

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 February 2021 via Zoom

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

**In Attendance:** FoHPF member Laura John (*part*); Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

109/20 Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr Peter Rowland.

110/20 There was no variation in the order of business.

111/20 Public participation – FoHPF member Laura John.

112/20 There were no declarations of interest.

113/20 The minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 19 January 2021 were **confirmed** as a correct record and will be signed at the next opportunity. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **Recreation Committee matters**

114/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

.1 **Basketball Hoops and Boards:** noted the order had been delivered to Thorpe Farm and arrangements will be made for delivery to the MUGA, and fitting, in due course.

.2 **Maintenance, repairs or any other matters to bring to the committee's attention:** noted oversight of MUGA repairs and maintenance will be the remit of the Leisure Facilities Manager when Mike Wellington takes up the role from 1 April.

115/20 **Playing Field and Playground**

.1 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): noted this remains as a standard agenda item, for the time being, for reference. Cllr Rodgers noted she would check appropriate Covid signage is still posted, and wholly visible. Cllrs noted a DALC report from a meeting of playground stakeholders about keeping playgrounds open, with appropriate Covid measures.

.2 **Maintenance, repairs and any other matters to bring to the committee's attention:**

- Cllrs **received** the December playground inspection report;
- Cllrs **noted** Alliance Environmental (AE) are progressing repairs as agreed at the January meeting and that AE will also replace rotting timbers on the climbing frame;
- **Noted** some bark filling had been done under the swings but more to be done once the weather improves;
- **Noted** the welding repair on the slide is outstanding – the welder is currently on furlough;
- **Noted** Cllrs are investigating possible solutions to repair/replace the bearing on the space net

.3 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers referenced ongoing liaison with past members of FoHPF on transfer of bank signatories. Laura John referenced another potential new Friend – noted she would liaise with the individual and share contact details.

.4 **New play equipment:** noted Tim Rutter's undertaking to produce a questionnaire on play equipment preferences, for circulation to pupils at St Michael's, and to create a dedicated website – an update to be provided at the next meeting. Cllr Hanley referenced Awards for All funding noting there may still be funding available for this financial year. Noted previous consideration of an application for AfA funding in association with provision of adult exercise equipment at the playing field. Research had progressed to the stage where a specific site, and specific equipment been identified – Cllr Rodgers shared a mock-up, onscreen. It was **agreed** Cllr Rodgers will make initial contact with Awards for

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All to ask whether funding bids are being accepted, and the process, and report back to Cllrs. Noted that addressing the need for new equipment in the playground is a bigger – and likely more expensive – project, and that it will be difficult to progress this significantly while we are still in Covid measures.

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**Bowling Green**

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

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**Amenities Committee matters**

- .1 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)**, covered seating, planter, and bins: the Chair highlighted that the flagstones have become slippery, and potentially dangerous. Suggested they need to be steam cleaned and that the Caretaker be asked, in the first instance, if he can undertake this (*Assistant Clerk to liaise*). Noted the top tier of the planter needs removing (as previously agreed) – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Pennine Woodworking. Cllrs suggested lining the planter under the middle window of the Parish Room and locating one bin by the gate stoop and the other to the right of the planter (but not directly beneath the noticeboard). Agreed not to fix the bins for the time being – if there are any issues with bins being moved about this can be reconsidered.
- .2 **HoH Toilets**, maintenance and repairs: noted Wallgate have still not provided the cistern maintenance instructions, as promised; further noted the Clerk has recently prompted Wallgate referencing their previous agreement. Noted the mechanism on the **middle** disabled toilet door is still unsatisfactory – the door does not fully close – agreed to approach a local contractor to take a look at it (*Assistant Clerk to liaise with Cllrs re contact details*).
- .3 **Covid lockdown measures**: there were no updates.
- .4 **Leases** (Butchers Car Park; Hathersage Booth): the Assistant Clerk provided an update on lease renewals. In relation to Booths Edge Quarry, Parish owned land, it was noted Western Power need to cut back some trees getting too close to a distribution line – the Chair is arranging to meet with the Western Power utilities surveyor, on site.
- .5 **Bus shelter: noted** DCC proposals for provision of a new shelter were approved by full Council; it is hoped the new shelter will be installed by the end of April.
- .6 **Burial Ground**: Cllrs **received** the January inspection report. Noted the Clerk had written to one family in relation to a loose headstone. Noted a number of issues were raised in the report; agreed that Cllrs will arrange a walkabout and inspection as soon as Covid measures allow.
- .7 **ADDITIONAL ITEM: noted** the benches ordered in January had been delivered and arrangements made for fitting. The Chair reported an approach from a resident to site a memorial bench on Jagers Lane noting the resident would pay for the bench, for fitting, and would arrange to cut the hedge. The Chair proposed the bench purchased by the Council for Jagers Lane be sited on Birley Lane and the memorial bench sited on Jagers Lane. Cllrs unanimously **agreed** to the proposal. Cllr Rodgers to liaise with the resident and share details of the provider from whom the Council orders seating. To be confirmed whether the resident buys directly from the provider or whether the Council purchases the seat and recoups costs from the resident.

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Clerk's Report/Correspondence

- Cllrs **noted** an enquiry from a Castleton Parish Councillor in relation to provision of a water fountain – the Cllr had been under the impression a water fountain was sited at HoH. Cllrs noted previous discussions about this proposal and agreed to revisit it in due course.

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Items for next meeting – no specific items were identified.

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

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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