

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

7.30pm on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at Hathersage Memorial Hall

**Present:** Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Emily Abbey, Sara Furness, Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, Heather Rodgers

**In Attendance:** Adrian Fox; HPFA (Hathersage Playing Field Association) member Laura John (*part*); Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

- 001/21 Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllrs Martin Bloor, Rosie Olle and Peter Rowland
- 002/21 Election of a Chair and Vice Chair: Chair - Cllr Rodgers nominated Cllr Jane Marsden, seconded by Cllr Hill and unanimously agreed. Vice Chair – Cllr Jane Marsden nominated Cllr Rodgers, seconded by Cllr James Marsden and unanimously agreed.
- 003/21 Terms of reference for both committees were reviewed and there were no changes.
- 004/21 Variation in the order of business: member of the public Adrian Fox was in attendance in relation to agenda item 11.1. It was agreed to bring discussion of this item forward. Mr Fox had submitted a proposal to erect and sponsor a sign on the outskirts of Hathersage adjacent to Hathersage Booth (using the existing sign framework); details and photographs had been shared. Mr Fox expanded on his proposal. Noted he had been a resident of Hathersage Booth for many years. The welcome sign had been in place when he had moved to Hathersage Booth but had been derelict for approximately 10 years. Mr Fox noted he had shared his proposal with DCC and PDNP who had raised no objections however he had not been able to confirm to whom the land belonged. Cllrs suggested that the National Trust (NT) may be the landowner. Cllrs noted their reservations about private sponsorship and advertising, and about road safety in relation to the siting of the sign/distraction to motorists. Cllrs took a vote: two Cllrs noted their objection to a sponsored sign; four Cllrs abstained. Cllrs suggested Mr Fox consider alternatives including placing a sponsored sign at the pool. Mr Fox noted he would liaise with NT to query whether they are the landowners. He also noted he would be open to suggestions from the Parish Council re design. It was **agreed** that Mr Fox will liaise further with the Parish Council once he has confirmed land ownership, and whether the landowner would support erection of a new, sponsored sign. *Mr Fox left the meeting.*
- 005/21 **Public participation:** Adrian Fox re agenda item 11.1 – Mr Fox had spoken to this item under 004/21 and had then left the meeting. Laura John (HPFA) was also in attendance.
- 006/21 Declaration of interests – none.
- 007/21 The minutes of the joint meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees held on 13 April 2021 were **confirmed**.
- 008/21 **Recreation Committee matters**  
**Hard Play Area (MUGA)**
- .1 **Maintenance, repairs or any other matters to bring to the committee’s attention:** to consider a timescale for resurfacing of the MUGA. Noted this had been raised by a resident who had noted some wear and tear. It had been suggested resurfacing should be undertaken at five year intervals. **Agreed** that the Clerk and RFO liaise with regards to when the MUGA had last been resurfaced, and the costs, and report back to the committee.
- 009/21 **Playing Field and Playground**
- .1 [NALC guidance on Covid management of playgrounds](#): noted this should remain as a standard agenda item as there may be a need for further restrictions dependent on the course of the pandemic.
- .2 **Maintenance, repairs and any other matters to bring to the committee’s attention:**
- The committee **received** the most recent playground inspection report from Alliance Environmental.
  - Verbal update on ongoing repairs/maintenance by Alliance Environmental – the Clerk noted that AE had a number of items on order including a bearing for the roundabout and replacement floorboards for the towers and the inclined wall.

- .3 **Friends of Hathersage Playing Field:** Cllr Rodgers noted meetings with a number of providers - Wicksteed, Sutcliffe and Kompan (and with a further provider, in 2019-20, in relation to provision of toddler, junior and adult exercise equipment). Noted both Wicksteed, Sutcliffe and Kompan had now provided outline designs/plans. Noted a meeting was scheduled with another provider, Playdale. Cllr Rodgers noted costs ranged from £60-90K. Noted HPFA funding of £10K, originally designated for provision of adult exercise equipment. Further noted HPC agreed to reserve funding of £40K. Cllr Rodgers confirmed submission of applications for grant funding for up to £5K and £10K. Noted a further bid would need to be made for funding, most likely to the National Lottery. Examples of play equipment in other villages were noted with Cllrs and HPFA citing good provision in Leek and at Youlgreave. Noted a meeting of HPFA will be held in June to further consider provision.

- .4 **New play and exercise equipment:** noted this had already been addressed. *Laura John left the meeting.*

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### **Bowling Green**

- .1 **Confidential:** access to the bowling green – noted the matter was still under consideration by the solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council – Clerk to update the Bowling Club.

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### **Amenities Committee matters**

- .1 Request by a resident to erect and sponsor a sign at Hathersage Booth – noted this had been addressed under 004/21.
- .2 **Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement:** noted the RFO has already responded to DCC to confirm Parish Council participation in the scheme.
- .3 **Stepping Stones:** outcomes of the recent user survey undertaken by Cllrs were noted. Cllr Jane Marsden referenced an offer of up to 400 hours of community work for the Parish Council suggesting some time/work could be directed to work on the stones. Cllrs noted the challenge of liaising with the various statutory bodies and restrictions on undertaking works e.g. with the riverbed designated as an SSSI. Cllrs noted issues with maintenance, and erosion, of riverside (and other) footpaths, particularly after months of poor weather. Also noted issues for landowners where users stray off designated footpaths. Cllr Jane Marsden referenced the recent first meeting of the newly formed PDNP area visitor management group. The pressures of visitor management across the Hope Valley – including in relation to the use of footpaths – had been acknowledged. Cllrs noted wider concerns in relation to visitor numbers including protection of birds and wildlife. It was **agreed** to schedule an item on the agenda for the June meeting of full Council, sharing the points raised, above; and to share concerns with Footpaths Officers at DCC and PDNP.
- .4 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH):**
- Guardrail – noted completion of installation of the guardrail earlier in the day. The Clerk noted a recent email from a visitor who had taken a stumble at the toilets and had highlighted the need for a handrail – the Clerk noted she would inform the individual this had now been addressed.
  - Planters, litter or any other HoH matter – Cllr Rodgers referenced an offer to help pick up litter on the Main Road. Noted an order had been placed for delivery of litter picking kits last year, for delivery to the pool. Clerk to liaise with pool management. Noted the DDDC spring planters had not yet been delivered.
- .5 **HoH Toilets:** maintenance and repairs – Cllr Hill referenced ongoing liaison with Wallgate and the difficulties in getting them to provide the relevant instruction manual for the toilet cisterns. Noted that, at the next Wallgate visit (scheduled maintenance or if any problems arise with the toilets), the Parish Council will look to coordinate a meeting with local contractors so they can be instructed on cistern maintenance.
- .6 **Covid lockdown measures:** – the Clerk noted she had enquired with DCC Highways Officers about removal of the barriers outside Bank House but had not yet received a response.
- .7 **Leases** (Butchers Car Park; Hathersage Booth): noted the solicitor had shared a draft Hathersage Booth lease – Cllrs and the RFO had provided some feedback – the matter was now with the solicitor to share the lease with the lessees.
- .8 **Burial Ground:** a site visit was scheduled - 10am on Wednesday 26 May – with members of the Burial Ground Committee, and the Clerk.

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Clerk's Report/Correspondence: none.

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AOB/Items for next meeting: Cllr Rodgers noted the footpath from the churchyard to Baulk Lane had started to sink and may need some work. **Clerk to raise with HPC Footpaths Officer.** Cllr Hill provided an update on progress with the Welcome Back initiative and funding of an open air cinema event. Referencing the Tree Planting Funding Initiative, Cllrs highlighted

issues with identifying suitable sites and the short timescale for confirming detailed proposals  
– it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would not proceed with this initiative.

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To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 15 June 2021 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 9.15pm