

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee of Hathersage Parish Council held at Hathersage Memorial Hall on Tuesday 11 May 2021, 7pm

Present: Councillors Stuart Turner (Chair), B Hanley, W Hanley, T Hill, Jane Marsden, H Rodgers;  
George Foy (Pool Manager)  
In attendance: CF Cave (Treasurer), Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

- 001/21 **Apologies:** received from Martin Bloor, Rosie Olle and Mike Wellington.
- 002/21 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Cllr Stuart Turner was unanimously elected as Chair and Cllr Bill Hanley as Vice-Chair.
- 003/21 There was no variation in the order of business.
- 004/21 Declaration of interests: George Foy (pool staff member).
- 005/21 **Public participation** - a period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter – there were no members of the public in attendance.
- 006/21 **Terms of Reference:** Cllrs **reviewed** the committee's terms of reference including membership, and quorum. Quorum remains at three. Noted delegated powers allow for operations and finance sub committees however no sub-committee meetings have been called/held.
- 007/21 **Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising/Events:** GF referenced resumption of monthly music events (third Friday of each month; first event Friday 21 May). Noted events will run at half the usual capacity until Covid restrictions are fully lifted. GF expanded on detail – there will be two separate events, all finished by 9pm. Also referenced the annual summer solstice 24 hour swim – to be held after 21 June (date TBC) when all Covid restrictions are lifted and the pool is operating at full capacity. Also referenced a Sunday afternoon music event in August; noted consideration re parking/parking needs. Cllrs discussed two proposals for pool events – and open day/cheese and wine evening for DCC, DDDC, HPBC Cllrs, Officers and others – an opportunity to share details of the refurbishment and answer any questions. The second event would be to seek the views of pool users, and village residents, on pool operations, particularly bookings, admissions and event offers. Agreed both events be scheduled in September. Views of pool users and residents to be invited online alongside a face-to-face event.
- 008/21 The minutes of the previous meeting of 20 April 2021 were **confirmed**.
- 009/21 **Charitable status for the pool:** the RFO provided an update. Noted he was liaising with an external advisor and had received some initial advice. Noted the possibility of charitable status for KGF and the MUGA may also be explored but they would more than likely be a separate entity from the pool. Noted any decision on creating separate charities would be a matter for full Council. Cllr Bill Hanley suggested a SWOT analysis be undertaken to clarify the advantages/disadvantages of creating a separate charity for the pool. **Agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- 010/21 **Data on pool users:** Cllrs **received** a report compiled by the Pool Manager on pool users from Hathersage, Derbyshire and further afield. GF expanded on the detail of data that can be extracted/produced noting reports could be provided monthly. Cllrs noted data is likely to differ reflecting seasonal swimming patterns. Cllrs noted detailed data could help inform decision making on bookings, admissions, season tickets etc. Suggested the report indicated Sheffield-based users may be more 'serious' swimmers; Hathersage residents are more likely to be leisure swimmers.
- 011/21 **Admissions/bookings:** GF noted the proposal to return to full capacity after the 21 June and to revert to the old timetable (with some tweaks) from 1 July. ***GF to circulate the proposed timetable and plans re season ticket sales; proposals to be agreed at June HPC.*** Cllr Bill Hanley asked if residents could have some additional preferential booking for the next allocation of monthly tickets. GF proposed a further release of 35 monthly tickets for June, for Hathersage residents, to be released on 20 May - proposal **agreed**

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- 012/21 **Plant room upgrade project**
- .1 GF noted the current pool temperature is 25/26 degree and that the temperature is unlikely to rise to 28 degrees until the weather gets warmer. Re fireboarding of the plant room - noted Tom Crooks is liaising with Malcolm Hall.
  - .2 **Pool Boiler:** noted the recommendation to undertake servicing twice a year – **agreed**. Noted Vaillant to recommend an engineer.
- 013/12 **Plant/Machinery/Operational issues; and Manager's Report**
- .1 Pool Manager's report – **received**.
  - .2 Pool Advisor's report – Cllr Bill Hanley had received Ash Watts' report shortly before the meeting and shared some of the detail. ***Cllr Hanley agreed to share the report following the meeting.***
  - .3 Provision of a path across the grass – noted this will be discussed at the working group meeting on 14 May.
  - .4 Scoping proposals for sourcing alternative heating for the pool's water heating system – an update: Cllr Hill noted two of the companies who had expressed interest had not proceeded to provide a formal expression of interest. Noted he would contact them again to confirm they do want to proceed to the next stage. Cllr Hill noted the Pool Advisor had provided a template draft service contract.
  - .5 **Pool staffing**
    - an update on staff leavers, and recruitment was **noted**; also noted the likelihood of needing to recruit more lifeguards over the next few months
    - staff training undertaken was **noted**
    - training requests for two staff members to undertake L2 teacher training was **approved**. The difference between responsibilities of a L1 and L2 teacher was clarified.
  - .6 **Medium to longer term projects:** noted an initial meeting of the working group on Friday 14 May, 4pm, at the pool.
- 014/21 **Swimming Club:** noted the club was running smoothly. Noted the challenges, with Covid restrictions, of adults not being allowed in the water, with children. Cllr Bridget Hanley suggested, when restrictions are eased, seeking support, with the club and swimming lessons, from young people undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh award.
- 015/21 **Swimming lessons:** noted the weekend morning group lessons, including an adult group, are all running smoothly. One-to-one lessons may be offered once restrictions are lifted.
- 016/21 **Finance:**
- .1 **Utilities:** the RFO outlined the background to issues with the current gas contract and queries raised about how much the Parish Council owes. Noted Crown Energy have offered to pay the difference - £4,800.00 - if the Parish Council contracts with them, but the offer/terms need to be agreed quickly. The committee **agreed** to contracting with Crown Energy and that the RFO has the authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council. Noted the contract is for three years. For electricity, the RFO recommended staying with the current provider on a further two year deal; this was **agreed**.
- 017/21 Clerk additional report and/or correspondence – none.
- 018/21 Items for the next meeting – no specific items identified.
- 019/21 Next meeting – Tuesday 8 June 2021, 7pm.

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