

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 February 2022

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

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); Kathryne Fraser (Assistant Clerk); DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*); Phil Mulligan, PDNPA Chief Executive (*part*); Brian Taylor, PDNPA Head of Planning (*part*); members of the public Sam Kemp (*part*); Sara Mappin (*part*); Tim Peel

- 210/22 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Martin Bloor and Stuart Turner; DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.
- 211/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 212/22 **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr Olle in relation to discussions on affordable housing and her role as a PDNPA Planning Officer; noted Cllr William Hanley had submitted an expenses claim.
- 213/22 **Public Participation** – noted the two PDNPA representatives and three members of the public in attendance.
- a) A period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.
- b) Opportunity for the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member (if in attendance) to raise any relevant matter.
- 214/22 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the HPC meeting of 3 January 2023 were **confirmed** and actions arising **noted**.
- 215/22 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **Phil Mulligan, PDNPA Chief Executive:** Mr Mulligan confirmed this was his first meeting with a Peak District parish council. He referenced the PDNPA management plan recently approved by PDNPA members noting the intention to publicise and share a summary, shortly. Mr Mulligan referenced the plan's four aims and 11 objectives including ensuring the Peak Park is a welcoming space with a living resilient landscape; ensuring a sustainable visitor economy; supporting thriving, sustainable communities; supporting local businesses.
- Current Hathersage Parish Council concerns – which cross over with PDNPA policy, and Peak Park management - had been flagged with Mr Mulligan prior to the meeting including affordable housing; visitor parking; pool energy plans (and PDNPA planning permission).
- Affordable housing:** Mr Mulligan noted his intention to visit a potential site for affordable housing (identified by DDDC) with DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien. Cllrs referenced the 2022 meeting with housing stakeholders (including DDDC and PDNPA representatives), frustration with the slow pace of progress, and the challenges presented by stringent PDNPA planning and landscape policy. Cllrs expanded on the demand for affordable – and social - housing in the village including housing need related to the age/needs of individuals at different life stages. Cllrs also flagged concerns about holiday lets across the Peak Park, particularly where this takes away from housing stock for local residents; suggested PDNPA should have a say in regulating holiday accommodation.
- Acknowledged the challenge presented in negotiating on sites and permissions for new housing including ensuring due regard is given to Hathersage landowners and businesses.
- Cllr James Marsden suggested the establishment of hamlets could help with housing planning and permissions and he expanded on the benefits. Mr Taylor suggested this could be considered under the local plan consultation; he also referenced a forthcoming review of the PDNPA design guide. And he suggested that, if the Parish Council was to adopt a neighbourhood plan, local housing needs and proposals could be included.
- Parking:** the Chair expanded on visitor parking issues and the impact on residents asking if parking measures were included in the PDNPA management plan. Mr Taylor referenced a focus on reducing

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reliance on cars and promoting public transport; he noted ongoing joint working with local authorities and transport authorities. Cllr W Hanley referenced new PDNPA car parking charges, highlighting the lack of consultation with parish councils and flagging the likelihood of additional verge parking and damage to verges e.g. at Stanage. Mr Mulligan noted the introduction of PDNPA car park charges was a necessary additional income stream and referenced innovative offers including annual and weekly parking passes. He noted some parking issues – illegal and discourteous parking – were beyond PDNPA control. Cllrs also flagged issues with overnight parking of campervans and caravans at iconic Peak Park locations, and in car parks. Noted PDNPA had previously employed wardens at some locations who monitored and challenged overnight parking. Mr Mulligan acknowledged the issue and referenced how it is managed in other national parks e.g. in the Lake District where staff have been hired to appropriately challenge overnight campervanners. Cllrs shared the Parish Council perspective that PDNPA should lead on a coordinated approach and policy on parking across the Hope Valley. Mr Taylor referenced ongoing solution-focussed work with local authorities and other bodies. Cllrs noted the PDNPA management plan focus on visitor management was key to managing parking issues.

Pool energy proposals: Cllr Hill expanded on the Parish Council’s investigation of alternative energy sources/solutions referencing pre-planning advice shared by PDNPA. Acknowledging the planning challenges, Cllr Hill noted the Parish Council was looking for a pragmatic approach, and support, from PDNPA, and a constructive debate with planners to find a viable solution. Mr Taylor agreed to look at the detail of the PDNPA pre planning advice shared with the Parish Council. Mr Mulligan commended the Parish Council pool energy aspirations and acknowledged PDNPA should look to engage positively with the Council.

PDNPA event management: referencing the Parish Council’s event management policy Cllr W Hanley asked whether PDNPA had a policy e.g. to ensure multiple events were not scheduled in an area on the same day. Mr Mulligan suggested this was not a PDNPA responsibility and that management of an online events system would be resource intensive.

Planning matters: Cllrs referenced the external structure outside Bank House and lack of planning permission. Mr Taylor confirmed it was under investigation by the enforcement team.

Footpaths: Cllr Williams referenced a local footpath where non-barbed wire had been replaced by barbed wire – a potential danger to path users. *Suggested Cllr Williams share the exact path location; suggested it may fall under the remit of the Eastern Moors Partnership.*

DDDC Cllr Peter O’Brien: Affordable housing - Cllr O’Brien referenced liaison between DDDC and a housing association (HA) noting the HA is looking for early engagement with all partners. He referenced the 2022 housing meeting with stakeholders noting DDDC had reviewed all the sites flagged and had agreed one viable site which was taken forward. Mr Taylor flagged PDNPA concerns about some of the sites discussed (at the 2022 meeting with stakeholders) and suggested *all* sites were still up for consideration. Noted some sites may require a compulsory purchase order; Mr Taylor acknowledged this would have to be discussed further with DDDC. Cllr O’Brien reiterated the DDDC will and offer to engage further with all stakeholders.

The Chair asked if there would be any benefit in the Parish Council submitting an outline planning application in relation to a proposed housing site. Mr Taylor suggested PDNPA would only consider a full planning application. He also highlighted the need for a better, more detailed design process in relation to all proposed sites.

As they left the meeting Cllrs thanked Mr Mulligan, Mr Taylor and Cllr O’Brien for their contributions.

- .2 **Warm Spaces:** confirmed local Church provision had been well attended and would continue to the end of February; also confirmed receipt DCC funding.
- .3 **PDNPA members election:** noted information circulated from PPPF about the forthcoming 2023 elections, to be held after the parish and district council elections.
- .4 **Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Community Risk Management Plan Consultation:** noted the Chair had made a response on behalf of the Council.

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Affordable housing in Hathersage and planning permissions: addressed under minute 215/22.1.

- 217/22 **May Parish and District Council elections**
- .1 **Noted** advice and guidance shared by DDDC.
 - .2 **Election costs: noted** estimates of Parish election recharges for uncontested (£338.27) and contested (£3,437.32) elections (costs had not been allocated in the HPC 2023-24 budget). Flagged the need for voter ID for the first time at these elections.
 - .3 **May meetings – changes to meeting dates:** noted that, as election results would not be available until after Friday 5 May, May Parish Council and committee meetings would need to be rescheduled as follows:
 - Tuesday 9 May – HPC
 - Tuesday 16 May – SPC
 - Tuesday 23 May – RABG
 - Tuesday 30 May - Transport
- 218/22 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 **Received** the RFO’s Report. Flagged that the payroll software licence was up for review. **Agreed** that the RFO review and compare costs of payroll packages and that the decision on which package to go with was left to the RFO.
 - .2 **Received** a statement of accounts.
 - .3 Accounts for payment totalling £65,937.81 including £5,408.69 VAT were **approved** for payment. Noted an invoice from Sterling Hydrotech was being contested and had been removed from the accounts for payment until the matter was resolved.
 - .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Jane Marsden and James Shuttleworth) from the agreed schedule for the March 2023 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the March 2023 meeting.
 - .5 **Internal Auditor: noted** that the Internal Auditor (Brian Wood) appointed by HPC has formed a limited company with two colleagues (East Midlands Audit Services Ltd).
 - .6 **VAT review:** report awaited; anticipated the report will be presented at the March meeting.
- Committees and Working Groups**
- 219/22 **Swimming Pool Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2023.
- .1 **PDNPA pre-planning advice on pool alternative energy options/proposals: noted** the PDNPA response and the proposed further HPC response (draft response shared by Cllr Hill). Referencing discussions earlier in the meeting with the PDNPA Chief Executive and Head of Planning about working together to take this forward it was suggested inviting them to visit the pool and discuss the energy proposals in greater detail *Clerk to liaise and convene a visit*. Cllrs noted, with energy contracts up for renewal this year and next, there was an urgency on moving forward with the pool heating project.
- 220/22 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023. Noted Cllrs B Hanley and H Rodgers were meeting with Playdale on 14 February about new play equipment installation.
- 221/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023.
- .1 **Survey of trees on Parish-owned land:** quotation for a tree risk assessment survey. Cllrs queried the quote, suggesting it was high, and asked that more quotes be sought. Reference made to other contractors to approach, or names of those who might be able to recommend contractors *Assistant Clerk to take forward*.
- 222/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023.
- .1 **Burial Ground rules: approved** recommended rule changes.
- 223/22 **Planning Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023.
- .1 **Noted** a meeting scheduled for Friday 10 February, 3pm; all Cllrs had been invited to comment on PDNPA car park applications.
- 224/22 **Transport Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023. The Chair referenced earlier points raised about verge parking and whether white lining would help deter parking. Acknowledged the lack of knowledge in the general public about parking rules

associated with white lining. *Agreed to consider further at the next meeting of the Transport Committee.*

- 225/22 **HR Committee:** the last meeting had been held on 13 December 2022 - minutes were shared at the January meeting; noted the next scheduled meeting was 14 February 2023
- 226/22 **Website/IT:** purchase of an HP printer and laminator for the Heart of Hathersage with an associated HP account. Cllrs supported the proposal in principle but the Clerk had not been able to provide costs in time for this meeting *costs and other relevant details to be provided for the March meeting.* Cllrs also queried whether there could be a page on the Parish Council website where details of village events could be uploaded *to be investigated further.* Noted the Clerk is still to progress provision of dedicated Cllr email addresses, and a shared drive system, with the company who hosts the Council's email account and website.
- 227/22 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the January 2023 meeting. Cllr W Hill referenced a response he had drafted to an organiser of an event on the same day as the Hathersage Hurtle event *Clerk responding to the organisers.*
- 228/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Emergency Bleed Kits:** Cllrs **agreed** to a request from the police to place a kit in the defibrillator unit beside the fire station *Clerk to liaise with fire station staff.* Also referenced queries from residents about training both on use of the defibrillator kits and the bleed kits *Clerk to approach the defibrillator kit coordinator.*
- .2 **Jubilee Commemorative Tree:** noted the proposed planting ceremony on Sunday 5 March at 3 or 3.30pm and inviting the Lord Lieutenant to attend; parking arrangements to be considered if necessary.
- 229/22 **Memorial Hall:** received minutes of the November 2022 meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee *(noted there had also been a meeting in January 2023).* Noted the Management Committee needed new members and referenced their forthcoming March AGM. Noted the Hall had been reserved for the King's Coronation celebrations. Meeting to be convened in March (date/time TBC) with residents and representatives of local groups to plan Coronation events. Noted funding of circa £500 available from DCC.
- 230/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the January 2023 meeting *(noted under Clerk's Correspondence).*
- 231/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 7 March 2023, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 232/22 Items for the March agenda – nothing specific flagged.
- 233/22 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM** – considered after members of the public had left the meeting. Cllrs **approved** a recommendation from the Amenities Committee regarding next steps *Clerk to share details with Cllrs.*

Meeting closed at 21.30pm; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity followed directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.