

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 September 2022, St Michael's School

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

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*); member of the public Penny Jewitt (*part, for minute item 096/22*)

- 093/22 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllrs W Hanley, Rosie Olle and Pete Rowland; and from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; and from Police Officers (a report provided by the police was shared).
- 094/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 095/22 **Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllrs Jane Marsden and Nick Williams in relation to minute item 096/22; Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers in relation to minute items 101/22 and 103/22.
- 096/22 **Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme:** representatives from VolkerRailStory (VRS), Megan Savage and Peter Broomhead, provided a progress update, and handouts of their presentation. They expanded on the timeline for works on Hathersage Footbridge (*further timeline details to be shared with Cllrs*). Noted the planned colour scheme, two shades of grey; colour scheme agreed with PDNPA taking into account heritage considerations, impact on landscape etc. Queried why the footbridge could not be painted green suggesting this would be a better fit with the surrounding landscape; Ms Jewitt noted she had raised a query with PDNPA in relation to earlier stages of consultation on the colour scheme. Cllrs raised some queries on footbridge painting; steps; fencing; and landscaping – addressed by Ms Savage and Mr Broomhead – they also referenced planned long-term maintenance measures. Confirmed the footbridge works will be disruptive to Hathersage residents with noise from excavation works; heavy construction machinery; train movements; and lighting. Noted the adjoining footpath will be closed for a period (closure agreed with DCC). Noted one overnight use of a concrete pump on Castleton Road with possible full or partial road closure. Hathersage residents will be informed when the work is happening and a detailed timeline provided.
- Cllrs referenced the earlier VRS offer of voluntary work with the Hathersage community. Ms Savage referenced an overall plan noting detailed plans for Hathersage to be confirmed and shared; she also referenced ongoing work with primary schools.
- Noted a VRS planned public meeting on Wednesday 7 September. Cllrs commented that it had not been widely publicised.
- Cllrs queried whether the Scheme was on schedule. Mr Broomhead noted they were currently running approximately six months behind schedule, noting the impact of recent rail strikes and other issues that had arisen. Noted VRS were hopeful of 'pulling some time back'. Suggested the Scheme will be completed mid-2024.
- Query raised about lengthening of station platforms; noted planned extension of the platform at Dore. Cllrs thanked Ms Savage and Mr Broomhead for their attendance and update; Ms Savage and Mr Broomhead left the meeting.
- 097/22 **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.
 - 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:** Cllr O'Brien referenced the recent announcement on a proposal for a joint DCC/Notts CC/Derby City Combined Authority Mayor.

Signed:

Date:

Warm Hub initiative – Cllr O’Brien noted churches in Eyam and Grindleford were looking at making some provision that was ‘more than just a warm space’. He suggested DDDC may offer some funding to local communities; and DDDC Cllrs might be able to offer some discretionary funding. Noted provision being considered elsewhere e.g. Sheffield were considering use of libraries.

Affordable housing – Cllr O’Brien noted this initiative was progressing slowly; noted options had been narrowed down to two sites and referenced ongoing liaison with planners. Cllr James Marsden referenced PDNPA criteria on settlements, and housing development, suggesting additional housing could be built in a hamlet. Cllr O’Brien agreed, noting there has been wider promotion of this approach. He suggested this be raised at the 1 October PDNPA Parishes Day. Thanks noted to Cllr O’Brien; Cllr O’Brien left the meeting.

Police: details of crimes recorded in the past month had been provided.

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Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the HPC meeting of 9 August 2022 were **confirmed**; and actions arising **noted**.

099/22

PDNP, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups

.1 **PDNPA Local Plan Review** - Parish Councils [survey](#) **noted** the HPC response had been submitted.

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[NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Consultation](#) and HPC response – **noted** Cllr W Hanley was looking into this.

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Energy crisis and provision of community ‘warm hubs’: **noted** the meeting scheduled for Thursday 8 September had been cancelled and that, pending further government announcements on help with energy bills, another meeting may be convened. The Chair referenced information shared by DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton re potential funding. Cllr Furness referenced Hathersage churches interest in supporting provision. Noted the opening of a Hope Valley Food Bank. **Agreed** to keep abreast of developments on government support with energy costs and how the Parish Council might support any new initiatives on community support.

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Stanage and North Lees

.1 **Invitation to Stanage and North Lees Heritage Open Day** on Saturday 17 September at North Lees Hall **noted**.

.2 **Invitation to a meeting of the Stanage Forum** on 8 October at Hathersage Memorial Hall **noted**.

103/22

Financial Matters:

.1 **Received** the RFO’s Report. Confirmed income from the Jubilee music event had been received. Noted pool season tickets had sold well but daily admissions were slightly under budget. Referenced the Financial Services Compensation Scheme noting the Council is above the budget limit for cover. Referenced the warm hub initiative and the need for caution in committing any Parish Council funding pending further advice on permitted Parish Council expenditure. Referenced the recent ruling on holiday pay for part-time workers and the need to seek further HR advice on whether the Council needs to make any changes to current procedures.

.2 **Received** a statement of accounts.

.3 Accounts for payment totalling £50,847.17 including £13,403.76 VAT were **approved**.

.4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs W Hanley and James Shuttleworth), from the agreed schedule, for the 4 October meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the 4 October meeting.

.5 Cllrs **considered** an insurance query relating to terrorism insurance and whether it is still needed; noted it was unknown what impact it would have on the overall cost if the Council opted out of terrorism cover *RFO to enquire*. Noted the need to review cover for the recently installed new playing field equipment.

.6 Cllrs **considered** a proposal relating to the **Annual Audit** - option to opt-out of the next round of five-year audit appointments- **agreed not** to opt out.

Committees and Working Groups

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Swimming Pool Committee: **received** minutes of the meeting of 16 August.

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Recreation Committee: **received** minutes of the meeting of 23 August 2022. Noted recent installation of some new adult exercise equipment.

- 106/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 August 2022. Noted the burial ground wall has been repaired and that the footpath has been upgraded. Referenced contracting with Daynes to address issues with loose headstones.
- 107/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 23 August 2022.
- 108/22 **Planning Committee: received** minutes of the meetings of 30 August and 1 September 2022.
- 109/22 **Transport Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 30 August 2022. Flagged the need for repainting of arrows on speed bumps. Suggested provision of rumble strips at some sites would be helpful in addressing speeding *Clerk to flag with DCC Highways*.
- 110/22 **HR Committee: noted** the next scheduled meeting is 13 September; **noted** recruitment of a new Assistant Clerk is in hand.
- 111/22 **Website/IT:** noted there was nothing to report or update. Referenced previous discussions on provision of dedicated Cllr email addresses and a shared file system; **agreed** this needs to be followed up re implementation options.
- 112/22 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the August meeting including:
- St Michael's and All Saints Church Eco Bronze Award
 - HVCA September newsletter
 - Provision of a Hope Valley Food Bank in Grindleford
- 113/21 **Village Matters:** noted the recent Heart of Hathersage sunflower art competition. Referenced the DCC Snow Warden Scheme *Clerk to post a callout on community social media for residents interested in ensuring their roads/streets are kept clear flagging training and support offered*.
- 114/22 **Memorial Hall:** noted there had been no recent meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.
- 115/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the August meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 116/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 4 October 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 117/22 To **note** items for the October agenda - nothing specific flagged.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.