

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the online meeting of Hathersage Parish Council, Tuesday 4th May 2021, 7:30pm

Councillors Present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Emily Abbey, Martin Bloor, Sara Furness, Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, James Shuttleworth and Stuart Turner (*part*)
Also In attendance: Maura Sorensen (Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO)

- 001/21 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W Hanley.
- 002/21 Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Jane Marsden was unanimously elected as Chair and Cllr Heather Rodgers as Vice Chair.
- 003/21 There was no variation in the order of business.
- 004/21 There were no declarations of interests.
- 005/21 Public Participation: there were no members of the public, a Police Liaison Officer, or County Council or District Council Member in attendance. Cllrs expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of Police attendance, or updates/reports, over the last couple of years. It was suggested that, following forthcoming elections, the matter be raised with the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 006/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
- .1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 6th April 2021 were **confirmed** as a correct record.
- .2 Minutes of the Extraordinary HPC meeting of 26th April 2021 were **confirmed** as a correct record.
- 007/21 **PDNP initiative and funding to increase planting of trees:** details had been circulated - noted the closing date of 17 May for submissions. Cllrs highlighted a couple of potential sites including a piece of land by Leadmill Bridge; it was suggested planting trees judiciously at this site could be a means to control parking. A small piece of land near the railway station was also highlighted. ***Clerk to liaise further with Cllrs on detail of locations and to confirm the proposal criteria.***
- 008/21 **PDNP 70th Anniversary:** Cllrs considered a proposal by a Hathersage resident to mount a wooden millstone representation at the Heart of Hathersage back wall in recognition of the PDNP anniversary year; photographs had been provided. Cllrs expressed a preference to have an unpainted version and also to mount the work for a limited period – it was suggested the work remain in place to the end of September. ***Clerk to liaise with the resident.***
- 009/21 **Ovenight parking of caravans and campervans:** concerns had been highlighted by both Cllrs and residents particularly with regards to fires, litter, and contamination of water supplies. These concerns had been raised with PDNPA and with Derbyshire Dales MP Sarah Dines. Noted that Sarah Dines had recently visited some of the sites concerned. She, also, had expressed serious concerns, taken photographs of contraventions, and undertaken to escalate the matter with the appropriate government ministers. Cllrs also referenced the establishment of the PDNPA Area Management Visitor Group noting either Cllr Jane or James Marsden will attend a forthcoming meeting and raise the matter there.
- 010/21 **DDDC consultations / other DDDC matters**
- .1 **Moorland fires and BBQs:** Cllrs noted a recent email indicated the DDDC position on disposable BBQs is that they are banned in DDDC parks and open spaces. Noted a previous HPC discussion, in June 2020, when it had been agreed to allocate £200.00 to erect appropriate signage. Cllr Marsden referenced recent discussions with the Hathersage Fire Service Officers. The Service have produced their own signage re open fires and BBQs. Officers **agreed** to post signs at appropriate locations – highlighted by HPC - around the village. There would be no cost to HPC and no need to use the allocated funding. ***Chair and Clerk to liaise further with the Fire Service about posting signage.***
- .2 **Welcome Back Fund:** Cllrs had been informed of this DDDC initiative to support post-Covid recovery in villages and market towns; Cllrs had been considering possibilities including a walk-in or drive-in summer cinema experience. It was suggested this could form part of the Hathersage Gala and gala

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organisers may be able to take it forward. Further suggestions included purchase of red and white bunting; and payment/compensation to local landowners willing to allow temporary parking on their land, to accommodate summer visitors. ***Clerk to clarify proposals would meet funding criteria and extent to which they need to be fully costed/by when.***

011/21

Financial Matters: RFO's Report.

- .1 Accounts for payment were **approved**.
- .2 Account scrutiny arrangements were **noted** and signatories for 1st June meeting from the agreed schedule **approved** - to approve and pay wages, and any urgent items, between this meeting and the 1st June meeting.
- .3 The final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 were **received**.
- .4 It was **agreed** to allocate £40K of reserves funding to the Recreation budget, to contribute to the much-needed purchase of new playground equipment.
- .5 The 2020-21 Accounting Statements were **approved** by those Cllrs serving on the Parish Council through 2020-21.
- .6 The Annual Governance Statement 2020-21 was **approved** by those Cllrs present who had served on the Parish Council through 2020-21. Noted approval would be sought from any Cllr not present for the item.
- .7 The RFO provided an **update** on pursuing charitable status for the swimming pool noting ongoing liaison with an advisor; he anticipated being able to provide a full response, shortly.
- .8 Scheme of Delegation: noted that, with the resumption of face-to-face meetings from 7 May, it was not necessary to re-approve the scheme.
- .9 **Utilities** – the RFO raised this additional item related to the utilities at the swimming pool. Noted the contracts are due for renewal in July. The RFO referenced advice to hold back on confirming new contracts due to current fluctuations in the market. Cllrs queried the advice; the RFO agreed to liaise further with the broker. The RFO also noted some issues to be clarified with regards to the current gas contract.

Break for King George's Field business.

Committees and Working Groups

012/21

A **review** of committee membership was undertaken; new membership proposals appended to these minutes. It was agreed that, at the first meeting of each committee, the terms of reference (ToR), and membership (including the quorum) be reviewed. Any further changes to ToR or membership to be reported at June HPC.

013/21

Swimming Pool Committee: minutes of the meeting of 20th April 2021 were **received**.

- .1 An update on replacement of the pool boiler was **noted**.
- .2 An update on bookings and admissions was **noted**.

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Recreation Committee: minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2021 were **received**.

- .1 **Confidential item:** Bowling Green access – noted this is still under deliberation with the solicitor acting on the Parish Council's behalf.

015/21

Planning Committee: noted no further meeting had been held but members had considered applications and agreed responses with relevant comments posted on the PDNPA planning portal.

- .1 Greenwood Farm development: noted the Parish Council had raised a number of objections to this National Trust holiday development and that Cllr Hill had attended the PDNPA meeting to further voice HPC objections, nonetheless the application was approved.

016/21

Amenities Committee: minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2021 were **received**.

- .1 **Bus shelter:** noted completion of the new bus shelter opposite the George Hotel.
- .2 **Lease renewals:** the Clerk noted an update received, just before the meeting, on one of the leases (Hathersage Booths) from the solicitor acting on the Parish Council's behalf.
- .3 **Heart of Hathersage:** installation of the guard rail. Cllrs noted a quote provided by T&C Williams. It was proposed two more quotes be sought before a final decision was taken. Noted the additional guard rail should match the existing rails.

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- .4 **Stepping stones:** outcomes of a survey undertaken by Cllrs on user numbers, and difficulties encountered by users, were noted. Noted this data can be shared with relevant bodies to evidence need for proper provision and maintenance.
- 017/21 **Transport Committee:** noted there were no minutes to share - minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2021 had been received at the April meeting and the next scheduled meeting was 25th May.
- .1 **Traffic survey/questionnaire:** Cllrs **received** a report on outcomes. Cllr Tim Hill had also shared a draft report for publication in Hathersage News. Feedback from Cllrs was that it was too lengthy and detailed. Cllr Hill agreed to circulate a further draft to Cllrs, and invite further feedback, before submission.
- .2 **Covid social distancing highways measures:** Cllrs referenced the barriers outside Bank House noting residents and local business owners had been querying the necessity of retaining them. ***Clerk to liaise/raise the query with DCC Officers***
- 018/21 **HR Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2021 were **received**.
- .1 Proposals re a new pay rate and number of hours for a new Assistant Clerk; and to approve recruitment arrangements were **approved**.
- .2 Proposals to backdate pay to the Clerk (formerly the Assistant Clerk) on the new pay rate were **approved**.
- .3 Proposals re a new pay rate for the RFO and arrangements to backdate pay at the new rate were **approved**.
- 019/21 **Website Update:** there were no updates or reports from the Website Working Group.
- 020/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** noted burial ground committee members will convene a site visit, shortly.
- 021/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:**
- .1 Notes from the April DALC Clerks and Chairs' meetings had been circulated.
- 022/21 **Village Matters**
- 023/21 **Memorial Hall:** noted the Hall is taking bookings again. The Clerk is liaising re booking rooms for forthcoming committee meetings.
- 024/21 An update on the Hope Valley Rail Network Capacity Scheme was noted.
- 025/21 **Next and future meetings**
- .1 **Confirmed** the next HPC meeting will take place at St Michael's School on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.30pm.
- 026/21 No specific items for the 1st June 2021 agenda were noted.

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