

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday October 2022, 7.30pm, St Michael's School

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

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

- 118/22 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllr Martin Bloor, Stuart Turner and Nick Williams; DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; and from Police Officers (a report provided by the police was shared).
- 119/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – **agreed** to address **financial matters** first.
- 120/22 **Financial Matters**
- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report.
 - .2 **Received** a statement of accounts. Electricity costs of the Shuttleworth Memorial Lamp were referenced. The RFO has asked the Utility brokers to provide a report – **item for the November agenda**. Consideration can then be given to any savings to be made e.g. through altering lighting times or using low energy bulbs.
 - .3 Accounts for payment totalling £62,332.88 including £5,444.61 VAT were **approved** for payment.
 - .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Jane Marsden and Nick Williams) from the agreed schedule for the 1 November meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the 1 November meeting.
 - .5 **Received** the **2021-22 External Audit Report**: the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22 was tabled. This reported that the Council had complied with Proper Practices and relevant legislation and regulatory matters. As a matter not affecting the auditor's opinion, the auditor stated that the Council should have regard to the level of reserves when setting the precept. It was noted that the Council had always done so when setting the budget and had, over the last several years, concluded that the reserves were insufficient to cover planned long-term spending.
Chris Cave (RFO) left the meeting.
- 121/22 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 122/22 **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; no members of the public were 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.
- Police:** details of crimes recorded between 6 and 29 September had been shared.
- DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien:** Cllr O'Brien referenced the recent PDNPA Parishes Day and commended Cllr Marsden's contributions to discussions on affordable housing. Queried whether there had been any discussion of holiday lettings. Cllr O'Brien referenced the more stringent measures around holiday accommodation/lettings in Scotland and Wales. Suggested, in England, it's up to those communities most impacted to push for appropriate measures. Noted Airbnb licensing may be introduced, in the future.
- DDDC waster service:** Cllr Olle queried the DDDC waste service review and whether consideration is being given to putting recycling bins in public spaces. Cllr O'Brien noted DDDC doesn't currently have the capacity to collect recycling from public waste bins. The Chair expanded on HPC discussions about waste management in the village particularly at the Heart of Hathersage (HoH), and about the removal/re-siting of litter bins. Cllr O'Brien suggested arranging a site meeting with a DDDC Officer **Clerk to liaise with DDDC.**
- Warm places initiative:** Cllr W Hanley queried DDDC plans/proposals; noted DDDC was not planning provision. Noted initiatives in communities across the Hope Valley including the Hope

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Valley Food Bank in Grindleford; and that churches in Grindleford and Hathersage were considering some provision. Cllr O'Brien flagged that he may be able to support communities within his remit with some discretionary funding. Suggested a Hathersage meeting might be convened to look at how the Hathersage community can support any proposed warm place initiative. Noted appropriate consideration would need to be given to determining level of need etc. *Thanks noted to Cllr O'Brien, who left the meeting.*

123/22 **DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton:** noted a meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton is being convened
Confirmation of Minutes

124/22 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 6 September 2022 were **confirmed** and related actions **noted**.

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

.1 **Mytham Bridge:** an **update** on plans for interim and permanent repairs had been shared including a road closure between 24 and 30 October (school half term). The need for early notifications and signage, including on routes out of Sheffield and Manchester, had been flagged with DCC Officers. Cllr Hill noted he would make enquiries about the implications for bus services. Suggested working with neighbouring parish councils, particularly Bamford, where responses or representations re further Mytham Bridge measures are being considered.

.2 **Peak Park Parishes Day, 1 October:** minutes of the Peak Park Parishes Forum AGM had been circulated. The Chair shared a verbal update on the day's discussions including speeding cyclists; local needs housing; and nature recovery.

.3 **Energy crisis and warm places:** had already been discussed under minute 122/22.

125/22 [NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Consultation](#) and HPC response: noted the deadline for the online consultation had passed – Cllr W Hanley to produce a response and send it directly to NALC. Further reference made to different approaches and measures in Scotland and Wales. Reiterated that communities impacted are best placed to assess the impact and appropriate measures.

126/22 **Donation request – defibrillator for Hathersage Cricket Club:** the Chair noted an allocation of approx. £2K in the Council's budget for/towards defibrillators; suggested the Council use this funding to pay the full costs of the new defibrillator - the Club to raise monies to cover the cost of the case; also suggested the Parish Council meet the maintenance costs of the defibrillator – **unanimously agreed**. Clerk to advise the Club of other available funding including from the London Hearts charity.

127/22 **Christmas Lantern Parade:**

- **agreed** the proposed date (3 December)
- **confirmed** Parish Council support for the event (led by volunteers) and that Parish Council insurance covers the event; Cllr W Hanley noted he would be happy to provide support with undertaking/completing a risk assessment.
- **agreed** a donation of up to £350.00 towards the purchase of a Christmas tree, lights and lantern-making materials

Committees and Working Groups

128/22 **Swimming Pool Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2022. Cllr W Hanley expanded on some of the matters discussed.

.1 Purchase of a new pool cover (quote had been shared): Cllr Hill proposed the Council did not approve purchase, pending a further report (from Leisure Energy) on the specifications of the Forge Leisure model and on whether there were better alternatives available, particularly with regards to heat retention. **Agreed** to put the decision on hold for a month; Leisure Energy to provide a definitive report and proposals within a month.

.2 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE:** **noted** advice was being sought on a new holiday pay ruling; the RFO had shared some confidential details – minuted separately. Further HR and/or regulatory advice was awaited. **Agreed to keep this under review and keep abreast of any further developments.**

129/22 **Recreation Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2022.

The Chair referenced concerns flagged about the raised manhole cover in the playing field, potentially a health and safety hazard. Redwood Landscapes reported that the ground around the cover had settled and sunk and that needed filling up with topsoil, levelling and seeding. The Chair

- had suggested the area also be turfed. Total cost would be approx. £420 (not inc VAT) – **unanimously agreed** – costs approved; Clerk to instruct Redwood Landscapes to go ahead. Noted the new adult exercise equipment had been fitted and was being used.
- 130/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2022.
- .1 To **consider** and **approve a recommendation** that work on the path, steps and fencing behind the café leading to the bowling green be undertaken by Abbeycliffe (as per the quote shared): **unanimously agreed**. Noted the quote had included costs (£3,500) of work to the path at the pool entrance; agreed the Council does not want to proceed with works to the path at the pool entrance at this time – Clerk to clarify with Abbeydale. Taking out these costs the quote comes to £5,600 (not inc VAT).
- .2 **Foothpaths Report – number 71 - September 2022: received.**
- 131/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2022.
- 132/22 **Planning Committee:** noted there had been no further meeting of the Planning Committee since the September HPC meeting.
- 133/22 **Transport Committee:** noted there had been no further meeting of the Planning Committee since the September HPC meeting and that the next scheduled meeting was on Tuesday 25 October. Noted there would be further discussion of the Community Speed Watch Scheme at the October meeting.
- 134/22 **HR Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2022. Noted there had been one application for the post of Assistant Clerk and an interview has been confirmed.
- 135/22 **Website/IT:** Clerk to share advice provided by John Dalton on the costs, and technical considerations, of moving to a shared drive system and dedicated Cllr email addresses. Finance Committee to consider related costs when setting the next budget. Suggested there is some urgency to move on with this initiative.
- 136/22 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the September meeting.
- 137/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Litter picking team:** Cllr Rodgers referenced litter picking teams in other Hope Valley communities. Noted Hathersage residents do undertake some litter picking in their roads/streets. Flagged that litter picking equipment, including hi-vis jackets, is stored at the pool; suggested posting a callout on community social media inviting residents to come and borrow equipment *Clerk to action*.
- .2 **Remembrance Sunday:** Cllr Shuttleworth noted the RBL would like to approach the Parish Council for a donation of £100-£150, towards transport to the event for those with mobility issues, and towards the cost of the brass band. **Agreed to add RBL donation request to the November agenda.** Thanks noted to the RBL for raising and dropping the flag at HoH following the Queen’s death.
- 138/22 **Memorial Hall:** the Memorial Hall Management Committee had not met recently.
- 139/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the September meeting (*noted under Clerk’s Correspondence*).
- 140/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 1 November 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael’s School**
- 141/22 **Items for the November agenda** – nothing specific, additional to items referenced in the minutes, was identified.

Meeting closed at 9.11pm; a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.