

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees

Joint Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 17 January 2023

### MINUTES

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Rowland

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

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

- 099/23           **Variation in the order of business** – none.
- 100/23           **Declaration of interests** – no declarations.
- 101/23           **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2022** – the minutes were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 102/23           **Recreation Committee matters:**
- .1 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)** – Cllrs discussed the recent damage to the MUGA area and the subsequent temporary closure and **agreed** to allow the facility to remain open outside of pool opening hours. The situation will be reviewed should there be any further damage.
  - .2 **Playing Field and Playground:**
    - (a) **Alliance Environmental Services December 2022 Report** – Cllrs received the Report and **noted** its contents; the condition of the wooden climbing frame was highlighted which Cllrs are aware of and is being replaced.
    - (b) **New Play Equipment** – it was **agreed** to ask the Clerk to complete the required site survey; there will be a site visit, with Playdale, on 14 February 2023. [Action: Clerk]
  - .3 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention** - it was **noted** that Nick Howarth (Landscape) is due to begin work on re-pointing the playing field wall on 18 January 2023.
  - .4 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – Cllr Hanley **confirmed** that the donation from HPFA has now been received by HPC.
  - .5 **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO):** Cllr Hill reported on the practical difficulties of fitting the supplied PSPO signs as each sign needs a round pole, which are absent in the playing fields. Alternative solutions to fixing the signs will be explored before new posts are purchased. [Action: Cllrs Tim Hill and James Marsden]
- 103/23           **Confidential - Bowling Green and access** – a confidential minute was **noted**.
- 104/23           **Amenities Committee matters:**
- .1 **Resetting of steps** – it was **noted** that Abbeycliffe had not been able to start the work due to the poor weather but were hoping that it could begin in March 2023.
  - .2 **Toilets (Heart of Hathersage)** – it was **agreed** to use an oil-based paint for the area with efflorescence as an initial remedy [Action: Cllr T Hill]
  - .3 **Grit Bins**
    - Cllrs **agreed** to send the comprehensive report on the grit bins to DCC to confirm ownership and request that DCC fill the grit bins owned by HPC. It was **noted** that HPC has £1k in the 2023/24 budget for grit. DCC will also be asked to repair or replace the 3 broken grit bins identified in the report and to provide HPC with the costs of replacement if this becomes necessary. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
    - It was **agreed** to determine who owned the land by Rock House where the grit bin needs to be placed on a plinth before any work is actioned. [Action: Cllr H Rodgers]

- .4 **Greenstone and Ivy Commissions** – Cllr Hill reported that the trough should be completed in the spring.
- .5 **Parish lands tree survey** – it was **agreed** to issue a copy of the 2019 Tree Survey to the tree consultant. Cllrs identified the areas to be surveyed on a map. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .6 **Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Tree (Queen’s Canopy Green Scheme)** – it was **agreed** that the tree planting should be re-scheduled for 2pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 [Action: Cllrs H Rodgers and B Hanley]
- .7 **Heart of Hathersage and Church event** – the decision of full Council to approve an event was **noted**.
- .8 **King’s Coronation** – it was **agreed** to use the Parish Magazine to invite residents to suggest activities for the celebration; the Memorial Hall has been booked for the day of the Coronation (Saturday 6 May 2023).

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**Burial Ground Committee matters:**

- .1 **Headstone repairs** – it was **agreed** to spend £240 (+VAT) on 3 additional unstable headstones being repaired by Daynes Memorials.
- .2 **Maintenance and upkeep of graves** - Cllrs carefully considered the views of families who were unhappy at receiving letters, before Christmas, asking them to ensure their family plot complied with the Burial Ground Rules. Cllrs were very sympathetic but felt that all the graves needed to be consistently laid out and maintained. It was **agreed** to write individual letters to each of the families explaining this position. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .3 **Burial Ground rules and noticeboard** –
  - Cllrs reviewed the current rules and made several changes to improve clarity in a number of areas; the revised rules will be recommended to full Council in February 2023.
  - Wording for a new notice board was **agreed**.
 [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .4 **Headstone Request** – a request for a new headstone was rejected as it did not comply with the Burial Ground Rules; the family will be notified. [Action: Clerk]

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

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**Next meeting - Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall**