

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 August 2022, St Michael's School

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

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien

- 069/22 There were no apologies from HPC Cllrs. Apologies noted from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; and from Police Officers (a report provided by the police was shared).
- 070/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 071/22 **Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllrs Jane Marsden and Nick Williams in relation to minute item 075/22 (NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Consultation). Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers in relation to minute item 076/22 (both sit on the Stanage Forum).
- 072/22 **Public Participation.**
- a) A period of not more than ten minutes 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.
- DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien referenced a number of items.** He flagged a DDDC 2021-22 underspend of approximately £0.75M noting the monies have now been allocated to DDDC reserves. Cllr O'Brien and some of his colleagues are querying this decision including why the underspend could not be allocated, or added to the 2022-23 budget, to benefit the community.
- Cllr O'Brien also reported on DDDC funding initiatives including UKSPF funding for works to improve Matlock paths (comments on the need to address Matlock flooding concerns first have been shared with Officers); and the Community Resilience Grant – noted the proposal to increase the maximum amount to be awarded from £4K to £12K – Cllrs welcomed this. Cllr O'Brien recommended HPC start to consider any relevant projects/initiatives for which Community Resilience Grant funding could be sought; noted HPC would need to scrutinise funding criteria.
- Cllr O'Brien also referenced a joint DCC/Notts CC/Derby City proposal for a Combined Authority Mayor (and the associated devolved funding).
- Electric Vehicle Chargers (EVCs) – Cllr O'Brien confirmed a delay in proceeding with this initiative – further works delayed to 2023. The Chair queried whether parish councils could commission EVCs. Confirmed parish councils could do so but noted they would most likely need to contract with private providers and would need to ensure any EVC initiative was financially viable.
- Cllr O'Brien reported that DDDC are encouraging parish councils (and residents) to report overflowing waste bins (via the DDDC website). HPC Cllrs had already noted the loss of village waste bins over the last couple of years. Cllrs flagged the numbers of waste bags collected and placed next to central bins after busy weekends. **Agreed** to flag these concerns with DDDC. Noted Cllr W Hanley to have a discussion with the proprietor of the fish and chip shop about their waste management. *Thanks noted to Cllr O'Brien; Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.*
- Police:** a report had been circulated and Cllrs had commented. Cllrs expressed some dissatisfaction with the police comments/responses to issues raised in the July HPC minutes suggesting they were negative in tone and somewhat at odds with communications from the Police and Crime Commissioner about police working supportively with local communities. **Agreed** to share the Parish Council's dissatisfaction and concerns with one of the Senior Officers who was in attendance at a recent public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Cllr Bloor flagged a recent incident concerning drone use over his property; noted he had raised it with the police.
- 073/22 **Confirmation of Minutes**

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Minutes of the HPC meeting of 12 July 2022 were **confirmed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.

- 074/22 **PDNP, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **PDNPA Local Plan Review:** Parish Councils [survey](#) - response deadline 31 August – noted Cllrs Jane Marsden and Tim Hill to meet and draft a response.
- .2 **Agreed** to request Derbyshire Dales MP Sarah Dines to launch a petition for a noise camera trial in Derbyshire Dales (as per the current petition supported by the High Peak MP).
- 075/22 **NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Consultation:** Cllr W Hanley to draft a response and share it with Cllrs.
- 076/22 **Stanage and North Lees Heritage Lottery Bid:** **agreed** to provide Parish Council letter of support for a grant bid (to undertake further investigations into the archaeology of North Lees).
- 077/22 **Redwood Landscapes Contract:** Cllrs considered a recommendation from the Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committee to agree to a request for a 10% increase in RL charges with immediate effect noting the request had been made in light of increased costs to RL, also noting RL had not increased charges since 2015. The RFO noted the auditor could query a Parish Council decision to amend the terms – including costs already agreed - of the existing RL contract. **Agreed** to seek advice from DALC; if DALC confirm the Parish Council have good grounds for agreeing to the price increase, the increase will be implemented.
- 078/22 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report.
- .2 **Received** a statement of accounts.
- .3 Accounts for payment totalling £51,536.01 including £2,452.44 VAT were **approved**.
- .4 **Approved** an amended schedule of signatories.
- .5 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Tim Hill and James Marsden) from the agreed schedule for the 6 September meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the 6 September meeting.
- Committees and Working Groups**
- 079/22 **Swimming Pool Committee:** no meeting had been held since 14 June (July meeting cancelled due to Cllr absence/illness and the heatwave – meeting was unlikely to be quorate); next scheduled meeting is 16 August.
- 1 **Solarium Flooring:** noted a second quote (from Flex Flooring) for a non-porous surface was awaited. Noted this item will be carried forward to the 16 August SPC meeting. Cllrs queried whether this work is a priority or if there are other areas/items needing more urgent attention; agreed to further discuss/consider this at the SPC meeting. Some Cllrs expressed disappointment with the existing Flex Flooring noting it frequently looks grubby.
- 2 **Request for free pool session for Ukrainian refugees:** Cllr W Haney expanded, referencing a programme of summer activities for locally housed Ukrainian refugees. He noted a local resident had made an initial approach to pool management about offering a free pool session. The resident had expressed some disappointment with the response but it was acknowledged there may have been some miscommunication. Agreed such requests should come through the Parish Council. Cllrs **agreed** to offer one free session to the group and their hosts (estimated 10-20 people) before the end of the school summer holidays and one session in the October school half term; Cllr W Hanley to liaise with the group and pool staff re a date and time.
- 080/22 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 26 July 2022.
Clerk to liaise with Wicksteed about dates to instal new adult exercise equipment.
- 081/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 26 July 2022.
Clerk to liaise with Greenstone and Ivy about a quote for fixing damaged engraved stones.
- 082/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 26 July 2022.
- 083/22 **Planning Committee:** no meeting had been held since the June or July HPC meeting. Noted it is proposed to hold a brief Planning Committee meeting prior to the August Transport Committee meeting.

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- 084/22 **Transport Committee:** no meeting had been held since the July HPC; next scheduled meeting is 30 August. Cllrs flagged that the leak on Jaggars Lane had reappeared; *Clerk to liaise with Severn Trent including asking them to investigate whether the leak is from the mains, or ground water.*
- .1 **A6187 give-way signage:** a response had been received from DCC Highways and Transport Committee members had made further comments. Further comment was made on signage at inappropriate heights *additional item for the August Transport Committee agenda.*
- .2 **Mytham Bridge – repairs; possible road closures and related measures:** a response had been received from DCC Highways and Transport Committee members had made further comments/suggestions. Cllrs suggested there should be wider consultation with the Hope Valley community; the Chair suggested we work to support Bamford PC and the HVPC liaison group.
- .3 **Temporary road and rights of way markings for events:** Cllrs discussed temporary painted road markings for a recent event. Cllr W Hanley flagged a Parish Council policy with clear advice and instruction on what is and is not acceptable and suggested there should be no need for painted markings if event organisers give sufficient thought and time to alternative measures. Cllr Jane Marsden to liaise further with the organisers of the recent event (and share the relevant Parish Council policy with them).
- 085/22 **HR Committee:** no meeting had been held since the July HPC.
- 086/22 **Website/IT:** there was nothing specific to update.
- 087/22 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the July meeting.
- 088/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Remembrance Day Parade:** **agreed** the Parish Council to request that the local branch of the Royal British Legion, as in previous years, oversee arrangements on behalf of HPC; also agreed that the RBL can raise the flag at the Heart of Hathersage for Remembrance Day *Clerk to liaise with RBL.*
- .2 **Posting community notices:** request to be made – via Hathersage News and community social media – that residents take care in posting notices and remove notices as soon as possible after the event date.
Also agreed that the last remaining social distancing arrows/signage be removed.
- .3 **Overgrown hedges:** request to be made – via Hathersage News and community social media – that residents fully cut back overgrowth particularly where it impedes pedestrians. Suggested residents who fully cut back their hedges be commended *Clerk to draft a template letter.* Where Cllrs note houses with significantly overgrown hedges, Cllrs to share details with the Clerk so she can write to the residents.
- 089/22 **Memorial Hall:** **received** minutes from the July meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.
- 090/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the July meeting (*noted under Clerk’s Correspondence*).
- 091/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 6 September 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael’s School**
- 092/22 **Items for the September agenda:** ‘winter warm centres’ – in light of soaring household energy costs, and noting other communities are considering how to support residents, agreed to add this to the September agenda.

Meeting ended at 21.10pm

A meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.

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