

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

### Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees

Joint Meeting

7.45pm Tuesday 15 November 2022

**Present:** Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Tim Hill, Sara Furness, Bridget Hanley, Heather Rodgers, James Marsden, and Rose Olle.

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Rowland.

**In Attendance:** Kathyne Fraser (Assistant Clerk).

**Public Participation:** There were no members of the public in attendance.

081/22 To decide any variation in the order of business - **none**.

082/22 Declaration of interests – **none declared**.

083/22 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

#### 084/22 Recreation Committee matters

- .1 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)** – Cllrs requested that enquiries are made to see whether the weight of the kettle bells might adversely affect the MUGA surface material.

[Action: Assistant Clerk]

- .2 **Playing Field and Playground** – Volker were not expected to be able to repoint the playing field wall as a volunteer/community project and it was therefore **agreed** that Nick Howarth (landscape) would be asked to undertake the work, in accordance with an earlier quotation. Expenditure will be met from the 2022-23 precept budget.

[Action: Assistant Clerk]

- .3 **Playground inspections and reports** – Alliance Environmental Services(AES) operational inspection of the playground undertaken on 9 November 2022 was **received** and **noted**; no issues of concern had been identified by AES.

- .4 **Other maintenance, repairs and other matters**

- **Graffiti** – Cllrs expressed concern that graffiti has appeared on the skateboard area and litter bins in the playing field area. Cllrs **agreed** to source a contractor to remove the graffiti paint.
- **Path surfaces** – Cllrs **agreed** that the two paths in the park area should be re-surfaced in due course and to request consideration for the work to be included in the 2023-24 budget.

[Action: Assistant Clerk]

- .5 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – it was **noted** that HPFA had successfully fundraised £10k towards new junior play equipment. Cllrs expressed their appreciation, on behalf of the village, for HPFA's achievement.

- .6 **New play and exercise equipment** – it was **agreed** to clearly label the Allen safety keys for the adult exercise equipment and retain two keys with the swimming pool and two keys in Heart of Hathersage office.

[Action: Assistant Clerk]

- .7 **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)** - it was **agreed** to ask Henry Woolley to fit five PSPO signs for the playing field (supplied by DDDC).

[Action: Assistant Clerk]

085/22 **Confidential - Bowling Green and access** – there were no updates to report.

**Amenities Committee matters**

- .1 **Resetting of steps** – the work will be done by Abbeycliffe and is due to be completed by the end of November 2022.
  - .2 **Toilets (Heart of Hathersage).**
    - **Toilet door** – Repairs had been made to the door and a quote was awaited to replace the door and retain the frame.
    - **Cleanliness** – Cllrs expressed their appreciation of the high-quality work undertaken by the cleaners and requested that HPC express their thanks appropriately.
    - **Hot water supply** – Wallgate have been asked to repair the problem with the hot water supply to the toilets.

*[Action: Assistant Clerk]*
  - .3 **Bins/litter** – the Chair reported a positive meeting with the DDDC Officer which she had reported to a full HPC meeting on 1 November 2022. Cllrs agreed to make enquiries with DDDC regarding them supplying Hathersage with a Big Belly Bin and to ascertain if there is an annual maintenance charge.
- [Action: Chair]*
- .4 **DCC Snow Warden Scheme 2022-23** – two volunteers have been recruited and DDDC has placed grit piles in strategic areas around the village. Cllrs requested that a member of DDDC be invited to speak to members of the Amenities Committee to discuss the issue of grit bin ownership.
- [Action: Assistant Clerk]*
- .5 **Greenstone and Ivy Commissions** – HPC is still awaiting a date for the work to be completed.
  - .6 **Shuttleworth Lamp – repainting** – it was **agreed** that Garton Decorators would be appointed to undertake this work in accordance with the fee previously quoted.
- [Action: Assistant Clerk]*
- .7 **Parish lands tree survey** – it was **agreed** to commission a tree surgeon to inspect the trees on Parish lands at the earliest opportunity. Several Cllrs had noticed a fungus of concern on trees near Leadmill Bridge which will be reported to the authorities.
- [Action: Assistant Clerk]*
- .8 **Budget 2023-24** – Cllrs identified the following repairs and improvements for inclusion in the 2022/23 precept budget:
    - Resurfacing of the two paths on the playing fields
    - Repainting the doors to the vets and village toilets
    - More prominent signage for the HoH toilets

*[Action: Assistant Clerk]*
  - .9 **Other matters**
    - Cllrs expressed concern at poor drainage in a number of areas: (i) water rushing down the A6187 from Fox House to Toads Mouth; (ii) High Lees Farm to School Lane and (iii) a blocked drain outside the vets and requested these were reported appropriately.

*[Action: Assistant Clerk]*

**Burial Ground Committee matters**

- .1 **Site visit** – the Chair gave a verbal update of the Burial Ground inspection undertaken on 10 November 2022.
  - .2 **Headstone repairs** – 7 headstones need to be stabilised and Daynes will be asked to provide a quote for the work, costs of which will be met by HPC.
- [Action: Assistant Clerk]*
- .3 **Burial Ground capacity and Derbyshire Dales review** – no alternative sites for additional capacity have been identified; HPC currently has 32 places remaining.
  - .4 **Burial Ground rules and noticeboard** – the inspection had identified a number of graves not complying with the Burial Ground Rules (latest version 009 July 2018) and individual letters will be sent to family members. It was **agreed** to install two new noticeboards, with the core graveside rules (e.g. planting, no artificial flowers) clearly displayed; Broadfield Signs will be asked to quote for the work.
- [Action: Assistant Clerk]*

- .5 **Cremation area:** The placement of cremation stones, near the hedge, will be discussed with Noutches (funeral directors). Concern was expressed that two memorial benches had been placed in the Burial Ground without permission of HPC; efforts are being made to identify the owners.

*[Action: Assistant Clerk]*

088/22 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence** – no items of business.

089/22 **Next meeting - Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall.**

The meeting closed at 9.40pm