

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 1 June 2021, 7:30pm held at St Michael's School, School Lane

Councillors Present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Martin Bloor, Sara Furness, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, James Shuttleworth, Nick Williams
Also In attendance: Maura Sorensen (Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO), DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien, DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton, Judith Twigg, member of the public Vasilis Appios

- 027/21 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Emily Abbey, Bill Hanley, Bridget Hanley, Peter Rowland, Stuart Turner
028/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
029/21 **Declaration of Members Interests.**
.1 Councillors to **review** their Declaration of Interest forms.
.2 In relation to a discussion on affordable housing, Cllr Shuttleworth noted an interest, re potential sites, as a landowner.
- 030/21 **Public Participation.**
a) A period of not more than ten minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.
b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter. Cllr O'Brien noted three items:
Welcome Back Fund: Cllrs noted ongoing liaison with DDDC – Cllr O'Brien to support HPC as appropriate.
Bus services: Cllr O'Brien referenced changes to funding of bus services. County Councils need to submit a new strategy by the autumn with proposals re management of services/service providers. Suggested DCC will undertake consultation. Cllr O'Brien noted he was seeking views of users and of parish councils. Cllrs referenced issues with multiple service providers and ticketing; passengers are not able to buy a day return for use on different services. Also noted Hathersage is served both by South Yorkshire and Derbyshire services. Cllrs queried whether SYPTTE will also undertake a consultation – including with DCC.
Affordable housing: Cllr O'Brien noted the initiative to pursue/provide affordable housing had stalled noting there is unmet need and demand across Derbyshire Dales. Noted the most recently approved development in Hathersage was Heather Lane; a further proposed development on Castleton Road had not been agreed. Cllr O'Brien suggested the initiative needs to be re-established and suggested convening a joint meeting between HPC/DCC/PDNP/landowners and developers – and asked if HPC would be willing to host a meeting. Cllrs acknowledged the lack of affordable housing, and the challenges of finding suitable sites and obtaining planning permission. Cllr O'Brien confirmed availability of government funding for housing development. Cllrs noted the lack/shortage of appropriate sites in and around the village. *Cllr Shuttleworth declared an interest as a landowner previously approached about a development.* Cllrs also noted PDNP restrictions on developments; it was suggested potential developers would be wary of restrictions which impede profitable development. Cllr Shuttleworth referenced the possible re-siting of the fire station (also noting access/egress issues for the fire service) and using the vacated site to develop housing. The Chair suggested further liaison, with DCC, about relocation of the fire station. Cllr O'Brien noted he was formally requesting DCC and DDDC to progress the affordable housing agenda. **Agreed** to undertake a fuller discussion on affordable housing at the July meeting after which HPC will look to host a meeting with other stakeholders, as per Cllr O'Brien's suggestions.
Judith Twigg introduced the newly elected DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton, representing HPC and adjacent parishes' interests to DCC. Cllrs highlighted issues including:
Mayfield Terrace – Cllr Rodgers noted overgrowth and broken asphalt – maintenance and repair needed.

TRO and Covid highways measures - Cllr Olle noted liaison with DCC Highways on moving the TRO forward and lifting highways measures.

Bus strategy – Cllrs suggested liaison with Cllr O’Brien re issues raised.

Ovenight parking of caravans and campervans – the Chair expanded on concerns noting outcomes of a recent visit by MP Sarah Dines and representation to PDNP. Cllr Sutton suggested he meet with Cllrs to witness the issues and asked Cllrs to share any evidence e.g. photos, videos. He also referenced presenting concerns to the newly elected Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Sutton agreed to represent HPC concerns/queries **Clerk to email Cllr Sutton with details.**

Cllr Sutton and Judith Twigg left the meeting.

031/21

Confirmation of Minutes

- .1 Confirmation of the minutes of the HPC meeting of 4 May 2021 – **confirmed**. There were no matters arising not addressed in the agenda.

032/21

PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters and related correspondence

- .1 **Ovenight parking of caravans and campervans: noted** the PDNP response both to the Parish Council and to MP Sarah Dines who had further represented HPC concerns to PDNP.
- .2 **DDDC Welcome Back Fund:** Cllrs noted proposals for an open-air cinema event at the playing field in September (date and film to be agreed) with funding of £2K (excluding VAT) provided through the Welcome Back Fund (administered by DDDC); HPC to pay the costs and reclaim the money from DDDC. Cllrs **approved** the expenditure. Cllrs suggested a ‘family friendly’ film title; Cllr Hill suggested a working group be convened to consider title. Cllr O’Brien noted up to £6K is available to HPC. Cllrs considered other ideas. Noted a request for funding new bunting from the fund had already been made. A one-off musical event with local bands was suggested. **Clerk to liaise with DDDC Officer re funding this.**
- .3 **PDNP Tree Planting Fund: noted** the Parish Council has not submitted a proposal because of issues with identifying suitable sites, liaison with landowners, and the short timescale. Further noted the likelihood the scheme will run again next year.

033/21

Churchyard:

- .1 To **receive** the churchyard accounts for 2019 – **received**.
- .2 To **consider** a request for a donation to churchyard upkeep – a donation of £950.00 (already budgeted) was **agreed**.

034/21

The Hub: noted a proposal to purchase the old RBS building for use as an arts centre. Noted none of the organisers had been able to attend this meeting but are keen to engage with HPC. Cllrs noted questions about funding, details of planning, and long-term viability. **Clerk to liaise with organisers and Cllrs re setting up a Zoom meeting.**

035/21

Financial Matters: RFO’s Report – no queries raised by Cllrs.

- .1 To **receive** a statement of accounts – **received**.
- .2 To **approve** accounts for payment. Cllr Hill queried an invoice from TC Williams noting clarification was needed re visits, and materials. All other payments totalling £41,606.56 (including VAT of £2,921.50) were **approved**. **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hill and RFO re TC Williams invoice queries.**
- .3 To **note** account scrutiny arrangements and approve signatories for 6 July meeting from the agreed schedule (Cllrs James Marsden and W Hanley) to approve and pay wages and any urgent items, between this meeting and the 6 July meeting - **noted**. Further noted the RFO has produced a new schedule for payments approval for 2021/22.
- .4 To **receive** the report from the Internal Auditor – **received**.
- .5 To **approve** the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 – **approved**.
- .6 Insurance – noted this was an additional item. The RFO noted the insurance renewal date of 15 June and that HPC approval may be needed ahead of the July meeting – RFO to share details. The RFO also referenced renewal of the electricity contract for the HoH toilets; Cllrs **agreed** contract renewal on a three-year contract.
- .6 To **appoint** the Internal Auditor for 2021-22 – the appointment of Brian Wood was **confirmed**.
Break for King George’s Field business.

Committees and Working Groups

036/21

Swimming Pool Committee: to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2021 – **received**.

- .1 To **approve** proposals for pool operations from 21 June 2021 - **approved**.

- .2 To **receive** a report on pursuing charitable status for the pool: the RFO expanded on the benefits of running the pool as a charity, particularly in terms of managing pool income and expenditure separate from HPC income/expenditure. It was suggested the Charity Commission would endorse the proposal. The RFO referenced liaison with an external advisor who had suggested seeking legal advice on specific issues e.g. building ownership. Noted the external advisor can pursue this on behalf of HPC but there will be some costs involved. Cllrs agreed on the importance of sound advice and of ensuring HPC retains overall control. The RFO noted HPC would be the Trustees. **Agreed the RFO ask the external advisor to seek legal advice; KGF funds to be used to pay the costs.**
- .3 To **receive** a report from the working group considering management of medium to longer term pool projects and initiatives - **received**.
- 037/21 **Recreation Committee:** to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2021 - **received**. Noted Cllr Rodgers work with HPFA on costing/planning new equipment and making funding bids – confirmed funding of £2K had been awarded. Noted Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers to undertake a survey of the MUGA surface; the RFO noted the surface had been laid at least eight years ago.
- .1 **Confidential item:** Bowling Green access – no update.
- 038/21 **Planning Committee:** to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2021 – **received**.
- 039/21 **Amenities Committee:** to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2021 - **received**.
- .1 **Lease renewals:** Butchers Car Park – the solicitor had shared a draft lease which had raised a number of queries about the extent of the related land owned by HPC and sub-letting of parking spaces by the lessees. Agreed further investigation be undertaken, and liaison with the solicitor, before proceeding any further with the lease. Clerk to circulate the lease to all Cllrs in the interim for outline approval.
- .2 **Stepping stones:** to **note** discussions at the 11 May meeting and **consider** next steps – **noted**. Cllr Bloor noted the stones were currently ‘uncrossable’. Noted the stones are not set in the proper position, are not big enough and are moving. **Clerk to highlight with DCC**. Donations of ‘community hours’ were referenced – suggested volunteer hours/time could be used to undertake work on the stones. Suggested liaison with Bamford PC re work on the river-crossing stepping stones in their parish.
- 040/21 **Transport Committee:** to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2021 - **received**. Cllr Olle referenced difficulties with the acoustics for committee meetings held at the Stanage Hall. Cllrs had raised the issue of whether some committee meetings could continue, online. Noted formal advice on the need to amend committee terms of reference accordingly. Suggested getting some feedback from other parishes on their approach. Cllr Olle noted the Transport Committee will review the ToR at the next meeting, with a view to amending the ToR to allow for online meetings.
- 041/21 **HR Committee:** to **receive** minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2021 - **received**.
- 042/21 **Website Update:** any updates or reports from the Website Working Group - none.
- 043/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** to **receive** minutes of any recent meetings or any other update. The Chair referenced a recent site meeting and remedial works highlighted. She also noted ongoing consideration of purchasing additional land for the burial ground.
- 044/21 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence**
- Village Matters**
- 045/21 **Memorial Hall:**
- .1 To receive minutes from any recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee – none.
- .2 To **note** a proposal to raise the issue of improving the acoustics in the Stanage Hall with the Memorial Hall Management Committee - **agreed** to write to the committee.
- 046/21 To **note** DALC circulars and other items circulated - **noted**.
Cllr Rodgers referenced a PDNP future planning survey – Cllr Rodgers to share details.
The Chair referenced Network Rail wanting to undertake a consultation with HPC on the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme – suggested convening a meeting on Tuesday 29 June.
- 047/21 **Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 6 July 2021, 7.30pm at St Michael’s School**
- 048/21 To **note** items for the July agenda.

Meeting ended 9.30pm