

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 5 October 2021, 7.30pm held at St Michael's School, School Lane

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Emily Abbey, Martin Bloor, Bill Hanley, Bridget Hanley, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, Peter Rowland, James Shuttleworth, Stuart Turner (*left meeting after minute 134/21.1*)

In attendance: Sue Cass (Assistant Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO), Maura Sorensen (Clerk), DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*), DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton (*part*)

- 120/21 To **receive** apologies for absence – Cllrs Sara Furness, Tim Hill and Nick Williams.
- 121/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 123/21 **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr Bridget Hanley in relation to an item on the accounts for payment (recouping expenses).
- 124/21 **Public Participation.**
- a) A period of not more than ten minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter. There were no members of the public in attendance.
- b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter. An update from the police on incidents in the calendar month up to 1 October was noted. Cllrs queried the lack of police attendance at meetings. The Chair referenced instances, and residents' concerns, re cannabis use and whether there were any support/resources to which the Parish Council could direct parents/carers and drug users. Cllr Bridget Hanley referenced drugs education provided from primary school onwards. Suggested approaching the community police for notices/posters with details of support (*Clerk to liaise with Police Liaison Officer*).
- DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien had nothing specific, additional to items on the agenda, to report. Cllrs asked him to pass on thanks to DDDC for the 'Welcome Back' planters at Heart of Hathersage. Noted the planters are due to be removed shortly – *Cllr O'Brien to ask DDDC to arrange for the flagstones to be cleaned after the removal of the planters.*
- DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton noted he continued to press for work to be done on the footpath at Mayfield Terrace. He had a note of items discussed at the recent Transport Committee which he will take forward with DCC, and with MP Sarah Dines. Cllr Bill Hanley referenced recent road closures and temporary traffic lights causing tailbacks, suggesting there was room for improvement in planning road closures. The Chair noted a positive response from DCC when she had highlighted the impact where closures were initially planned for Bakewell market days. The Chair also noted unsatisfactory service on a recent visit to a DCC refuse tip with staff refusing assistance. Suggested staff there were still operating on a strict Covid regime but this negatively impacts those who need assistance with large/bulky items.
- Cllr Shuttleworth highlighted that, following road resurfacing at Church Bank, yellow lines had not been repainted. Noted there were other locations in the village where yellow lining had not been fully restored. *Clerk to follow up with DCC.*
- Cllr Turner referenced ongoing issues with proper maintenance of the cycle lane to Bamford, sharing photographs with Cllr Sutton.
- Grass clippings left at the corner of Jaggars and Coggers Lane – Cllrs brought this to the attention of Cllr O'Brien; the rewilding group had cut the verge but the clippings had been left there for two weeks waiting for DDDC to collect.
- Cllr Bridget Hanley referenced problems with bus services – buses not turning up and a lack of communication. Noted that the Travel South Yorkshire website was the best source of real-time updates.

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- 125/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
.1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 7 September 2021 were **confirmed**. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 126/21 **PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters**
.1 **DDDC and disrupted refuse collections:** any updates – noted the service had been running more smoothly recently but there were still instances of missed collections. Also noted there had been fewer updates from DDDC. Cllr O’Brien suggested people continue to log all missed collections and provide full details of addresses where a collection had been missed.
.2 **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO):** to **consider** and **respond** to the DDDC public consultation (4 October to 22 November); noted the Parish Council currently has one active PSPO in relation to excluding dogs from the playing field; agreed that this PSPO be renewed. Noted that, unlike High Peak Borough Council, DDDC did not propose a PSPO in relation to BBQs and fires on open land; there was some discussion on DDDC jurisdiction in relation to open land. Cllr Bill Hanley referenced strong feelings among Hathersage residents about prohibiting fires on open land and referenced the impact on the local fire service of having to attend moorland fires. It was **unanimously agreed** to draft a letter to DDDC noting Parish Council support for a ban on BBQs and fires on ‘land to which the public has access’; also highlighting the negative environmental impact and the strain on local fire services.
.3 **DDDC Welcome Back Fund – post-event reports/updates:**
a) Cinema event of 11 September; Cllrs noted thanks to all those who had volunteered and supported the event and noted the positive response from attendees.
b) Music event of 24 September; also noted the positive response from those who had attended this event.
c) Noted bunting had also been purchased using Welcome Back funding; Assistant Clerk to check where the bunting is currently being stored.
- 127/21 **Donation request:** it had been confirmed that Hathersage Lunch Centre still had a funding shortfall but the Centre had not noted what sum they were seeking. **Agreed** the Clerk liaise further and advise re timings if the Centre wants to submit a request for a specific amount at the November meeting.
- 128/21 **Hope Valley Parishes Forum:** **noted** outcomes from the 8 September meeting - the initiative to gain consensus among Hope Valley Parish Councils on a joint approach to management and maintenance of paths, trails and bridleways across the Hope Valley, and next steps. The Chair confirmed that she, along with the HPC Footpaths Officer, will attend the online working group meeting on Friday 8 October. She noted the challenges with this initiative in bringing stakeholders – PDNPA, National Trust and landowners – together, and on ensuring targeted long-term funding. Cllrs noted related funding e.g. for farmers to improve footpaths, and related initiatives e.g. Active Travel. Also noted the potential – and challenge – in providing more cycle trails.
- 129/21 **Financial Matters:** RFO’s report was **received**.
.1 To **receive** a statement of accounts – **received** – no questions were raised.
.2 To **approve** accounts for payment – Cllrs Shuttleworth and Turner had reviewed accounts for payment. The accounts, totalling £44,115.87 inclusive of VAT of £2,292.36, were approved for payment.
.3 Account scrutiny arrangements were **noted**; also noted signatories (Cllrs Bloor and Rodgers) for the 2 November meeting to approve and pay wages, and any urgent items, between this meeting and the 2 November meeting.
.4 **External Audit:** to **consider** the External Auditor’s report for the year ended 31 March 2021. It was **noted** that the auditors had not qualified their report or raised any matters of concern. **Clerk to post the notice on the Parish Council noticeboard.**
.5 **Home working allowance:** the RFO referenced proposals related to staff moving to salaried posts noting the costs were likely to be similar to those from the previous 12 months where staff were paid on an hourly rate. The RFO’s paper suggested annual home working hours of 798 for the Clerk, 369 for the Assistant Clerk and 553 for the Treasurer. Suggested the Assistant Clerk and Clerk monitor hours spent on meetings and make the Parish Council aware of any significant

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changes. It was **unanimously agreed** to adopt the proposed changes to the payment of home working allowance.

Break for King George's Field business.

Committees and Working Groups

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Swimming Pool Committee: minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2021 were **received**. Cllr Turner noted the pool closure this week for long-planned repair work to be undertaken. Noted work planned to install a new path, in October. Noted progress with the Zero Carbon Heating initiative. The Parish Council is proceeding cautiously. It's proposed that relevant monitoring be undertaken over the winter – energy usage and environmental factors (wind; temperature) – so an informed decision can be made in the spring on next steps. It was agreed pool staff undertake monitoring with advice/input from Leisure Energy. The Chair noted a potential funding source – the Lottery 'Awards for All'.

.1 **Pool Charitable Status:** any updates. The RFO referenced his recent email to Cllrs. It was **unanimously agreed** that he seek specialised advice from Lupton Fawcett at a fixed fee of £750.

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Recreation Committee: minutes of the meeting of 21 September 2021 were **received**.

.1 **Playing Field – new play equipment:** **noted** new equipment for the toddler area has been ordered along with an adult exercise bike.

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Planning Committee: minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2021 were **received**. Cllrs discussed the extent to which Planning Officers take comments/responses from Parish Councils, on individual applications, on board. Suggested Officers may ask applicants to make relevant changes to plans as a result of input. Noted Planning Officers make recommendations to the PDNPA Planning Committee; the Planning Committee may not concur with the Officer's recommendation. Suggested there is currently some dissatisfaction with the conduct and performance of the PDNPA Planning Committee. It was **agreed** that, over the next 6-12 months, the Parish Council monitors the outcome of each application on which Cllrs have commented to gauge the extent to which the Parish Council's comments/response are taken into account.

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Amenities Committee: minutes of the meeting of 21 September 2021 were **received**.

.1 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH):** **noted** an investigation into problems with damp at HoH was ongoing.

.2 **Drinking tap at Heart of Hathersage:** **noted** the Clerk to liaise with tenants at the veterinary practice about a proposal to fit a public drinking tap on the outside wall of the Parish Rooms.

.3 **Toilets - disabled toilet:** **noted** the disabled toilet is currently closed while attempts are made to fix a damaged mechanism and a leak; the Assistant Clerk is researching electronic door closers (models and costs); noted ongoing issues with the alarm.

.4 **Christmas lights switch-on; and provision of a Christmas tree at HoH:** an update – the Chair confirmed a small group of residents have offered to organise a lights switch-on and lantern parade on 27 November. The Chair highlighted queries to be addressed:

- **Christmas tree** – the group had sourced a tree and a potential 'sponsor'; Cllr Olle had already noted she could provide a tree from her garden ***Clerk to inform the group and ask them to liaise with Cllr Olle***
- **Christmas tree lights** – **agreed** the Parish Council to meet the costs (approx. £55.00) of replacement lights.
- **Lantern kits** – **agreed** the Parish Council to provide up to £200.00 towards the cost of the kits.
- **Lantern parade** – **agreed** the Parish Council to formally ask the group to undertake this event on behalf of the Parish Council; RFO to inform the Insurers; Clerk and Cllr Bill Hanley to liaise with the group on undertaking an appropriate risk assessment and on the parade route.

.5 **Millennium Tree Plaques:** an update on costs – the Chair had met with Greenstone and Ivy – a quote is awaited.

.6 **Replacement of two engraved stones at HoH:** an update on costs – the Chair had met with Greenstone and Ivy – a quote is awaited.

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- .7 **Remembrance Sunday Parade:** Cllr Shuttleworth referenced a query re military participation and relevant 'public military event paperwork'. Confirmed this is a civilian event being organised by the Royal British Legion on behalf of the Parish Council and with the appropriate insurance in place. RFO to share Insurer details with Cllr Shuttleworth.
- 135/21 **Transport Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 28 September 2021 were **received**. Cllrs noted ongoing liaison regarding the TRO, and parking proposals.
- .1 **DCC Parking Enquiry 82015185: noted** actions agreed.
- .2 **Residents' parking: noted** actions agreed.
- .3 **TRO: noted** actions agreed.
- .4 **Cycle parking: noted** proposals to install cycle racks at Heart of Hathersage. Suggested the 'Sheffield stand' was the best/most appropriate model. Suggested the best site would be outside the Parish Rooms, beneath the Parish Council noticeboard. Proposals to be further considered by the Amenities Committee.
- .5 **Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme: noted** agreement to include this as a standing item while works are ongoing to ensure Parish Council oversight.
- 136/21 **HR Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2021 were **received**.
- 137/21 **Website Update:** any updates or reports from the Website Working Group - none.
- 138/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** inclusion of consideration of burial ground committee matters within joint meetings of the Amenities and Recreation Committees was **approved**. Noted the Burial Ground Committee terms of reference to be amended as appropriate.
- 139/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the July meeting:
 - DALC October newsletter
 - PDNPA news update
 - Bakewell Neighbourhood Plan – withdrawn.
- 140/21 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Shuttleworth lamp** – repainting. Noted money had been allocated for this work in the budget. **Agreed** three quotes be sought.
- 141/21 **Memorial Hall:** to receive minutes or an update from any recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee – no minutes had been shared. Cllr Rodgers noted she has asked that minutes be shared with the Clerk. Although the Hall is now 'operating normally' it continues to be used as a vaccination centre.
- 142/21 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the August meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 143/21 **Date and time of next meeting – 2 November 2021, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 144/21 To **note** items for the November agenda:
 - Numbers of wooden seats around the village that need cleaning, repainting.

Meeting ended 9.30pm

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