

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 February 2022, 7.30pm at St Michael's School, School Lane

**Councillors present:** Jane Marsden (Chair); Martin Bloor; Sara Furness; B Hanley; W Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers; Peter Rowland; James Shuttleworth; Nick Williams

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

- 212/21 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Emily Booth and Stuart Turner; and from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.
- 213/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 214/21 **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr Hill referenced a Parish Council payment - reimbursement of expenses (£22.13)
- 215/21 **Public Participation**
- a) A period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.
- b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will have the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
- DCC Cllr Peter O'Brien noted:
- Thanks to HPC for responding to the DDDC consultation on PSPOs – particularly in relation to the DDDC approach to BBQs and open fires within the District; noted other parishes, and stakeholders, had responded in a similar manner; Cllr O'Brien will share details of a forthcoming DDDC meeting (open to the public) where the PSPO consultation outcomes will be discussed.
  - Forthcoming DDDC area forum meetings; noted the date clashes with a HPC committee meeting but Cllrs not on the Recreation and Amenities Committee may wish to attend.
  - Refuse and ongoing disruption to collections. Noted food caddy collections currently most impacted; DDDC staff are supporting Serco with the backlog. Suggested residents continue to log missed collections – and update Cllr O'Brien. Cllr O'Brien confirmed DDDC do not support reimbursing residents for poor service/missed collections. DDDC have acknowledged the service from Serco has been poor. Cllr W Hanley noted these – and other - service issues preceded Covid; he suggested an item for a future HPC agenda, to consider overall DDDC service, provision and value for money. *Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.*
- Noted** data on crimes recorded between 28 December 2021 and 27 January 2022.
- Burglaries – two business-related (same victim); one residential
  - One drugs (possession)
  - One instance of damage to a vehicle
  - One instance of domestic-related malicious communications
- Cllr Bloor asked if details of the roads/streets where burglaries had taken place could be shared – noted this had been the case previously – suggested, if residents are more aware of targeted areas, they can be more vigilant. Further noted details – and alerts – can be shared via Facebook, neighbourhood watch groups and community WhatsApp groups. Noted more proactive police communications since the December meeting with the Derbyshire Police Chief Superintendent.
- 216/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
- .1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 4 January 2022 were **confirmed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.

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- 217/21 **PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters**
- .1 **Affordable Housing: noted** a meeting with PDNPA, DCC and DDDC representatives is scheduled for Wednesday 16 February, 7.30pm (at the Memorial Hall).
- .2 **PDNPA Landscapes Review: to consider** - responses to be shared with PDNPA before 14 February. Cllr Hill shared his thoughts. He considered the review disappointing: he suggested the terms of reference/remit were unclear; it seemed some changes were being proposed for the sake of change; positive initiatives e.g. work on the moorlands were not given due praise; no inclusion of anything concrete on ecological preservation or enhancement. Cllr W Hanley noted report references to parking, TROs, issuing fixed penalties, and visitor dispersal to less popular/frequented destinations. **Agreed** that Cllr Hill draft a response, to be shared with the Chair prior to submission.
- 218/21 **Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA):** Travelling Light Project Plan, and outcomes from the 31 January webinar. Cllr Hill outlined discussions at the webinar. Common themes were the need for an improved, integrated public transport system; and curbing car use. Also referenced - improving access to the Peak Park for groups less likely to come, or for whom there are barriers. Cllr Hill noted, in relation to curbing car use, concerns raised about the impact of proposed road closures e.g. at Stanage Edge – impacting communities in Hathersage and other parishes, including where drivers take diversions to avoid road closures. The Chair noted these concerns had also been raised at a recent meeting involving Stanage Forum. She suggested HPC closely monitor progress on the car free days initiatives. Cllr W Hanley suggested HPC be more proactive and produce a report clearly identifying and outlining concerns. Cllr Hill noted HVCA strategies do not fully address environmental concerns and suggested HPC could also take more initiative in this area. Cllr W Hanley, referencing the focus on improved public transport, noted the need for significant improvements in bus timetables and provision of real-time service information. Noted there was little focus on strategy implementation. *Webinar presentation to be shared with all Cllrs.*
- 219/21 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 The RFO's Report was **received**. Highlighted:
- Higher average pool admissions/income in the last three weeks than in the previous eight
  - Energy prices – the RFO confirmed the pool is on a fixed price gas contract up to July 2024; noted it had been confirmed by the Council's utility brokers that, were HPC to enter into a further 12-month fixed term contract from August 2024, there would be a 43% increase in price
  - Pool charitable status and tax exemption – noted this would be addressed in the KGF meeting
  - A donation of £12K from HPFA towards the cost of adult exercise equipment for the playing field
- .2 A statement of accounts was **received**.
- .3 Accounts for payment totalling £66,510.05 including £6,330.86 VAT were **approved**.
- .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories, from the agreed schedule (Cllrs Martin Bloor and Jane Marsden), for the 1 March meeting to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the 1 March meeting.
- .5 The RFO outlined the relationship between the Parish Council (HPC) and the King George's Field Charity (KGF). Noted the two are entirely separate. HPC is a statutory body; KGF is a charity. HPC is *the* KGF trustee; as the Trustee, HPC needs to consider the best interests of KGF, even where decisions do not benefit HPC.
- Committees and Working Groups**
- 220/21 **Swimming Pool Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2022. Cllr W Hanley expanded on meeting discussions and outcomes. Noted a forthcoming meeting with HPBC Officers in relation to funding and HBPC expectations. Also noted a pool customer satisfaction survey is planned.

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- .1 **Zero Carbon Heating Initiative: noted** an application for National Lottery funding had been unsuccessful; Cllrs **considered** funding the feasibility study from Parish Council funds; funding was **agreed** - £19.5K plus £3,900 VAT for Leisure Energy to undertake a Heat Decarbonisation Plan. *Clerk to confirm with Leisure Energy.* Noted outcomes from the plan will inform next steps.
- .2 **Replacement of benches and tables: noted** two quotes had been received; the SPC-recommended quote, from TDP, was **approved**.
- 221/21 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2022.
- .1 **New play and exercise equipment: noted** the new equipment (toddler play equipment and an adult exercise bike) had been installed. Also noted plans for three additional pieces of adult exercise equipment – and the £12K donation from the HPFA towards the costs.
- 222/21 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2022.
- .1 **Toilets:** following repairs undertaken recently by Wallgate it was **agreed** it was not necessary to proceed with replacing the ceramic toilet bowls with stainless steel bowls at this time *Clerk to inform the contractor.* Cllr Hill noted improved communications with Wallgate. He also referenced a proposal for some system changes to make maintenance easier and more cost effective; Cllr Hill will present proposals at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.
- .2 **Locked gate on bridleway** (up The Dale, near Callow Farm): noted this has been reported to DCC and to the Hathersage Footpaths Officer.
- .3 **Cycle stand: noted** plans for installation of a cycle stand at HoH and that Cllr Rowland had sourced a model; also **noted** an application had been submitted for funding (DDDC Local Community Grants).
- 223/21 **Planning Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2022. The Chair expanded on details of the applications considered and the HPC response. Noted a further meeting will be held to consider a revised planning application for The Cottage, Hungry Lane; the Chair invited Cllrs to submit comments.
- 224/21 **Transport Committee:** noted the meeting of 25 January 2022 had been cancelled – rescheduled for Thursday 3 February, 2.30pm.
- .1 **Meeting with DCC Highways Officer: received** a report on outcomes of the 19 January meeting with DCC Highways Officer Steven Alcock and DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton. The Chair expanded: noted the lack of any direct funding and a suggestion that HPC looks at funding from other sources – regeneration grants and/or local businesses; noted some positive outcomes and the need to maintain a dialogue with DCC Officers.
- 225/21 **HR Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2022. Cllr W Hanley expanded on meeting discussions and outcomes.
- 226/21 **Website:** there were no updates or reports from the Website Working Group.
- 227/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** Cllr Rodgers noted the church yard wall had collapsed.
- 228/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the December meeting:
  - Stanage Plantation tree felling
  - Dale Crescent/The Dale – award of Village Green status
  - PDNPA updates
  - High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership updates. Cllrs referenced signage at stations across the Hope Valley and whether additional signage at Hathersage station – directing people to local amenities – might be desirable. Noted a village map is already installed at the station.
- 229/21 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Queen's Jubilee Events 2022: noted** a meeting planned for 22 February, with representatives of village groups and societies, to coordinate event planning. The Chair asked Cllrs to promote the meeting to residents representing village groups/societies/interests. The RFO referenced a Castleton PC initiative – promoting the 'Castleton Code' (expectations of respectful behaviour) - notices posted around Castleton.

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- 230/21 **Memorial Hall:** noted no minutes or updates from any recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee had been received.
- 231/21 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the December meeting (*also noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 232/21 **Date and time of next meeting – 1 March 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 233/21 **Items** for the March agenda – no specific items were raised.

*Meeting ended 8.55pm*

*A meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.*

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