

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees

Joint Meeting

21 March 2023

### MINUTES

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

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

119/23 **Apologies** were **received** and **noted** from Cllr Rosie Olle; no apologies were received for Cllr Peter Rowland

120/23 **Order of business** - no variation

121/23 **Public participation** - none

122/23 **Declaration of interests** – none

123/23 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 February 2023 – confirmed and signed**

#### 124/23 Recreation Committee matters

.1 **Hard Play Area (MUGA)**

(a) **Electrical box cover** – it was **noted** that the electrical box cover has been put back on

(b) **MUGA charges** – it was **agreed** to (i) bill regular users of the MUGA for 2022/23 usage at current rates and (ii) increase charges by 10% for 2023/24. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, charges for regular users will be:

- o £110 per year for weekly use
- o £55 per year for fortnightly use
- o £27.50 per year for monthly use

*[Action: Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer]*

.2 **Playing Field and Playground:**

(a) **Playground inspections** – Cllrs considered the report on playground inspections. It was **agreed** to renew the contract with Alliance Environmental Services (AES) for regular operational maintenance inspections and to make enquires with AES as to how an annual inspection differed from their regular inspections *[Action: Assistant Clerk]*

(b) **AES March Playground Report** – although the full report will be considered at the April meeting of RABG, Cllrs **agreed** to act immediately and put two of the broken swing cradles out of action until they could be replaced *[Action: Assistant Clerk]*

(c) **New play equipment** – it was **noted** that the new playground equipment is arriving on 23 March and the Leisure Facilities Manager will do a ‘letter drop’ to residents on Crossland Villas, Back Lane, asking them not to leave their cars at the playing field entrance to allow delivery access. *[Action: Leisure Facilities Manager]*

.3 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – there were no updates to report

.4 **Confidential - Bowling Green and access** – there were no updates to report

.5 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention** - there were no other matters to report

#### 125/23 Amenities Committee matters

.1 **Grit Bins** – the following matters were **noted**:

(a) **School Lane location** – a new (green) grit bin will be purchased, once DCC and Highways have given their approval

(b) **Grey Goose location** – it is planned to return the grit bin, currently in storage, to the site

- (c) **Church Bank location** – Nick Howarth (Landscapes) has been asked to level the area under the grit bin
- .2 **Heart of Hathersage**
- (a) **Washbasin inspection report (Wallgate)** - **noted** and no action required
- (b) **Disabled toilet door** – expenditure of £746, for the making of a replacement door by Pennine Woodworking Ltd, was **approved** (pending securing a fitter to install)
- (c) **Toilet heating and ventilation** – expenditure of £345 for heating improvements and £921 for ventilation improvements were **approved** (CJ Schofield contractor)
- (d) **Heart of Hathersage exterior wood** – decorators are being asked to quote for the work; the preferred colour for all woodwork is sage green
- (e) **Heart of Hathersage litter** – the area is continuing to look untidy with excess litter and the village caretaker will be asked to prioritise the area. It was **agreed** to look into providing litter pick-up tools for the public to use during busy periods and it was further **agreed** to explore investing £5k into purchasing a Belly Bin, subject to discussions with DDDC.  
[Action: Assistant Clerk]
- (f) **Garden planting** – it was **agreed** to spend up to £100 on planting to freshen up the area, especially the central planters [Action: Cllr H Rodgers]
- .3 **Greenstone and Ivy Commissions** – no updates to report as completion is expected by the end of April 2023
- .4 **Parish lands tree survey**  
Following an extensive tender invitation process, Cllrs considered the three submitted proposals and **agreed** to appoint Jon Coe Tree Consultancy Ltd at a cost of £790 to survey the public areas of parish lands with trees.
- .5 **King’s Coronation** – the schedule of events was **noted**. A discussion on a volunteering activity to weed and plant the concessionary right of way from the car park to the village was **approved** as a one-off activity, with maximum expenditure of £100. The Parish Council does not have the resources to maintain the area. [Action: Cllrs S Furness]
- .6 **Defibrillator** – it was **agreed** that training to use the equipment was not necessary as the machine gives clear direction when being used; Cllr Jane Marsden will contact Ian Weeks (trainer) to discuss this further. [ Action: Cllr Jane Marsden]
- .7 **Outside film show** – following the success of this event last year, it was **agreed** to consider organising a screening in the summer, subject to consultation with the Hathersage Film Club and the cost of the film show. [ Action: Cllr Tim Hill]
- .8 **King George Field signage** – it was **agreed** to commission a sign, for the gate entrance, subject to approval of cost. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- .9 **Permanent flag pole** – Cllr Jane Marsden gave a report of her meeting with members of the Hathersage British Legion which was **noted**. Following a discussion, Cllrs **agreed** to visit the site.

126/23 **Burial Ground Committee matters**

- .1 **Burial Ground** – it was **noted** that the Assistant Clerk will meet Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers at the Burial Ground at the beginning of April to resolve outstanding issues.

127/23 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – there were no items to report

128/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall**