

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2022, St Michael's School

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

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

025/22 **Apologies for absence:** DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton and community Police Officers.

026/22 **Any variation in the order of business** – none.

027/22 **Declaration of Members Interests** - none

028/22 **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.

Cllr James Marsden referenced ongoing road works on the A6187 and related disruptions; suggested raising the matter with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.

Cllr W Hanley referenced concerns about motorbikes – speeding, safety and noise. Noted concerns about speeding should be flagged with the police; suggested liaising with community Police Officers on related measures. Noted noise concerns were an environmental health issue. DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien referenced noise abatement zones and related enforcement measures; further investigation to be undertaken. Reference also made to potential new legislation on noise/noise nuisance.

- 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.

Crime statistics had been circulated.

**Regeneration funding:** DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien referenced a new funding pot for local authorities intended to replace EU funding. DDDC have been allocated £1.9M from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The funding remit is broadly green and economic. Funding could be used to support infrastructure projects or community initiatives e.g. skills training for residents *Cllr O'Brien to share funding scheme details with the Clerk.* Cllr O'Brien has asked DDDC Officers to consider a rural focus in allocating funding. Cross-community funding bids are sought with parishes and villages/areas encouraged to work together to identify common needs and agree a joint bid. There is a short timescale for submission for bids this year – bids to be submitted within the next eight weeks. Noted High Peak Borough Council will also have an allocation and suggested Hope Valley Parishes Forum could coordinate funding bids for Hope Valley parishes. Cllr James Marsden referenced previous funding used to support a local business hub with storage units for traders.

**Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC):** Cllr Turner queried the timescale for installation of an EVC in the Oddfellows Road car park; Cllr O'Brien noted he is awaiting a response from DDDC Officers.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr O'Brien for joining the Jubilee parade. *Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.*

029/22 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the HPC meeting of 3 May 2022 were **confirmed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.

030/22 **PDNP, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**

- .1 **BBQs and open fires:** noted correspondence regarding the DDDC position. Noted DDDC plans to liaise with representative groups including the NFU to collect data. Noted PDNPA has data on incidents of open fires in 2021 *suggested sharing this with DDDC.*
- .2 **PDNPA Local Plan Review** - Parish Councils [survey](#). Noted PPPF will consider the survey at a meeting on 13 June and issue advice/guidance to parishes; the Chair commented that, in its current format, the survey is confusing and lacks clarity. Agreed to defer making a response until PPPF guidance received; Cllrs will then consider how best to coordinate and agree a Parish Council response.

**Noted** the 2022 PDNPA Parishes Day will be on 1 October *Cllrs interested in attending to inform the Clerk and Clerk can book places.*

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**Severn Trent Upper Derwent proposals:** the Clerk referenced Severn Trent discussions with parish councils in areas impacted by proposals; Clerk to share further details when they become available.

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**Financial Matters:**

- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Noted pool season ticket sales are likely to now be completed, for this year. Noted improved daily sales last week. Confirmed receipt of a £5K donation from the Sykes Charitable Trust towards the costs of Jubilee events; the donation will cover the costs of the Brookfield lunch and other Jubilee expenditure.
- .2 **Received** a statement of accounts.
- .3 Accounts for payment totalling £70,762.15 including £4,551.55 VAT were **approved**. RFO highlighted two additional items – reimbursement to Pool Manager George Foy for purchase of chlorine supplies; and payment to an alternative supplier for a further supply of chlorine.
- .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories, Cllr Hill and Cllr James Marsden, from the agreed schedule for the July meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the July meeting.
- .5 The report from the Internal Auditor which, it was noted, contained no adverse comments, was **approved** and the RFO was **authorised** to send relevant documents to the External Auditor.
- .6 Renewal of the insurance policy with Gallagher (AJG Community Schemes), for the Parish Council and King George's Field, **approved**. RFO had shared details of questions put to the insurer, and responses. He noted no better insurance quote had been provided. Cllrs thanked the RFO for his attention to detail.
- .7 A three-year Long Term Insurance Agreement with Gallagher was **approved**; noted the premium will not be raised for the duration of the agreement.

**Committees and Working Groups**

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**Swimming Pool Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 10 May 2022. Noted the latest iteration of the Pool Business Plan had been shared.

- .1 **Customer Satisfaction Survey:** Cllrs to encourage, where they can, pool users to complete the survey.
- .2 **Pool refurbishment works: noted** the Final Account had been agreed with the Contractor and the Final Certificate provided. RFO flagged the amount was approximately £1,500 more than initially stipulated; acknowledged some extra works had been undertaken. Noted the final invoice from T C Williams was awaited. Noted there are still outstanding repairs to be undertaken on tiling.

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**Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2022. Issue with the function of the exercise bike is being addressed.

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**Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2022.

**HoH litter:** reference made to the accumulation of litter over weekends exacerbated when birds or foxes tear open bags leaving rubbish strewn across HoH. Suggestions to address the issue included removing the HoH bin (not supported); seeking advice from DDDC on potential solutions; and liaising with the proprietor of the Fish and Chip shop about what more they can do to address the problem. Re the Fish and Chip shop, Cllrs discussed what further measures could be requested of/put to the proprietor including collecting wrappers from HoH and storing them at the shop premises, for disposal; and posting notices in the shop asking customers to dispose of wrappers responsibly including returning used wrappers to the shop. **Agreed** that Cllrs arrange a meeting with the proprietor to discuss measures and a way forward. **Agreed** also to get some input from the Parish Council caretaker; Cllr Rodgers to liaise with him on what the situation is when he does his Monday morning early clean-up and ask if he has any suggestions on further measures.

**HoH water trough:** noted work is in hand.

**Path work (and railings):** new railings on the path at the far end of the pool are now in situ. Quotes for resurfacing of the path have been sought.

**Commemorative Jubilee stone:** now in situ at HoH. Thanks noted to the Shuttleworth family for donating the stone and funding the engraving.

**Benches:** some cleaning and refurbishment has already been undertaken.

**Bike rack for HoH:** delivery is still awaited *Clerk to investigate*.

**Noticeboard (for bottom of Church Bank):** Cllrs **approved** purchase of a new noticeboard *Clerk to check vendor details and issue a purchase order*.

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- 035/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2022.
- 036/22 **Planning Committee:** no meeting had been held since 25 April; two planning applications were considered:
- .1 [NP/DDD/0522/0648](#) – Eboracum, Coggers Lane – replacement of existing flat roof and re-rendering of elevations. No objections.
  - .2 [NP/TCA/0522/0678](#) – St Michael’s Church car park – conservation area tree work. No objections.
- 037/22 **Transport Committee:** there had been no meeting of the Transport Committee since the April HPC meeting. The next scheduled meeting was 26 July but it was **agreed** to schedule a meeting on **Tuesday 28 June, 7.30pm**. Noted relining of roads was being undertaken following road resurfacing. Acknowledged the support of DDDC in putting out temporary cones to deter parking over the Jubilee weekend. Noted Mayfield Terrace had been resurfaced but unsatisfactorily *concerns to be flagged with DCC and DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton*.
- 038/22 **HR Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 10 May 2022. Cllr W Hanley expanded on the business discussed.
- .1 **Assistant Clerk leave of absence:** noted it had been agreed that the Assistant Clerk take up to six months leave of absence for personal reasons with immediate effect (at 07/06/2022). Further noted it had not been possible to arrange cover for a limited period, at short notice. The Clerk noted she would cover additional work as far as she was able but would not be able to cover every committee meeting, or all the Assistant Clerk’s workload. Cllrs and the RFO agreed to minute some committee meetings. Clerk to share proposals/a plan for cover at the 14 June HR committee meeting. Cllr Hill suggested sending a letter of support, from the Parish Council, to the Assistant Clerk.
- 039/22 **Website/IT:** proposals had been shared in relation to the Parish Council adopting a cloud-based shared files system with associated dedicated Parish Council email addresses for Cllrs. The Clerk noted there could be significant work involved; suggested, in light of the Assistant Clerk’s absence, implementing any significant changes be deferred until the Assistant Clerk’s return. Clerk and Cllr B Hanley to meet with the Parish Council’s IT support (John Dalton) on Friday 10 June to discuss further.
- 040/22 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the May meeting.  
**Smart Trails initiative:** Cllr Hill shared concerns about some of the proposals, noting some support for the longer-term, overarching proposals. Cllrs discussed, more broadly, the lack of dedicated, protected cycle routes across the Hope Valley. Suggested Severn Trent be asked to consider facilitating cycle routes as part of their reservoir proposals. Reference was also made to additional safety concerns in relation to electric bikes. Cllr Tim Hill and Jane Marsden indicated interest in attending the Smart Trails meeting on Friday 17 June *Clerk to confirm all meeting details*.  
**Research on public toilets (HoH):** the Chair referenced an approach by a researcher looking at public toilet amenities including where communities have helped fund/facilitate toilets *Clerk to liaise further with the researcher to arrange a meeting*.
- 041/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Queen’s Jubilee Events 2022:** the success of the weekend’s events was acknowledged. Cllrs also acknowledged the Chair in initiating and leading on planning the Jubilee celebrations; thanks noted to Rob Hall for his leadership. Thanks also noted to all those who volunteered their time, energy and efforts *Thank You letter to be sent to groups and individuals; and a ‘thank you’ notice to be published in Hathersage News*. Generous donations were acknowledged including from the Pool Café and the One Stop Shop, for the afternoon tea. Noted Hathersage did far more than many communities to celebrate the Jubilee, ‘pulling out all the stops’.
- 042/22 **Memorial Hall:** no meeting minutes (Memorial Hall Management Committee) had shared. Cllr Rodgers referenced a Memorial Hall application for funding, to make improvements to toilets; queried whether a funding bid could be made to improve acoustics.
- 043/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the May meeting (*noted under Clerk’s Correspondence*).
- 044/22 **Date and time of next meeting:** TBC (dependent on Gala events and commitments).
- 045/22 **Items for the July agenda:** proposal for an autumn artwork at HoH.
- Meeting closed at 9.30 pm; *a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly afterwards*

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