

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hathersage Parish Council Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee Tuesday 25 July 2023, 7.30 pm MINUTES

Present Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, Peter Rowland, Anne Yule
In attendance Member of the public Adam Gordon (*part*); Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

Noted this was the first meeting of the Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee formerly the Joint Recreation, Amenities and Facilities Committees.

- 024/23 **Apologies for absence:** none.
- 025/23 **Any variation in the order of business:** noting Adam Gordon's attendance for agenda item 7 (Oddfellows Road – fence barrier and playing field) it was agreed to deal with this item first.
- 026/23 **Declaration of interests:** as a resident of Oddfellows Terrace Cllr Hill declared his interest in agenda item 7.
- 027/23 **Public participation** – Adam Gordon (representing residents at numbers 1, 2 and 3 Oddfellows Terrace).
- 028/23 **Oddfellows Road – fence barrier and playing field:** Mr Gordon expanded on residents' concerns about the fence - the boundary between Oddfellows Terrace gardens and the playing field. Flagged that the fence is not robust and could collapse if someone were to attempt to stand on it. Also flagged that individuals occasionally trespass into the gardens. Health and safety concerns – young children using that bottom end of the field as a toilet; further noted young children regularly play in that area making dens etc. *Subsequent to Mr Gordon's departure Cllr Hill noted badgers visit the area and may use it as a latrine; noted he would inform residents.* Mr Gordon noted that, though much of the playing field is well maintained, that area is not, with overgrown vegetation and tree rubble. Cllrs flagged the need to incorporate some less groomed, wilder areas. The Chair flagged that the fences belong to, and are the responsibility of, owners the Oddfellows Terrace properties. Mr Gordon noted Oddfellows Terrace residents were aware of this and proposed replacing that section of fencing. Noted a fence up to 2M in height would be permitted. **Cllrs raised no objection to residents erecting a new fence.** Flagged that windy conditions should be taken into account in relation to fence design/materials. Mr Gordon further noted that, while erecting the fence, the gate would also be removed. Young children using the area as a toilet: Mr Gordon asked if some signage could be posted. Further consideration be given to signage directing playing field users to the Heart of Hathersage toilets. **Overgrown vegetation: Cllrs agreed to seek a quote for clearing overgrowth.** Mr Gordon left the meeting.
- 029/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022** – the minutes were **confirmed** and actions arising **noted**.
- 030/23 **Committee merger and terms of reference** – **noted** full Council decision:
a) Approving the merger of the Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees into a single committee with the new name of Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee.
b) Approving the new terms of reference.

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031/23

Playing Field and Playground

- a) **New play equipment:** the Chair expanded on issues with the Playdale installation, the Council's agreement to withhold some monies from the second payment to Playdale pending a satisfactory agreement being reached, and ongoing communications with Playdale. Suggested producing a summary report to inform the Council's approach where further large orders for goods and/or services are being placed.
- b) **Lottery Funding Logo:** noted three plaques had been ordered.
- c) **Repainting of slide, swings and goalposts:** two quotes were considered. Flagged that rust on the slide and swings will need to be removed prior to painting. Suggested work be undertaken after the summer holidays. **Agreed to award the contract to Seven Hills pending confirmation that the quote includes rust removal.**
- d) **Playing Field gate:** Cllrs had previously flagged issues with the gate mechanism. Cllr James Marsden had undertaken an initial inspection; further inspection needed to determine the detail of the work needed. Also referenced issues with the other gate; Cllr James Marsden to investigate.
- e) **Playground toddler area:** referenced a previous request from a resident to consider fencing off the area. Cllrs agreed it was not necessary at this time but noted they will continue to monitor the situation. **Clerk to update the resident.**

032/23

Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA): referenced recent fundraising at the Gala.

033/23

Tree Surgery tenders: quotes from three contractors had been provided. Cllrs expressed a preference to award the contract to Thompson Consultancy pending confirmation of their public liability insurance. **Clerk to liaise with Thompson Consultancy.**

034/23

CONFIDENTIAL Bowling Green and Access: an update from the Council's solicitor was noted.

035/23

Pool path repairs: Cllr Rodgers had met with a contractor (Nick Howarth) who had confirmed he could install a new fence on the boundary with Oddfellows Terrace; work to be undertaken later in the year (autumn/winter). Also noted communication with the owner of the Oddfellows Terrace property. Agreed that, with the installation of a new handrail, health and safety concerns had been addressed and further works (to the steps and the path) were no longer necessary.

036/23

Heart of Hathersage garden maintenance: noted the appointment of a new gardener to maintain the Heart of Hathersage garden the garden area outside the pool. The Chair referenced a request for volunteers to help maintain the garden area by the footpath from the car park (back of the fire station) to the Methodist Church. Suggested a notice be posted in Hathersage News.

037/23

Heart of Hathersage and Parish Rooms repainting: noted work dates proposed – week commencing 7 August. The contractor is liaising with the vet practice at the Parish Rooms, and with the HoH cleaner, on work dates and any changes. The cleaner will post closure notices at the toilets. The Chair referenced the need for clearer signage directing people to the toilets. **Clerk to check current signage/wording.**

038/23

Shuttleworth Memorial Path: the Chair noted the Shuttleworth family had applied for FiPL grant funding. Noted a request may be made to the Council for some supplementary funding, if it is needed, but agreed this does not need to be a standing agenda item.

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Bund wall vegetation: the Chair referenced concerns flagged by a resident about vegetation overhanging the pavement, impeding pedestrians. Suggested it needs trimming back. **Agreed to ask Redwood Landscapes to trim the vegetation.**

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- 040/23 **Defibrillator and emergency bleed kit training:** noted attendance at the recent training event. Cllr Yule had attended and commended the training.
- 041/23 **Greenstone and Ivy Commissions:** confirmed that work had begun on installing the water fountain at the Heart of Hathersage.
- 042/23 **Paving area outside the Chemist:** noted there had been no response to the original letter sent to the owner flagging health and safety concerns. **Agreed to follow up with a stronger letter.**
- 043/23 **Noticeboard and signs:** agreed to defer this to the August meeting.
- 044/23 **Village flagpole**
- a) **Permanent flagpole:** two quotes had been provided. The Chair expanded on her meetings with representatives of the two companies. Noted that, although more expensive than the fibreglass option, the aluminium (Architectural) pole was more robust. **Agreed** to contract with Flagmakers for an aluminium (Architectural) 8M white flagpole with a black ground collar (base cover); height can be trimmed if necessary e.g. to clear the hedge. Costs including VAT - £1,203.31 - noted this was within the remit of the committee's delegated powers on expenditure up to £1,500. Confirmed PDNPA advice had been sought (planning permission not necessary). **Clerk to issue a purchase order.**
 - b) **Christmas tree flagstone cover:** a broken handle on the cover had been reported; suggested it was not necessary to replace it as this could be 'worked around'.
- 045/23 **Heart of Hathersage, toilets and meeting room:** noted an inspection report from Wallgate.
- 046/23 **Burial Ground:** noted an order submitted to DDDC for provision of a green 240-litre green bin and an annual waste collection subscription. Referenced dealing with waste after Christmas e.g. wreaths.
- 047/23 **Any other maintenance or repair items or other matters to bring to the Committee's attention:**
- a) Car parking at Heart of Hathersage by staff and clients at the vet practice); noted one space is allocated but two staff cars are regularly parked there.
 - b) Reference made to a tree in a resident's garden overhanging the path at the back of the pool; suggested requesting the resident cut it back.
 - c) Grit bin: Cllr James Marsden referenced storage of the bin (usually sited outside Grey Goose) at Thorpe Farm while building work was being undertaken. **Agreed** the grit bin be re-sited outside Grey Goose. *Noted the bin should be added to the list of grit bins re oversight/management of grit filling.*
 - d) Fallen signpost at the corner of Coggers and Jagers Lane. **Clerk to flag with DCC Highways.**
- 048/23 **Clerk's report / correspondence:** none.
- 049/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 15 August 2023, 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall.**
- Items for the August meeting:**
- **Noticeboards and signs** (update)
 - **Grit bins** – maintenance and checking where additional grit needs to be ordered.

Meeting ended 9.10pm

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