway bridge, below Millstones pub) between 16-24 January for essential rail works

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Items for next meeting

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Date and time of next meeting –Tuesday 16 February 2021 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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