

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 June 2023

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Martin Bloor; B Hanley; W Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers and James Shuttleworth

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); Kathryne Fraser (Assistant Clerk); PCSO Anthony Boswell (*part*); members of the public (candidates for co-option to the Parish Council) – Alex Campbell (*part*); Matt Ramsden (*part*); Ann Yule

- 001/23 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllr Peter Rowland; DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; DDDC Cllrs Peter O'Brien and Simon Ripton; and co-option candidate Nick Williams.
- 002/23 **Filling vacancies on the Parish Council by co-option:** applications were received from four candidates – Alex Campbell, Matthew Ramsden, Nick Williams, Ann Yule - for the four vacancies on the Parish Council. Three candidates were in attendance – apologies noted from Nick Williams. Cllrs and staff introduced themselves to candidates. Candidates briefly introduced themselves including referencing areas of particular interest. The Council followed DALC advice on co-option procedures. Candidates were proposed by Cllr Rodgers, seconded by Cllr Shuttleworth and **unanimously elected**. Noted candidates would not be able to formally sit on the Council until declarations of office and pecuniary/business interest were completed.
- 003/23 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 004/23 **Declaration of Members Interests** – the Chair, in relation to an expenses claim.
- 005/23 **Public Participation**
- a) A period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter – members of the public (candidates for co-option to the Parish Council) were in attendance.
- b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will have an opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
- PCSO Anthony Boswell shared crime statistics from the past month: 1 x burglary; 2 x bilkings; 1 x criminal damage; 3 x theft from vehicles.
- CCTV:** PCSO Boswell referenced the queries shared by the Clerk about the Hathersage CCTV system noting he had flagged queries with relevant Officers about ANPR cameras and had shared queries with the DDDC Neighbourhoods Manager. The Clerk noted a message from DDDC received that afternoon – Clerk to follow up. Noted the Parish Council's intention to undertake a CCTV review.
- Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSW):** noted the Police CSW team had share potential dates for volunteer training – suggested going with Wednesday 13 July – Clerk to inform CSW team.
- Bikes, cyclists and safety concerns:** Cllr James Marsden referenced a recent pushbike collision while he was walking and queried rules/regulations around the amount of space to be given/conceded by cyclists, to pedestrians. **ACTION: PCSO Boswell to check the legislation and respond.** Cllrs referenced discussions with Officers at the May HPC meeting where Officers had confirmed speed limits did not apply to cyclists. Cllrs suggested residents were 'getting fed up with speeding cyclists' and that speeding cyclists was an issue across the Peak Park. Cllrs asked what measures could be introduced, referencing signage, and rumble strips. **ACTION: PCSO to flag with colleagues, CREST and DCC Highways, and share a response with the Council.**
- Motorbikes:** Cllrs referenced the increase in the number of motorbikes over summer weekends, and associated noise noting there is noise legislation and asking what the police can do to address the matter.
- Thanks noted to PCSO Boswell who left the meeting.*

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- 006/23 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of the HPC meeting of 9 May 2023 were **confirmed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 007/23 **Proposal for a new crossing:** noted a proposal from Hathersage resident Penny Robinson for installation of a new crossing across the main road from the end of Smithy Meadows cul-de-sac to the road that leads to the primary school and the Scotsman's Pack. Noted support from DDDC Cllrs Peter O'Brien and Simon Ripton. The Chair and Cllr Olle referenced previous consideration of a crossing at this point, some years prior and again in 2020-21 when DCC Highways were involved in Covid and post-Covid highways measures. **ACTION: Clerk to seek advice on the matter from DCC Highways/consultation with an Officer.** Noted there may be regulations about minimum distances between crossings which might preclude installation of a crossing at this point. Flagged that there could be negative impacts e.g. traffic gridlock. Cllrs further flagged an issue with turning into Baulk Lane **agreed to ask DCC Highways to install a keep clear box.**
ACTION: Clerk to inform Penny Robinson and DDDC Cllrs of the actions agreed.
- 008/23 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **Dales Area Parish Ballot:** **agreed** to vote for the Hathersage Parish Council candidate William Hanley, only.
 - .2 **PDNPA consultation on a review of the Statement of Community Involvement:** response deadline Monday 24 July. Agreed 'no comment'.
 - .3 **PDNPA Planning Service position statement:** **noted** an update shared with Parish Councils at 25 May.
 - .4 **Affordable Housing:** Cllrs discussed the extent to which proposed sites are confidential or public. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up with the PDNPA Officer.** Suggested scheduling a related meeting separate to other HPC meetings.
- 009/23 To **review** the Parish Council's Standing Orders **agreed to defer this item to the July meeting.**
- 010/23 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Flagged the change to the pool budget to take account of new VAT regulations. Suggested holding back any monies paid under the new regulations (and any related budgetary/spending decisions) pending confirmation of the IR position; noted this could take up to two years.
 - .2 **Received** a statement of accounts. RFO flagged the pool was behind budget on season ticket sales (£5K down). Suggested SPC should further consider downward trends in pool users.
 - .3 Accounts for payment totalling £41,266.30 including £1,539.76 VAT were **approved** for payment. Noted Cllr Rodgers had stood in for Cllr Rowland as accounts signatory this month. Noted the Playdale (new play equipment) invoice balance was yet to be paid pending confirmation of all snagging issues having been made good; payment to be made once Cllrs B Hanley and H Rodgers are satisfied everything is in order.
The RFO pointed out that the insurance and engineering inspection totalling c£9,000 would have to be paid before the July meeting.
 - .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs B Hanley and Rosie Olle) from the agreed schedule for the July 2023 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the July 2023 meeting.
 - .5 **Parish Council Cash Deposits:** to **consider** alternative options for investing funds withdrawn from the Hampshire Trust Bank account. Noted the challenges for Parish Councils in opening accounts. Cllrs queried what other parish councils or district councils do **ACTION: RFO to enquire with DDDC.** Suggested advice could be sought from NALC.
 - .7 **Internal Auditor:** **accepted** the 2022-23 internal audit report.
- 011/23 **Committees and Working Groups:** to **receive** minutes; **consider** recommendations; **note** actions.
- 012/23 **Swimming Pool Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2023.
- .1 **New Pool Electricity Contract:** to **consider** options and **agree** a new contract. Confirmed the current contract expires on 16 August. The RFO flagged that energy costs for the café were included and referenced the difference in costs to the Council once café energy costs were deducted from the overall figure. Noted advice from the energy broker to go for a three-year contract. **ACTION: agreed**

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to contract with SSE - three-year contract - based on the prices provided. Councillors T Hill and H Rodgers authorised to sign the contract.

.2 **Pool heating project**

- **received** a report;
- **noted** a meeting with Leisure Energy on Wednesday 14 June, 2pm (Memorial Hall – Stanage Hall) to which all Cllrs are invited. Noted a primary consideration for the Council will be whether to go forward with LE or look at other contractors. Cllr Hill proposed rescheduling the 13 June SPC to 20 June – after the LE meeting. Cllrs did not agree – SPC will meet on 13 June – agreed that, following the 14 June LE presentation Cllrs will consider next steps and recommendations.

013/23 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023.

.1 **New play equipment installation and snagging issues:** noted Playdale had attended to address snagging issues on 5 June but there were a couple of issues still to be addressed.

.2 **Hathersage Parish Council CCTV:** to **consider** the RABG recommendation for a review of current provision and establish a small working group to do so. ***ACTION: agreed that the website working group – joined by the Chair - will undertake the review.***

014/23 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023. Noted the new door for the disabled toilet had been delivered; arrangements to be made for the door to be fitted. Noted ventilation works to be undertaken.

.1 **Painting of toilet doors and Parish Rooms external woodwork:** noted a quote had been submitted however additional work had been identified and a revised quote requested – not yet received. ***ACTION: Assistant Clerk to pursue.***

015/23 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023.

016/23 **Planning Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2023.

017/23 **Transport Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2023.

.1 **Transport Committee terms of reference:** changes recommended by the committee were **agreed**.

018/23 **Website/IT:** any updates. ***ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Fasthosts about provision of .gov email addresses for all Cllrs – including confirmation of monthly costs.*** Some queries raised – to be addressed - about .gov email capacity and about support for Cllrs with setting up new email accounts on their devices.

019/23 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the May 2023 meeting.
Village Matters

020/23 **Memorial Hall: received** minutes from recent meetings (March and April 2023) of the Memorial Hall Management Committee. Noted the Committee was still seeking members.

021/23 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the May 2023 meeting (*also referenced under Clerk's Correspondence*).

022/23 **Date and time of next meeting – 11 July 2023, St Michael's School - noted** date change to accommodate Gala; and to **noted** items for the July agenda.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.