

Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee 19 September 2023

Present: Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers (Vice-Chair), Tim Hill, Rosie Olle, Bridget Hanley and James Marsden.

In Attendance: Kathyne Fraser (Assistant Clerk)

MINUTES

- 077/23 **Apologies for absence** – apologies were **received** and **noted** from Cllrs Anne Yule and Peter Rowland
- 078/23 **Order of business** – no changes were made
- 079/23 **Public participation** – none
- 080/23 **Declaration of interests** – none
- 081/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2023** – the minutes were **approved** and **signed**
- 082/23 **Playground and Play Equipment**
- (a) **Operational Inspection Report (AES) August 2023** – the report was **received** and the recommendation to replace the handrail **agreed**.
 - (b) **Bark Retaining Wall and Wooden Handrail** – it was **resolved** to accept Redwood's quotes of £1450 (+VAT) to install a retaining wall for the additional bark needed in the playground and £180 (+VAT) to replace the wooden hand rail [*Action: Assistant Clerk*]
 - (c) **New play equipment** – it was **resolved** to recommend to full Council that the £1450 (+VAT) cost of the bark retaining wall is withheld from the final payment to Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. [*Action: Clerk and RFO*]
 - (d) **Playing Field Gate** – no updates were reported
 - (e) **Repainting slide, swings, and goalposts** – Seven Hills will be undertaking the work on the 28th to 30th September 2023 (inclusive)
 - (f) **Playing Field lower area** – although new planting is required, Cllrs are keen to maintain the area as a place where children can explore. The Chair will contact Redwoods to discuss on how best to achieve this [*Action: Cllr Jane Marsden*]
- 083/23 **MUGA surface** - the temporary repair to the surface was **noted** and the surface condition will be monitored before taking further action is considered. Cllr Bridget Hanley requested that the MUGA was swept more frequently, and litter removed [*Action: Clerk*]
- 084/23 **Bandstand**
- (a) Cllr Tim Hill reported on improvements to ventilation, including removal of unwanted items stored
 - (b) Cllr Heather Rodgers will research if there is likely to be any scrap value in the old steel spin seats. [*Action: Cllr B Hanley*]
 - (c) Cllrs **resolved** that oversight of the Bandstand should revert to Swimming Pool Committee
- 085/23 **Pool Path Repairs** – there were no updates to report, and it was noted the work will be undertaken during the winter months by Nick Howarth Landscapes
- 086/23 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – there were no updates to report
- 087/23 **King George Field Signage** – amendments to the design were agreed and quotes are being sought [*Action: Assistant Clerk*]
- 088/23 **Heart of Hathersage**
- (a) **Meeting Room Usage Policy** – subject to clarification on any planning restrictions regarding the use of the meeting room, Cllrs **approved** the revised the policy [*Action: Assistant Clerk*]
 - (b) **Toilet Sign** – it was **noted** that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) have agreed to install an additional direction sign in the Heart of Hathersage
 - (c) **Unpaid invoice 2020** – this item was referred to full Council for a decision
 - (d) **Projector Screen** – Cllr Bridget Hanley will lend her projector for Council meetings, as and when required [*Action: Cllr B Hanley*]
- 089/23 **Village Flag Pole**
- (a) **Permanent flag pole** – the installation of the new permanent flagpole was **noted**, and it was **resolved** to include a plaque to recognise the generosity of the Levick family in funding the first flag pole. Cllr Tim Hill will draft instructions for usage of the flag pole which will be kept, with the key, in the HoH meeting room. Cllr Tim Hill reported that the diaphragm cover at the foot of the pole was loose and will need to be kept free of litter [*Action: Cllr T Hill and Assistant Clerk*]
 - (b) **Christmas tree flag cover** – it was **resolved** that no action was required
 - (c) **Flagpole usage policy** – the current policy will be reviewed at the next meeting [*Action: Assistant Clerk*]

- 090/23 **Confidential - Bowling Green and Access** – there were no updates to report
- 091/23 **Tree Surgery** – Cllrs noted that the work had been completed
- 092/23 **Footpaths**
- (a) **Parish Rights of Way/Footpaths Volunteer** – a prospective volunteer has come forward and will be meeting with the outgoing footpaths officer at the end of the month
 - (b) **Footpath to cricket ground** - the overgrown vegetation had been cut back and Redwood Landscapes will be asked to quote for ongoing maintenance *[Action: Assistant Clerk]*
 - (c) **Footpath from car park to village centre** – a local resident has volunteered to water the plants
 - (d) **Shuttleworth Memorial Path** – the repairs were **noted** and any request for financial support from the Parish Council will need to be approved at a full Council meeting *[Action: Clerk]*
- 093/23 **Surveillance Cameras/CCTV** – Cllr Jane Marsden gave a verbal report on a recent meeting with Giga Peak. The Council’s Working Group has not yet met to discuss options in more detail and review the guidance on data protection compliance. PCSO Anthony Boswell will be invited to contribute his assessment on the Parish Council’s current CCTV provision *[Action: Clerk]*
- 094/23 **Paving area outside chemists** – there has been no response from the landowner. Following a brief discussion on whether improving the width of the corner was a highways issue, it was **agreed** to ask Transport Committee to consider options and seek advice from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton *[Action: Clerk]*
- 095/23 **Litter**
- (a) **Big Belly and dog waste bins** – following a meeting with District Council (DDDC), the Chair reported that the standard litter bin by the Station Road/Main Road junction will be re-instated, and a second Big Belly Bin provided, as part of the trial, for the Main Road by the Hathersage Business Park. In addition, DDDC will publicise the changes, install new signage, and carry out enforcement action on Baulk Lane.
Cllrs welcomed the proposals but felt that the second Big Belly Bin needs to be positioned as close to Baulk Lane as possible, due the high footfall (residents and tourists). However, it is DDDC’s policy not to place public litter bins on private land which excludes the Big Belly Bin being located on Baulk Lane . It is also DDDC’s policy to no longer provide dog waste bins as such waste can be disposed of in standard litter bins: Big Belly Bins provide a sealed environment for all waste with reactive collections for a more efficient service. Cllrs will look at the Main Road area to see if a suitable place for a second Big Belly Bin can be found near the start of Baulk Lane.
 - (b) **Change to weekly collections** – the new arrangements were **noted**
- 096/23 **Grit Bins** – an annual assessment of the grit bins will be undertaken when Derbyshire County Council (DCC) have re-filled them.
- 097/23 **Snow Warden Scheme** – volunteers are currently being recruited for DCC’s Snow Warden Scheme
- 098/23 **Garden Bonfires** – DDDC guidance on bonfires has been published on the Parish Council’s Facebook
- 099/23 **Burial Ground** – it was **noted** that the Council’s policy on allocating burial and cremation spaces consecutively according to the numbers on the plans remained unchanged.
- 100/23 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention**
- (a) **Hathersage road sign** – Cllr Tim Hill agreed to cut back the foliage covering the ‘Hathersage’ sign near the Millstone *[Action: Cllr Tim Hill]*
- 101/23 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – the Chair gave a verbal report of a recent meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton
- 102/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall.**

The meeting closed at 10pm