

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Swimming Pool Committee of Hathersage Parish Council, held at Hathersage Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present Councillors Bill Hanley (Vice Chair), Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden
In Attendance Suzanne Cass (Assistant Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO) George Foy (Pool Operations Manager)

MINUTES

- 096/21 **Apologies for absence:** Stuart Turner, Rosie Olle, Mike Wellington (Leisure Services Manager)
- 097/21 **To decide any variation in the order of business.** It was agreed to take agenda items, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, directly after confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting.
- 098/21 **Declaration of interests:** George Foy, Pool Operations Manager/member of pool staff
- 099/21 **Public participation:** None
- 100/21 **Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting of 14 September 2021:** the minutes were confirmed and signed. There were no matters arising.
- 101/21 **Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising/Events:** any updates.
1. **Welcome Back Funding music event post event review:** All tickets for the event on 24 September 2021 had been allocated, however on the evening itself the event was not full to capacity. Councillors noted this as a concern because this was a free event for the village community. It was also noted that residents of Crossland Road were grateful for the pool communications regarding events.
 2. A formal letter of thanks to be sent to the band. **Action: Clerk**
- 102/21 **Update on transitional changes and the return to full capacity:** it was noted things continue to run smoothly, though public sessions are not always fully booked. This does enable members of the public to attend a session on the day.
- 103/21 **Report back from Full Parish Council meeting, held 5 October 2021:** to note approvals and next steps
- 104/21 **Pool path and ramp:** the Council have appointed Abbeycliffe to undertake the work.
- 105/21 **Zero Carbon Heating Project: There was further detail discussion concerning the project. Councillor Tim Hill confirmed the following points with the Committee:**
- Following further discussion with Leisure Energy, **Cllr Hill had negotiated** a revised price for the consultancy work of £19,500
 - Cllr Hill proposed, and **Councillors agreed** to pursue a grant application through the lottery award scheme [“The National Lottery Community Fund”](#) to support the feasibility study project.
 - The grant application has to be submitted by 18 November, and Cllr Tim Hill kindly agreed to work on the application, which will be presented to the next Parish Council meeting, for approval.

- It was agreed that Leisure Energy would be advised that a grant application was being made, and asked to hold their price until the outcome of the grant application was known. **Action: Cllr Tim Hill**
- Cllr Hill asked the Committee to support the request for various monitoring measurements to be taken at the Swimming Pool, though this information would not be used by the consultants, it is for reference purposes so Councillors can have a greater insight into factors such as minimum/maximum temperatures, water temperature, gas and electricity usage, and also wind speed. **Councillors endorsed this proposal.** Councillor Hill will liaise with Mike Wellington on this for the purchase or recording equipment (Min/max thermometer, air/water, wind speed) and daily recording to start as soon as possible. **Action: Councillor Hill**

- 106/21 **Pool Charitable Status:** it was noted Council had **given approval** to proceed and a firm of solicitors, Lupton Fawcett been appointed. Councillors noted the current brief to provide an options paper did not include any work in relation to the establishment of the charity/ies or any accounting or tax advice. Councillor Jane Marsden signed the Client Care letter.
- 107/21 **Plant room upgrade project :** A response from Tom Crooks was noted that there would be an additional cost for the fire boarding in the plant room, as this work was not in the original scope and Building Control had not specified this until final inspection.
- 108/21 **Plant/Machinery/Operational issues/Management Reports**
1. **Pool Manager's report:** Mike Wellington and George Foy were thanked for a comprehensive report. It was noted the Pool Cover service is still to take place.
 2. The glass in the Solarium has now been replaced. There is one window awaiting a replacement pane.
 3. Donation: It was noted a family in the village wish to make a donation in memory of a family member. Councillors proposed that donation be allocated to pre-school and toddler activities and support, including free swimming sessions and equipment. It was agreed to write to the family setting out proposals. **Action: Clerk**
 4. It was noted free flow sessions, for public swims, were running effectively.
- 109/21 **Pool Advisor's report:** none
- 110/21 **Pool staffing matters:** alternative staff training and cleaning hours had been offered for 4/5 October (for staff affected by the pool closure due to building works).
- 111/21 **Recruitment** - update on staff recruitment, and staff leavers. It was noted further recruitment is underway, with the potential appointment of one individual who will join staff training sessions in the short term.
- 112/21 **Staff training** – any updates. To be once every 2 weeks in the winter season.
- 113/21 **Swimming Club:** It was noted this had been a success and discussions are underway with the Swimming Club chair about next year.
- 114/21
1. **Review of Season/Gala;** it was noted the Gala and season have been a great success.
 2. **Swimming Club:** a proposal was put forward by Councillor Bill Hanley to explore the possibility of having an adult swimming club session within Hathersage and District Swimming Club. Councillors were in **agreement** to explore this possibility further. Pool Managers to consider ways in which this can be accommodated and report back to next meeting. **Action: Pool Manager**

- 115/21 **Swimming lessons** : these continue to be offered and include adult sessions.
- 116/21 **Finance:** the RFO reported:
- As of 12 October, 183 winter tickets had been sold with 51% being “out of area” tickets.
 - Pool car park entrance wall: the RFO is checking to see if it is possible to claim on the insurance for the damage to the wall as it had not been possible to identify the culprit.
 - It was noted that one post-dated cheque for a season ticket purchase had “bounced”. This has incurred a £6.00 fee with the bank. Mike Wellington is trying to contact the individual concerned.
 - Staff meal (swimming pool): Councillors were in agreement to support the request from M Wellington/G Foy, with a cost of £600.00 for staff to attend for a meal excluding alcohol.
- 117/21 **Clerk** – any additional reports and/or correspondence:
- Bike rack: it was agreed that Councillor Bill Hanley would discuss this further with M Wellington, to explore storage within the pool area.
 - Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust: pool has been entered for this award by Tom Crooks. Judging days are scheduled for October.
 - Councillors proposed, that as good practice, and for the purposes of Health and Safety, working rotas for pool staff are sent through in advance. **Action: Clerk**
- 118/21 Peter Crawford gift: Councillors agreed an individual ticket high season ticket (for April 2022 to October 2022) would be offered.
- 119/21 **Items for the next meeting:**
- Arrange end of season walk around for Councillors (with report to be submitted to the next SPC meeting) **Action: Clerk**
- 120/21 **Next meeting** :Tuesday 9 November 2021, at 7.00pm (also agreed that HR meeting will always follow on from the Swimming Pool Committee)

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