

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees

Joint Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 20 December 2022

Present: Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Tim Hill, Peter Rowland, Heather Rodgers, and Rosie Olle.

Apologies: Cllrs Bridget Hanley, James Marsden

Absent Without Apologies: Sara Furness

In Attendance: Kathryne Fraser (Assistant Clerk)

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

- 090/22 **Variation in the order of business - none.**
- 091/22 **Declaration of interests** – Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers declared an interest, as members of St Michael’s Church, regarding item 7.10
- 092/22 The **minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022** were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 093/22 **Recreation Committee matters**
- .1 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)** – Cllrs accepted that the kettlebell sessions were not damaging the surface and it was positive that the facility is being used for a variety of purposes; the condition of the MUGA surface will be re-assessed in the spring.
 [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .2 **Playing Field and Playground** – Nick Howarth Landscaping is scheduled to repoint the playing field wall in the new year.
- .3 **Other maintenance, repairs, and other matters**
- **Graffiti** – work to remove the graffiti commenced on 20 December 2022.
- .4 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – it was **noted** that HPFA has now transferred the £20k fundraising monies to Hathersage Parish Council for the purchase of new play equipment.
- .5 **New play and exercise equipment** – full Council’s decision to authorise £60k expenditure on new play equipment was **noted**.
- .6 **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)** – five new signs have been delivered and will be put up in the new year.
 [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 094/22 **Confidential - Bowling Green and access** – there were no updates to report.
- 095/22 **Amenities Committee matters**
- .1 **Resetting of steps** – it was **agreed** to chase Abbeycliffe for a date when the work will be done.
 [Clerk]
- .2 **Toilets (Heart of Hathersage)** - the following issues were **noted**:
- no water pipes had frozen during the period of cold weather
- the door to the disabled toilet is broken and the facility needed to be locked during the cold weather
- Cllr Hill is to investigate costs for installing infra-red heaters and replacing the door to the disabled toilets
- there appears to be rising damp in the meeting room, the cause of which needs to be determined
 [Action: Cllr Hill]
- .3 **Bins/litter** – this item was **deferred** due to the absence of a report following the recent assessment of the village grit bins.
 [Action: Cllr B Hanley & Assistant Clerk]
- .4 **DCC Snow Warden Scheme 2022-23** – the recent snow and ice advice from the insurers was **noted**.

- .5 **Greenstone and Ivy Commissions** – there was no update on a date for the work to be undertaken.
- .6 **Shuttleworth Lamp – repainting** – it was **noted** that Garton Decorators will be undertaking the work in spring 2023.
- .7 **Parish lands tree survey** – Cllrs identified the following areas of parish lands which an arboriculture consultant needed to assess (approximately every five years): playing fields; back of the MUGA; quarry behind the Millstone.
[Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .8 **Reports to DCC** – issues previously raised by Cllrs (footpaths, flooding, and tree fungus) have all been reported to DCC; no response has yet been received.
- .9 **Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Tree (Queen’s Green Canopy Scheme)** – it was **noted** that a field maple tree will be planted in King George’s Field on 2 January 2023, with a commemorative ceremony to be scheduled later in the year.
[Action: Chair and Assistant Clerk]
- .10 **Heart of Hathersage Booking Request**
Cllrs considered the request from the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Hathersage to use the Heart of Hathersage for a weekend prayer event in the summer. May 27-28 was requested initially, as this is Pentecost, but they also suggested that other summer weekends would be requested.

There was unanimous agreement that it had never been envisaged that the Heart of Hathersage (HoH) would be used for public prayer meetings and that broadly the area was expected to be used for once-a-year or ad-hoc events to align with anniversaries or commemorations. It was **noted** that the HoH usage policy is currently being reviewed as it does not provide comprehensive guidance (for residents and councillors) nor does it cover restrictions on local council’s general powers, such as party-political activity.

In considering the request, Cllrs were advised of their obligations, under the Equality Act to “foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not” i.e. people with and without a religion or belief. Following a lengthy discussion, where concerns were raised about the appropriateness of this event taking place, Cllrs agreed to **recommend** to the next full Council meeting, that pending completion of the review of the HoH Usage policy, the request should be approved, without precedent, on the following basis:

- There should only be one event
- The event should not be held on a bank holiday weekend due to the high number of visitors
- The event should last for one day only
- The organisers would be asked to consider joining forces with the other local churches to broaden community involvement

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Burial Ground Committee matters

- .1 **Headstone repairs** – Cllrs agreed to **recommend** to full Council expenditure of £620 (+VAT) to Freeman Daynes Ltd to repair seven unstable headstones. Daynes will be asked to confirm that the repairs will comply with the relevant British Standard.
- .2 **Maintenance and upkeep of graves** - it was **noted** that all graves requiring compliance with the Burial Ground rules have now been identified and letters will be issued this week.
- .3 **Burial Ground capacity and Derbyshire Dales review** – Cllrs **noted** the content of the recent review of capacity.
- .4 **Burial Ground maintenance, rules, and noticeboard** – it was **agreed** to circulate the proposed wording for the new noticeboards to all members of the RABG Committees for their approval.
[Assistant Clerk]

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Clerk’s Report/Correspondence – there were no items of business.

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Next meeting - Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm