

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 7 September 2021, 7.30pm held at St Michael's School, School Lane

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Emily Abbey, Martin Bloor, Sara Furness, Bill Hanley, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, James Shuttleworth, Stuart Turner, Nick Williams

Also in attendance: Sue Cass (Assistant Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO) Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

- 098/21 To **receive** apologies for absence – Cllrs Bridget Hanley, Heather Rodgers and Peter Rowland; DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.
- 099/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 100/21 **Declaration of Members Interests** - none
- 101/21 **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; there were no members of the public in attendance.
- 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. There were no Police Officers, County Council or District Council Members in attendance. The Police Liaison Officer had provided an update, reporting an attempted theft of a vehicle on Sheffield Road and a report of ASB/damage at Heathers Edge; noted the persons had been identified by police and dealt with in accordance with the victim's wishes.
- 102/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
- .1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 3 August 2021 were **confirmed** as an accurate record.
- .2 Matters arising – Minute 078/21: a query was raised on whether the Parish Council could make a donation to this community project as St Michael's Environmental Education Centre is owned and run by Nottinghamshire County Council (*Clerk to investigate*). Noted the local Catholic Church is also involved in this project; the Church may be able to submit a donation request. Cllr Olle referenced VolkerRailStory and their commitment to offering support to communities impacted by the Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme; she had shared contact details with Ian Weeks (community project lead).
- 103/21 **PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters**
- .1 **DDDC and disrupted refuse collections:** recent updates from DDDC and the Parish Council response were noted; Cllrs also noted recent improvements in DDDC communications with residents.
- .2 **Noted** a DCC proposed climate change conference in the autumn with the participation of local and parish councils – all details TBC.
- .3 **DDDC Welcome Back Fund:**
- a) **Cinema event update:** 230 plus tickets had been 'sold'; agreed if the event was not at capacity some 'on the gate' entry could be facilitated; Cllrs Abbey and Hill volunteered to take photographs at the event; confirmed that payment to CineHire was in hand; Cllr Hill confirmed numbers of volunteer stewards.
- b) **Music event update:** Cllr Olle referenced liaison with the band (Mill Stone Grit); they had queried whether they could play on the playing field rather than the pool bandstand to increase audience capacity. Cllrs considered the practicalities including holding another event at the playing field so soon after the cinema event. Cllrs also considered the MUGA as an alternative however it was agreed the event should go ahead on the pool bandstand; noted publicity had already gone out and local residents had been informed. Noted people could also listen to the band from the Bowling Club (*Clerk to liaise with*

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Bowling Club personnel). Clerk to clarify with pool management how many non-swimmers can be accommodated at the pool.

104/21 **Donation request:** Hathersage Lunch Centre. Cllr Jane Marsden referenced the Centre's provision. Noted the Centre's preparations for a post-Covid reopening and the requirement to purchase kitchen equipment compliant with Health and Safety regulations. A total of £7K was required; £5K had already been secured. **Agreed** to enquire further whether the Centre was asking for the full amount of the remaining £2K or whether they had secured some further funding pledges; the request will be considered again at the October meeting.

105/21 **Financial Matters:** RFO's Report

- .1 To **receive** a statement of accounts - **received**.
 - .2 To **approve** accounts for payment. The RFO noted payment of the Audio Visual invoice was required ahead of the event; this was contrary to the usual Parish Council practice. Cllrs unanimously agreed the payment. The RFO suggested further investigation with T C Williams about a disputed invoice (*the Clerk and Cllr Hill to liaise on correspondence with T C Williams*). All other accounts for payment were **approved**.
 - .3 To **note** account scrutiny arrangements and approve signatories for 5 October meeting (Cllrs Shuttleworth and Turner) from the agreed schedule, to approve and pay wages, and any urgent items, between this meeting and the 5 October meeting – **noted**.
 - .4 Home working allowances: the RFO outlined proposals as staff moved from working on an hourly paid basis to salaried contracts. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk to respond to the proposals.
 - .5 Insurance charge to the pool café: the RFO noted the new lease enables the Parish Council to charge the tenants for the building insurance of the café – the Parish Council to agree a percentage of the premium for the site as a whole. **Agreed** to charge 25% to the café.
 - .6 Heart of Hathersage electricity supply contract: noted a new contract undertaken with SSE; the – RFO referenced an official complaint to E.on in relation to E.on's obstruction in the transfer resulting in the SSE contract being at a higher price. E.on have 10 weeks to provide a satisfactory response after which the matter can be referred to the Ombudsman.
 - .7 Water supply contract: noted Cllrs had supported the continuation of the contract with the current supplier, Everflow, for a further three years; the RFO had signed the contract.
 - .8 Possible new bank account: agreed to defer moving any monies until the pool charitable status is resolved.
- Break for King George's Field business.

Committees and Working Groups

106/21 **Swimming Pool Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 10 August 2021 were **received**.

- .1 To **consider and approve** the proposed winter opening plan and membership prices - **approved**.
- .2 **Pool Charitable Status:** to **consider and approve** recommendations on next steps. Cllrs **unanimously agreed** the recommendations of the working group namely that the property (pool, MUGA, playing field and bowling green) is transferred to King George's Field; and that a Community Interest Company (CIC) is set up to run the pool. Further noted that:
 - The CIC is set up to be now and in future 100% controlled by the Parish Council
 - The majority of the pool's cash is transferred to KGF with a sum for working capital transferred to the CIC
 - Surpluses made by the CIC are donated to KGF so there is no profit in the CIC to be taxed

It was further **agreed** the RFO liaise with BHP Chartered Accountants to seek specific and detailed advice. Also agreed to continue to continue to liaise with Neil Moulden at DDCVS to take the initiative forward.

- .3 **Pool Zero Carbon Heating Project:** to **receive and consider** a report and to **approve** expenditure of £23,400 to proceed with the next stage of the project. Cllr Hill expanded on the proposals. Noted the ultimate aim of the project is for the pool to be heated on a zero-carbon basis. Noted this should also lead to a reduction in energy bills. Noted Leisure Energy had referenced the possibility

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of accessing related government grant funding. Further noted current grant funding schemes were coming to an end but it was anticipated a scheme would be launched early in 2022. Cllrs referenced the many 'unknowns' with undertaking a new project of a highly technical nature and noted the need to exercise caution around committing to an initiative with the possibility of escalating costs. Cllrs agreed support for the project in principle but suggested waiting until the new government grant funding is confirmed (early 2022) – and confirming the project is eligible for funding – before progressing further. Cllr Hill to liaise/communicate with Leisure Energy. Suggested asking the local climate action group if they were aware of relevant funding (*Cllr Turner to liaise*).

- .4 **Pool access ramp and path:** to **consider** quotations received and to **approve** a quotation. Noted three quotations had been sought; two providers had responded. **Agreed** to award the contract to Abbeycliffe.
- 107/21 **Recreation Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 17 August 2021 were **received**.
- .1 **Alliance Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA):** renewal of the SLA in relation to inspecting and servicing playing field equipment was **agreed**.
- .2 **Playing field equipment:** Cllr Jane Marsden referenced meetings with the preferred provider, Kompan; Kompan had worked with Cllrs and the HPFA to draw up a plan for refurbishment of the toddler area. Noted an initial Kompan quote of £18K. Cllrs/HPFA had since proposed some additions to the plan; an extra £4K would cover the additions. Expenditure of £22K was **approved**. Cllr Marsden referenced a further meeting with Kompan to finalise plans.
- 108/21 **Planning Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 5 August 2021 were **received**.
- 109/21 **Amenities Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 17 August 2021 were **received**. Noted there will be a report at the next meeting on rising damp at the Heart of Hathersage. Noted a request to insert a sleeve in the flowerbed to hold the flagpole is under consideration. Noted the Heart of Hathersage planters are due to be removed shortly.
- .1 **Leases:** an update – noted an outstanding query on a point on the Hathersage Booth lease plan is yet to be resolved.
- .2 **Bund wall:** Cllr Jane Marsden had met with the rewilding group; further consideration was being given to landscaping/maintenance needs.
- 110/21 **Transport Committee:** there had been no further meeting since 27 July; next scheduled meeting 28 September.
- .1 Correspondence between DCC Highways and the Parish Council on proposals for potential additional parking sites/provision was noted. Members of the Transport Committee had been disappointed with the DCC response and were considering next steps including engagement with the Executive Director. Cllr James Marsden referenced an increase in visitors seeking directions to the River Derwent stepping stones and the lack of a safe crossing point on the A6187. Cllrs agreed many visitors seem to struggle to find the route to the stepping stones, dependent on which trail/map they were following. Cllr Turner referenced a Sheffield City Council initiative – the Safer Crossings Fund' – to tackle pedestrian crossing in problematic areas. Consideration to be given to approaching DCC Highways about an A6187 crossing.
- 111/21 **HR Committee:** there had been no further meeting since 13 July; next scheduled meeting 14 September.
- 112/21 **Website Update:** there were no updates or reports from the Website Working Group.
- 113/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** there had been no recent meeting. Cllr Jane Marsden suggested including Burial Ground business in the monthly Amenities Committee meeting – this was agreed.
- 114/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the July meeting:
- Ongoing updates on the situation with the DDDC waste collection service
 - Minutes of the June meeting of the Hope Valley Parishes Forum
 - DALC newsletters
 - Confirmation of the online PPPF AGM and the PNDPA Parishes Day (online events, both scheduled for Saturday 18 September)
 - HVCAG newsletter

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- 115/21 **Village Matters:** noted a request from the local girl guides troop to undertake a litter pick – consideration being given to appropriate sites.
- 116/21 **Memorial Hall:** there were no minutes or updates from recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee; noted the Parish Council had raised issues re the poor acoustics in Stanage Hall and that the Management Committee had obtained a quote of approximately £5K to address the issue. It would be the decision of the Management Committee whether to take this forward.
- 117/21 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the August meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 118/21 **Date and time of next meeting – 5 October 2021, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 119/21 No specific items were highlighted for the October agenda.

Meeting ended 9.20pm

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