

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hathersage Parish Council Swimming Pool Committee meeting, Tuesday 14 June, 7.00 pm MINUTES

Present Councillors Stuart Turner (Chair), Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers

In Attendance Chris Cave (RFO), Mike Wellington (Leisure Services Manager)

022/22		Apologies from Councillor W Hanley were noted
023/22		Councillors S Turner and W Hanley were unanimously appointed Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the forthcoming year.
024/22		There were no changes to the order of business.
025/22		M Wellington declared an interest as an employee of the swimming pool.
026/22		There were no members of the public present.
027/22		The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th May were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
028/22		There were no items to note from the Parish Council meeting of 7 th June.
029/22		M Wellington reported problems with the supply of chlorine from the regular supplier. Chlorine had been obtained from alternative sources and, when current orders had been fulfilled, stocks should be sufficient to last until September. It was agreed that stocks should always be held to cover a minimum of 3 months usage. Councillor Hill suggested a possible alternative which he agreed to investigate further. Pool management were asked to submit proposals for staff should the chlorine shortage necessitate the pool closing.
030/22		The RFO reminded the Committee that the Council had fixed price contracts for gas and electricity until 31 st July 2024 and 8 August 2023 respectively and that in February the Council's energy brokers had indicated that renewing contracts at the then market prices would be at prices some 40/45% above current prices. The RFO had spoken to the brokers today who had confirmed that prices had fallen slightly since February. On this basis the Council's additional costs were likely to be £15,000/£20,000pa, costs which, on current admission numbers, could be absorbed although the winter season would be running at a loss and there would be less money available for pool improvements. It was noted that the changes in the energy price cap applied only to domestic customers.
	10.1	Councillor Hill had circulated Leisure Energy's second report. He recommended waiting for the third report before discussing options. It was noted that should any solar panels be placed on the car park they would require protection from damage. The release of past meter readings to Leisure Energy was authorised. It was agreed that the planning authority should be kept up to date on proposals to avoid problems later.
	10.2	It was noted that any claim under the Shared Prosperity Fund had to be through the District Council who were already preparing their claim, for the district.

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	10.3	It was understood three open air pools were using air source heat pumps successfully although the level of heat provided was unknown. Councillor Hill had made arrangements to visit the Chagford pool.
	10.4	There were no known background changes affecting the remit given to Leisure Energy.
031/22		Councillors and others had read and commented on the five-year business plan. These comments would now be considered and incorporated into the report as appropriate together with photographs and a detailed map of the whole leisure site.
032/22		It was agreed to renew the membership of Historic Pools of Britain.
033/22		It was noted that the results of the customer satisfaction survey were very positive. Some concern was expressed that few replies had been received from the younger generation.
034/22		The pool manager's report (<i>copy attached</i>) was noted. Reaction to the first session with the new inflatable had been positive. M Wellington to report to the next meeting on how frequently he believed inflatable sessions should be held. Checks to be made to ensure that all necessary electrical equipment testing was being done.
035/22		The pool advisor's report (<i>copy attached</i>) was noted.
		<i>At this point M Wellington left the meeting</i>
036/22		The RFO's report (<i>copy attached</i>) was noted.
037/22		There were no additional matters reported by the Clerk.
038/22		There were no items for the next meeting other than as detailed above.
039/22		The next meeting of the committee will be on 19 th July in the Stanage Hall at 19.00.

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