

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committees

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021 via Zoom

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

In Attendance: FoHPF member Laura John (*part*); member of the public Martin Bloor; Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

- 121/20 Apologies were received from Cllrs B Hanley, James Marsden and P Rowland.
- 122/20 There was no variation in the order of business.
- 123/20 Public participation: Martin Bloor; FoHPF member Laura John.
- 124/20 There were no declarations of interests.
- 125/20 The minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 16 February 2021 were **confirmed** as a correct record and will be signed at the next opportunity. Matters arising from the minutes:
- **114/20.1 – Basketball Hoops:** noted they had been delivered to Hathersage, ready to be put up at the MUGA
 - **115/20.1 – Covid signage** – Cllr Rodgers noted appropriate signage is posted but looking worn. ***Clerk to liaise with Cllr B Hanley about posting new signs.***
 - **115/20.2 – playground maintenance/repairs:** welding job to slide – noted welder is still on furlough; noted the Alliance Environmental (AE) repair to prevent further rust developing on slide; noted AE report on rotting timbers but that equipment is safe to use; noted further bark filling to be undertaken before Easter; noted seesaw uprights have not yet been removed – material to be used to make a bench, and to repair the train, in due course
- Recreation Committee matters**
- 126/20 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**
- .1 Maintenance, repairs or any other matters to bring to the committee’s attention – nothing specific.
- 127/20 **Playing Field and Playground**
- .1 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): this remains as a standard agenda item, for the time being, for reference.
- .2 **Insurance Cover:** following a discussion at 2 March full Council, an enquiry had been made with the insurer about the terms of the cover proposed. Based on the response from the insurer it was **agreed** to take out insurance, as proposed. ***Clerk to advise the RFO.***
- .3 **Maintenance, repairs and any other matters to bring to the committee’s attention:**
- To **receive** the January playground inspection report and to **note** updates on progress with the Alliance Environmental (AE) agreed list of repairs. Noted AE had been asked to address the rotting timbers. ***Clerk to liaise with AE; also to check progress on any other outstanding repairs.***
 - Possible solutions to repair/replace the bearing on the space net: Cllrs had not been able to find an alternative. AE had noted they could replace the bearing but it was costly – expenditure would need approval of full Council. ***Agreed to include this item on the April full Council agenda.***
 - Weeding and pruning of borders/bedding – ***Clerk to liaise with the contractor re whether this has been undertaken recently – if not, work to be undertaken as soon as possible.***
 - Suggested there may be a problem with one of the benches. ***Cllr Rodgers to check.***
- .4 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers noted Tim Rutter currently has other demands which have stopped him progressing with plans for a questionnaire/survey of

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local parents and children. Cllr Rodgers noted an issue with transferring bank signatories – being addressed. Laura John noted she would liaise with other parents about playground preferences and will highlight any issues arising.

- .5 **New play and exercise equipment:** Cllr Rodgers referenced a Facebook questionnaire about provision of adult exercise equipment at the playing field – linked to a funding bid to Awards for All. Although initial responses had not been positive, further responses have been more positive and supportive. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

128/20 **Bowling Green**

- .1 **Confidential:** access to the bowling green – there was nothing specific to update. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the solicitor.

129/20 **Amenities Committee matters**

- .1 **Stepping Stones:** the Chair referenced the Footpaths Officer reporting of ongoing issues. Noted stones are currently ‘unusable’ - Cllrs noted the impact of long spells of wet weather and water management upstream. Cllrs discussed alternatives including installing a wooden footbridge alongside the stones. Noted any material changes would need to be negotiated with the relevant statutory bodies; and funding would need to be sourced. Cllrs noted this needs wider discussion and input. **Agreed to include this as an item on the agenda for full Council, in April.**

- .2 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH):** noted arrangements have been made to clean the flagstones. Noted the planter needs to be realigned before the addition of any plants. Cllrs also referenced the guard rail still to be affixed. Noted the original plans may still be with T&C Williams. **Clerk to liaise with T&C Williams; if they cannot commit to undertake the work within a month Cllrs will look for an alternative contractor.** Noted that the hedge had been trimmed.

- .3 **HoH Toilets:** maintenance and repairs – noted no further response had been received from Wallgate despite numerous requests. **Cllr Hill to liaise with the Clerk about recent correspondence and pursue.**

- .4 **Covid lockdown measures:** there were no updates.

- .5 **Benches:** noted a memorial bench – paid for by a resident – is now installed at Jagers Lane. Noted the bench paid for by the Parish Council – originally destined for Jagers Lane – will be sited at Birley Lane. Cllrs also referenced the Gatehouse Lane bench. Cllrs formally expressed appreciation for the work Cllr James Marsden had undertaken e.g. transporting the benches to the sites.

- .6 **Leases** (Butchers Car Park; Hathersage Booth): there was no further update from the solicitor. **Clerk to prompt a further response.** The Chair noted that it appeared the sale of the flat above the butcher’s shop had gone through – in relation to any allocated parking spaces. **Chair to enquire further.**

- .7 **Bus shelter:** email exchanges with DCC on the removal of the gritstone kerbs were noted, along with DCC confirmation that concrete kerbs have to be used to meet accessibility requirements. Cllr Hill concurred – having looked at alternatives. The Chair noted similar challenges at the planning stages for HoH. The Chair had received an email from a resident citing another alternative to the concrete kerbs. **Clerk to share the message with the DCC Officer.**

- .8 **Burial Ground:** noted the need to schedule a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee, including a site visit, after 29 March, and ahead of the next meeting of the Amenities Committee (13 April). **Cllrs to share availability; site visit to be confirmed.**

- .9 **Verges:** updates from the rewilding group were shared. **Cllr Rodgers agreed to liaise with the rewilding group on behalf of the Council.**

130/20 Clerk’s Report/Correspondence – there was nothing specific to note.

131/20 Items for next meeting – no specific items were raised/notd.

132/20 To confirm date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 13th April 2021 7.30pm – to note the decision to bring the meeting forward a week and to schedule the Swimming Pool meeting on 20th April, to facilitate members attendance

Meeting ended 8.30pm

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