

# Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee

## 17 October 2023

**Present:** Councillors Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers (Vice-Chair), Tim Hill, James Marsden (departed at 9.17pm), Peter Rowland (departed at 9.35pm), Bridget Hanley, and Anne Yule

**In Attendance:** Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk); Brian Morris and Nick Francis (Hathersage Bowling Club Committee)

### MINUTES

- 103/23 **Apologies for absence** – apologies were **received** and **noted** from Cllr Rosie Olle.
- 104/23 **Order of business** – item 10 (Bowling Club CCTV and Access) was partially brought forward to the public participation session to allow Club representatives to make known their views.
- 105/23 **Public participation** – Brian Morris and Nick Francis of the Hathersage Bowling Club attended.
- 106/23 **Declaration of interests** – none
- 107/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023** – the minutes were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chair.
- 108/23 **Playground and Play Equipment**
- (a) **Playdale Payment** – it was **agreed** to make the full payment of £6,429.22 and to inform the company that regrettably the Parish Council would not recommend Playdale Ltd to other parish councils. [Action: Clerk]
  - (b) **Bark retaining wall** – the low retaining wall for the bark has been installed; it was felt that no further action was required unless any hazards/risks were identified by Alliance during their regular safety inspection of the play equipment.
  - (c) **Repainting slide, swings, and goalposts** – completion was **noted**.
  - (d) **Playing field lower area** – Cllr Jane Marsden will contact Redwood Landscapes to discuss potential landscaping solutions. Cllrs Tim Hill and Heather Rodgers will meet and agree a location to re-plant the George V memorial tree sapling. [Action: Cllrs Jane Marsden, Tim Hill, and Heather Rodgers]
- 109/23 **Bandstand** – it was **agreed** to remove the Bandstand as a regular LFAC agenda item.
- 110/23 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – the resignation of the treasurer was noted and a letter of thanks for their many years of service will be sent from the Parish Council. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 111/23 **King George Field Signage** – it was **resolved** to accept the quote of £166 (+vat) from High Peak Signs Ltd to make and fit four signs for the KGF playing field gates. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 112/23 **Confidential - Bowling Green CCTV and Access** – a confidential minute was recorded.
- 113/23 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)**
- (a) **Kitchenette/Meeting Room Usage Policy** – several amendments to the HoH Usage Policy, including allowing elected representatives of government bodies to use the venue to meet the public, were **recommended** for full Council approval. The title deeds and any planning conditions will be checked for any restrictions on commercial usage of the spaces. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
  - (b) **Community Engagement** – it was **agreed** to encourage local community groups to use the HoH area and where appropriate, ask users to make a charitable donation to a local charity (subject to any restrictions contained in the original land transfer agreement or planning conditions).
  - (c) **Food Bank Collection** – it was **agreed** to allow a food bank collection, in the HoH, on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- 114/23 **Village Flagpole**
- (a) **Policy** – Cllrs **recommended** revisions to the flagpole usage policy for full Council approval [Action: Clerk]
  - (b) **Installation** – the installers will be asked to provide a better fitting ‘collar’ for the base of the flagpole [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 115/23 **Litter and Dog Waste Bins** – DDDC’s response about locating litter bins on private land was **noted**. Cllrs welcomed the offer of a second Big Belly Bin, and will request that it is located at the foot of the drive to the Methodist Church on the Main Road [Action: Assistant Clerk]

- 116/23 **Parish Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer** – several volunteers have expressed an interest; a full handover will be undertaken in November [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 117/23 **Surveillance Cameras/CCTV** – an update from the working group was **noted**.
- 118/23 **Paving Area Outside Chemists** – no repairs to the car parking/walking surface have been undertaken by the owner and it was **agreed** to write to DCC Officers and Cllr A Sutton asking them to pursue matters with the owner. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 119/23 **Millenium Gardens New Fencing** - Volkar Rail's donation and installation of 45m of new fencing was **noted**.
- 120/23 **Snow Warden Scheme** – three volunteers have expressed an interest, and it was **recommended** the Parish Council register for the DCC Scheme, subject to full Council approval. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 121/23 **Hathersage Road Sign** – foliage screening the sign has been cut back.
- 122/23 **Stepping Stones Footpath** – a complaint to PDNPA about the condition of the Stepping Stones crossing the river Derwent was **noted** and it was **agreed** to send a supporting letter urging repair/reinstatement of stones as it is now an access issue [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 123/23 **Burial Ground** – no changes were made to the policy requiring headstones and tablets to be made only of local gritstone or York gritstone.
- 124/23 **LFAC Meeting Schedule** – the decision to move LFAC meetings to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the calendar month was **noted**.
- 125/23 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee's attention**  
Cllr Anne Yule raised the problem of overgrown vegetation on the footpath by the business park near the station causing accessibility issues. It was **agreed** to write to the landowner to ask them to cut back the overgrowth to ensure mobility scooters can use the path. [Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 126/23 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence**  
(a) **Tree planting** – a request for the Parish Council to facilitate tree planting by residents in memory of loved ones was considered but unfortunately the Parish Council does not have any suitable land for this purpose.  
(b) **Lighting the car park to village footpath** – a request to install lighting to improve safety and security was considered but rejected as the Parish Council did not wish to add to light pollution and the main roads in the village are well lit.  
(c) **Church Bank Handrail** – residents' concerns were **noted**, and the matter has been reported to DCC.
- 127/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall.**