

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 2 November 2021, 7.30pm held at St Michael's School, School Lane

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair), Martin Bloor, Sara Furness, Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, James Shuttleworth, Stuart Turner (*part*), Nick Williams

In attendance: Sue Cass (Assistant Clerk), Chris Cave (RFO), Maura Sorensen (Clerk), member of the public Steve Platt (*part*)

- 145/21 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Emily Abbey, Bill Hanley and Peter Rowland; DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien.
- 146/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 147/21 **Emergency item** – Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) event at Heart of Hathersage (HoH), Saturday 6 November. HVCA member Steve Platt spoke, outlining the background and aims/objectives of the group. Confirmed event details – a rally and an information stall at HoH with some speeches scheduled between 10.30 and 11am. The event is part of the national and global Day of Action for Climate Justice. HVCA had always intended to have a rally; members involved with organising the event had apologised for any confusion noting the initial approach had referenced a stall only. The Chair, while noting broad support among Cllrs for the cause and the event, highlighted the Parish Council's need to be mindful of the impact on residents and businesses, and to ensure risks and associated measures had been taken into account. Mr Platt confirmed the group had undertaken a risk assessment (*to be shared with the Clerk*) and there would be event marshalls in hi-vis jackets. Suggested HVCA also inform DCC, and the Police, about the event. Subject to sharing the risk assessment, the Parish Council **agreed** to the event going ahead. *Mr Platt left the meeting.*
- 148/21 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 149/21 **Public Participation** – Steve Platt had attended to speak to minute item 147/21.
- 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 (*see minute 147/21*). Cllr Rodgers highlighted the leaf-fall on the School Lane footpath, very slippery when wet *Clerk to ask DCC to clear the path.*
- 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. Apologies had been received from both the DCC and DDDC Councillors. An update from the police had been shared noting crimes recorded to 28/10/21:
- 1 assault
 - 1 theft from shop
 - 1 residential burglary
- Also highlighted - an increase in thefts of quad bikes from rural locations – police urge owners to take security measures. Anyone wanting a personal visit should contact PC Linda Hancock. Noted a police representative had been invited to join the 3 November DALC Clerks and Chairs meetings.
- 150/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
- .1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 5 October 2021 were **confirmed** and actions noted.
- 151/21 **PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters**
- .1 **DDDC and disrupted refuse collections:** noted regular DDDC updates had been shared with Cllrs. The Chair suggested the Parish Council ask that, as a gesture of goodwill, DDDC/Serco provide a skip between Christmas and new year for residents to dispose of additional waste. If they do not agree, the Parish Council to consider providing a skip; a possible location would be the Oddfellows Road car park.
- .2 **DCC Snow Warden Scheme:** **agreed** that the Parish Council participate in the scheme. Noted volunteers will be needed – suggested posting a notice on the HPC website and community Facebook

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pages – noted sufficient cover is needed to ensure the village centre is cleared/kept clear of snow and ice. Also suggested individual Cllrs ‘adopt a bin’.

- 152/21 **Financial Matters:** the RFO referenced his report. Noted sales of pool winter season tickets were going well; anticipated sales will cover pool staff costs.
- .1 A statement of accounts was **received**.
 - .2 Accounts for payment totalling £35,573.65, including £1,603.40 VAT, were **approved**.
 - .3 Account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Sara Furness and James Marsden) for the 7 December meeting were **noted** - to approve and pay wages, and any urgent items, between this meeting and the 7 December meeting.
- Break for King George’s Field business. Noted draw winners.

Committees and Working Groups

- 153/21 **Swimming Pool Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2021 were **received**. The Assistant Clerk highlighted some items discussed including the £1K donation from a local family and how the monies will be used.
- .1 **Pool Charitable Status:** Cllrs **considered** the report from Lupton Fawcett (LF), and future actions. Cllrs noted the report as somewhat opaque. It was suggested further advice be sought from Neil Moulden, DDCVS, on the report proposals; noted Mr Moulden has helped steer other bodies through the process. Cllrs reiterated the reasons for moving the pool to a charitable status including income protection and removing some of the burden of pool management from the Parish Council. Also reiterated that the Parish Council wants to retain overall control; there was some discussion about the benefits of having external, co-opted trustees. **Agreed** the RFO liaise with/seek advice from Neil Moulden. Noted the aim is still to see this initiative to completion by the end of the financial year.
 - .2 **Pool Plant Room – fireproofing:** quote from T C Williams of £1,898.48 (plus VAT) for fireproofing works to meet Building Control standards **approved**.
 - .3 **Zero Carbon Heating Project:** Cllr Hill provided an update referencing two funding applications – the Climate Action Fund (CAF); and the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). Closing date for the current round of CAF funding is 18 November. No specific application closing date for RCEF applications. Cllr Hill highlighted that RCEF closely audit results and may specify the format for the consultant’s report; he will provide a summary of RCEF requirements to the SPC. Cllr Hill sought some support with wording the CAF application *the Assistant Clerk agreed to work with Cllr Hill*.
 - .4 **Donation to pool staff meal:** a donation of £435.00 (agreed by SPC) was **approved**.
 - .5 **Pool Safeguarding Policy (Children and Vulnerable Adults):** noted a requirement of the CAF funding application was to have/provide a Safeguarding Policy which had prompted a review of the current policy. The most recent version of the DDDC policy had been circulated. Cllr B Hanley noted the policy should be somewhat more personalised/branded for Hathersage Swimming Pool; there would be no changes to the basic tenets of the policy. The DDDC Safeguarding Policy (Children and Vulnerable Adults) was **approved**. *Clerk to liaise with DDDC personnel re provision of a Word version of the policy which HPC can adapt; and to ask that DDDC always update the Parish Council where any changes are made to the policy*
 - .6 **Opus Energy:** an update from the RFO. Noted Opus charge (£270.00) for meter collections. An alternative would be that the Parish Council post them to Opus. **Agreed** that Opus collect the disused meters; meters to be kept at the pool, ready for collection. Suggested RFO double check we have the final meter readings for the pool café before meters are collected.
 - .7 **Councillors pool visit/walkabout:** visit had been rescheduled to Friday 12 November, 2pm.
- 154/21 **Recreation Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2021 were **received**.
- .1 **Playing Field – new play equipment:** **noted** arrangements for installation of new equipment with work scheduled to commence w/c Monday 6 December; other details including a pre-installation site meeting, and a post-installation independent inspection, to be arranged. Cllr Rodgers highlighted that a barrier/fencing will need to be erected between the children’s play area and the adult exercise area (where an adult exercise bike will be installed w/c 6 December). *Clerk to liaise with Redwood Landscapes about barrier installation w/c 6 December – to coincide with equipment installation.*
- 155/21 **Amenities Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2021 were **received**.

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- .1 **Toilets:** Cllr Hill provided an update. A visit from County Drains had confirmed no problems with the main drains. A plumber (Richard Ward Plumbers) had attended last week to look at some of the ongoing issues and suggested the current provision was not fully ‘fit for purpose’ – suggesting more durable stainless steel, rather than porcelain, toilet bowls should have been fitted from the outset. A quote of approximately £1,900 plus VAT had been shared, for works to remedy the current issues. **Quote agreed** as the work is urgently needed; Cllr Hill to liaise with Richard Ward Plumbers noting authorisation of up to £2K plus VAT to cover these works. Cllr Hill noted advice re a longer-term solution, including replacing Wallgate parts with alternatives that are easier to maintain. Reference was also made to the disputed T C Williams invoice. Agreed to get the current issues resolved before pursuing this further.
- .2 **Issues with damp at Heart of Hathersage (HoH):** noted the issue has, to a large extent, been resolved although some ‘salting’ on the wall may continue for a time. Measures had been proposed to keep the problem in check including running the heating from 0745-1030 hrs, daily, to increase ventilation; and look at installing a timer switch on the lights to activate the heating.
- .3 **Noticeboards** - update **noted:** the new Parish Council notice board to be put up at Cannon Fields by mid-November; notice board on Back Lane (entrance to Playing Field) to be removed; consideration being given to installation of an electronic noticeboard at HoH to post voluntary group notices, events. Clerk noted a fault with the electronic rail timetable screen at HoH.
- .4 **Christmas event – provision of a Christmas tree; lights switch-on; lantern parade:** as the tree offered by Cllr Olle had not proved suitable it was **agreed** that the Parish Council cover the costs of a Christmas tree. *Clerk to liaise with the event organisers and ask if they need additional marshalls.*
- .5 **Repainting of the Shuttleworth lamp:** three quotes had been sought, two had been provided – one for £1,250 plus VAT; the other for £564 without VAT. Assistant Clerk to liaise with the provider of the cheaper quote, confirm the detail of the work to be undertaken and check they have public liability insurance – subject to a satisfactory response it was **agreed** to go with the quote of £564 (without VAT). Work to be undertaken ‘when the weather allows’.
- .6 **Overgrown vegetation:** **noted** work to be undertaken by Redwood Landscapes on the Bund Wall; and Pinfolds Wall. Re the Bund Wall, suggested the instruction be to cut the vegetation right back. Further consideration to be given to planting; agreed lavender plants unsuitable, wildflowers more appropriate but noted also the pool condition of the soil – agreed **not** to put down soil improver. Cllrs also highlighted problems with overhanging hedges at some residences impacting the public space, and pedestrians. *Clerk to share standard letter to householders re cutting back hedges, with Cllrs; Cllrs to identify which households to approach.*
- .7 **School Wall:** **noted** a quote is being sought for some repointing work; noted ongoing monitoring of any further deterioration. The Chair noted the Headteacher is satisfied with this response.
- .8 **Drinking tap:** noted further consideration re the most appropriate site in/around HoH after which a quote will be sought.
- .9 **Bike rack:** further consideration being given to an appropriate wall-mounted model, and whereabouts on HoH to site a bike rack.
- 156/21 **Planning Committee:** there had been no further meeting since the meeting held on 16 September 2021. Noted the need to convene a meeting with an upcoming response deadline on an application.
- 157/21 **Transport Committee:** there had been no further meeting since the meeting held on 28 September 2021; the next meeting is scheduled for 23 November.
- 158/21 **HR Committee:** there had been no further meeting since the meeting held on 14 September 2021; the next meeting is scheduled for 14 December.
- 159/21 **Website:** any updates or reports from the Website Working Group - none.
- 160/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** any updates. Cllr Shuttleworth had shared a quote for repairs to the burial ground wall – suggested he share the quote with the Churchyard Committee.
- 161/21 **Quarterly Footpaths Report:** Cllrs **received** the most recent report.
- 162/21 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the October meeting including status updates on DDDC refuse collections; and updates from DALC. **Volker Rail Story** – noted the upcoming community information event about the Hope Valley rail improvements scheme on 17

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November at the Memorial Hall – publicised via the HPC website, Facebook page and on community Facebook pages.

- 163/21 **Village Matters** – the Chair referenced the Church Charities Committee and a small amount of funding available for local groups supporting those most in need e.g. lunch centre and other projects supporting the elderly.
- .1 **Wooden seating in/around the village:** Cllrs to flag details with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of seats (and locations) to be cleaned/repainted, in the spring.
- .2 **Lunch Centre/Club:** no request had been received for a donation to this meeting *Clerk to liaise with organisers re whether they are still seeking a Parish Council donation.*
- 164/21 **Memorial Hall:** no minutes or updates from any recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee had been received. Noted a number of dates when the Hall will be unavailable for HPC committee meetings (Christmas play and rehearsals). Suggested the Clerk ask about availability of the Methodist Lounge, or the Bell Room. Noted a point raised by Cllr W Hanley re holding meetings in the Stanage Hall, where acoustics are poor. Cllr Rodgers referenced a quote (£4-5K) to improve the acoustics – suggested the Memorial Hall Management Committee be invited to make a formal approach to HPC for some funding ahead of HPC agreeing the 2022-23 budget *Cllr Rodgers to liaise with the Committee.*
- 165/21 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the October meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 166/21 **Date and time of next meeting – 7 December 2021, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 167/21 To **note** items for the December agenda – event planning for the Queen's Jubilee.

Meeting ended 9.40pm

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