

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 4 January 2022, 7.30pm held at St Michael's School, School Lane

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair); Emily Booth; Martin Bloor; Sara Furness; B Hanley; W Hanley; Tim Hill; Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers; Peter Rowland; James Shuttleworth; Nick Williams

In attendance: Sue Cass (Assistant Clerk); Chris Cave (RFO); DCC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*); Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

- 190/21 Apologies for absence were **received** from Cllr James Marsden; and DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.
- 191/21 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 193/21 **Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllr Olle, in relation to authorisation of a payment to her husband (lottery licence fee).
- 194/21 **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. No members of the public attended.
- 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. DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien referenced ongoing refuse collection issues. Cllrs noted missed food and garden waste collections. Suggested individuals affected flag up all missed collections with DDDC. Cllrs thanked Cllr O'Brien for flagging up changes to the 257 bus service; noted the improved timetable operational from 10 January and **agreed** to publicise it on the HPC website, Facebook page and in the HPC update to the Hathersage News. – Cllrs referenced the short-term forecast for snow and ice and the need to ensure grit bins and salt heaps were topped-up. Noted that, although Hathersage is not on a primary route, a significant number of residents work in essential services in Derbyshire and Sheffield and need safe access to primary routes. Suggested Cllrs liaise with residents in their vicinity to gauge need; evidence of need for more gritting in/around Hathersage to be presented to DCC.
- Noted** confirmation from the police of recorded crimes in December:
- Two attempted burglaries (no entry gained)
 - One burglary (theft of safe)
 - One malicious communication
 - One theft of moped (recovered nearby)
 - One theft of purse from a shop
 - One vehicle crime
- Noted** outcomes of the DALC-facilitated meeting with DCC Police Chief Superintendent Jed Keen in December who acknowledged the need to improve liaison and communication with parish councils and review links/communication with Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Neighbourhood Watch groups. Also noted: a call for parish council representatives to sit on a forum; an increase/improvement in police communications since the December meeting; and an offer from the Safer Neighbourhood Team to attend relevant community events. Suggested inviting the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to meet with the Parish Council. *Cllr Shuttleworth to liaise with the Commissioner.*
- 195/21 **Confirmation of Minutes**
- .1 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 7 December 2021 were **confirmed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 196/21 **PDNP, DCC and DDDC matters**
- .1 **Covid: noted** no changes to guidance/measures and ongoing measures under Plan B.
- .2 **Affordable Housing:** noted a meeting with PDNPA, DCC and DDDC representatives had been scheduled for Wednesday 12 January. Some attendees could only attend virtually. Agreed an in-

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person meeting would be preferable and agreed to look to reschedule the meeting to 16 February; it was hoped Covid transmission rates would have abated somewhat by then.

- .3 **Local Projects Fund:** DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien noted there were still some funds for allocation to parish councils for specific projects; *Clerk to complete the relevant DDDC form in relation to funding bike stands at Heart of Hathersage.*

197/21 **Financial Matters:** RFO's Report

- .1 A statement of accounts was **received**.
- .2 Accounts for payment totalling £36,185.19 including £1,904.99 VAT were **approved**.
- .3 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories, from the agreed schedule (Cllrs W Hanley and James Shuttleworth), for the 1 February meeting to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the 1 February meeting.
- .4 Cllrs **considered** the budget/precept for 2022/2023. Cllrs sought clarification on monies held by the Parish Council, and by KGF, and queried the need for fundraising where the Parish Council holds significant reserves. Suggested fundraising is a way for residents to engage with, and feel ownership of, village projects and initiatives. Noted also that, although the pool is currently in a positive financial position, this had not always been the case, and that it is good practice to have contingency; further noted the need for contingency where the pool has to be closed e.g. for significant building works (and the resulting loss of revenue). Reference was made to future plans for pool development including the zero-carbon heating initiative that could cost up to £200K. Noted there is an outline five-year plan for pool management/development; suggested the plan needs to be fully costed.
- Cllrs considered a number of options in setting the precept for 2022-23; by a show of hands a precept of £60K was **approved** (an increase of approximately 3.5% on the 2021-22 precept). Break for King George's Field business.

Committees and Working Groups

198/21 **Swimming Pool Committee:** received minutes of the meeting of 14 December 2021.

- .1 **Pool Charitable Status:** to **consider** and **agree** next steps. The Chair referenced the online meeting with Neil Moulden, Derbyshire Dales CVS, held on 30 December 2021. Noted Mr Moulden had provided useful information, and detail, on the pros and cons of changing the pool's charitable status. Noted there is no definitive timescale for the Parish Council to make a decision. The RFO noted he was confident he could explain the financial position, re the pool, to the auditors, this year. Reiterated that a five-year plan for pool management and development needs to be fully costed. *Clerk to share the recording of the 30 December meeting with all Cllrs.*
- .2 **2022-23 Pool Admission Prices:** **approved** the proposed pricing structure.
- .3 **Covid:** **noted** no changes to guidance/measures and ongoing measures under Plan B. Agreed to communicate current regulations relating to Statutory Sick Pay to pool staff.

199/21 **Recreation Committee:** received minutes of the meeting of 21 December 2021.

200/21 **Amenities Committee:** received minutes of the meeting of 21 December 2021.

- .1 **Toilets:** any **updates**. The Chair thanked Cllrs Bloor and Hill for their time and efforts on trying to get to the bottom of the ongoing issues with the toilets; an update to be included in the next issue of Hathersage News re the ongoing issues, also acknowledging the efforts of Cllrs Bloor and Hill. Noted Wallgate to be asked to attend and repair the cistern valve in the left-hand toilet. Noted also that the light in the middle toilet was not working *Clerk to liaise with cleaner*. Noted there had been no further communication from Ward Plumbing and Heating. Noted the leak at the Heart of Hathersage building has been resolved.
- .2 **Footpaths:** **received** the quarterly report.

201/21 **Planning Committee:** there had been no meeting since 25 November; a meeting was scheduled for 11 January.

202/21 **Transport Committee:** there had been no meeting since 23 November; next scheduled meeting 25 January.

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- .1 **Meeting with DCC Highways Officer: noted** Cllrs will meet with DCC Highways Officer Steven Alcock on Wednesday 19 January at 10am to discuss parking and other transport-related matters. Cllr Hill referenced ongoing consideration of the viability of a residents' parking scheme in Hathersage and some useful information provided about the Chesterfield scheme.
- .2 **Northern Rail and TransPennine Express timetables: noted** a Parish Council response to the consultation had been submitted.
- 203/21 **HR Committee:** the Committee had not meet in December; next scheduled meeting 11 January.
- 204/21 **Website:** there were no updates or reports from the Website Working Group.
- 205/21 **Burial Ground Committee:** there were no updates.
- 206/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the December meeting.
- 207/21 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Gritting and clearing: agreed** to contract with Redwood Landscapes, on an hourly rate, for oversight of grit bins and salt heaps and some gritting in the village centre. Noted there is £1,500 in the budget ('Snow Warden') for this work; suggested an hourly rate of £15 to £20.00 (maximum) be agreed. Cllrs highlighted priority areas for gritting/clearing:
- Pinch-point outside the Chemist
 - The Crofts
 - Crossland Road
 - School Lane
 - Smithy Meadows (snicket through to Main Road)
 - Station Road – by Moorland House; and by the OneStop shop
- .2 **Queen's Jubilee Events 2022:** the Chair referenced tree planting and looking for appropriate sites; suggested approaching local landowners and looking at planting a row of trees by a footpath (noted Kirk Road might be a possibility). Cllrs highlighted the need to consider long-term care and maintenance of any plantations. The Chair also referenced event planning and proposed convening a sub-committee to consider/plan events, including liaison with village groups who may also be looking to plan events. Noted events in previous Jubilees – beacon lighting; bonfires; tea parties for senior citizens; street parties etc. Noted there may be a need to organise road closures for some of the main events; to book rooms at the Memorial Hall; and to book a marquee (if needed). **Agreed** that the RFO allocate some funding in the budget for Jubilee events.
- .3 Noted a new Parish Council noticeboard had been put up at Cannonfields; Cllr Bloor highlighted that the board was not fully fastened at one corner *Clerk to liaise with contractor*. Noted the board is open to residents to post community notices; agreed residents be dissuaded from posting commercial/business notices. Agreed Cllr photos be added (as per the HoH noticeboard). The Chair referenced the HoH board suggesting it could be used to post details of funerals of Hathersage residents *Clerk to liaise with J E Nutch Funeral Directors*.
- 208/21 **Memorial Hall:** there were no minutes/updates from recent meetings of the Memorial Hall Management Committee. Noted the Hall is in the process of introducing a new online booking system; rates will be charged on an hourly rather than sessional basis.
- 209/21 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the December meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 210/21 **Date and time of next meeting – 1 February 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 211/21 To **note** items for the February agenda: pool charitable status.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

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