

SHATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 November 2022

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

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); Kathyne Fraser (newly appointed Assistant Clerk); PCSO Anthony Boswell (*part*)

- 142/22 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllrs Sara Furness, Rosie Olle and Peter Rowland; and from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton and DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien.
Kathyne Fraser, the new HPC Assistant Clerk, was welcomed to the meeting.
- 143/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 144/22 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 145/22 **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.
- Police report:** PCSO Boswell referenced recorded crimes (one public order offence; one theft of a vehicle) for the period 30/09/22 to 26/10/22. Noted a report made of a rough sleeper, in the village, however the police had not found anyone. Also referenced Derbyshire Alert, detailing crimes/ incidents recorded across the Hope Valley. Noted police advice to residents to regularly check security on their property and remain vigilant.
- Bike marking events:** PCSO Boswell referenced a forthcoming event at Bradwell on 6 November. Bike owners can have one bike marked at the event (noted they need to confirm their bike frame number); additional bikes could then be added/uploaded, online. Suggested an event be held at the Heart of Hathersage (HoH) *PCSO Boswell to consider dates/times.*
- Speeding cyclists:** Cllrs raised concerns about speeding cyclists and near misses; PCSO Boswell noted the limited powers and capacity of the police in addressing cycle speeding concerns. Cllrs queried whether communities could be informed of cycle races and events. Noted this was essentially down to organisers; suggested, where events were registered with PDNPA, or local authorities, they should in turn inform parish councils. Cllr B Hanley suggested a cycle speeding campaign would be timely *to be further considered by the Transport Committee; PCSO Boswell to liaise with Crest, Roads Police, and DCC Highways re advice/support.* Cllrs suggested a campaign to address speeding concerns should reference recent changes to the highway code, the hierarchy of road users, and a call to be respectful of others (*reference made to campaigns in other areas*). Also referenced helpful highways measures e.g. rumble strips; signage, noting these would need approval by DCC Highways.
- DDDC:** Cllr Peter O'Brien had sent apologies but had flagged a couple of issues. Cllrs shared Cllr O'Brien's concerns about the proposal that only the four market towns be supported in respect of future capital regeneration projects. Suggested HPC monitor the situation, and any final decision/outcome, then consider any appropriate representations.
Noted information shared by Cllr O'Brien on potential sources of funding for the pool heating project.
- 146/22 The appointment of Kathyne Fraser as Assistant Clerk was **confirmed**.
- 147/22 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 4 October 2022 were **confirmed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.

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- 148/22 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **Mytham Bridge:** noted, following recent interim repairs, Hope Road had been reopened earlier than anticipated. Details awaited of dates, and the extent of work needed, for the next stage of more permanent repairs to be undertaken; suggested working with Hope with Aston Parish Council on communications.
 - .2 **PDNPA – consultation on changes to car parking charges.** Cllr W Hanley had raised concerns that higher parking charges, particularly for shorter periods, would increase the pressure on road verges and other areas of open land, and lead to drivers parking in unregulated areas on or off the road. Noted there had been no consultation, by PDNPA, with parish councils. Stange Forum had flagged concerns and suggestions but they had not been taken into account. Noted, also, the lack of enforcement measures (in relation to the lack of Enforcement Officers); and the lack of clarity on where Enforcement Officers and/or the police were responsible for taking action. Cllrs also referenced longstanding concerns about camper vans and overnight parking. **Agreed to make a response to PDNPA.**
- 149/22 **Donations - requests were considered:**
- .1 **Hathersage Cricket Club: contribution** towards the cost of a recently purchased defibrillator (*the Parish Council had already agreed to make a donation*) – **a donation of £500.00 was agreed.** Suggested, if necessary, the Club seeks further financial support from the Parish Council towards maintenance costs.
 - .2 **Wall between the churchyard and the burial ground: a donation of £650.00 was agreed.** Noted a request for a contribution towards annual churchyard maintenance costs would be considered at the December meeting.
 - .3 **Royal British Legion:** Remembrance Sunday service – contribution towards the costs of organising the parade on behalf of HPC, including the costs of the brass band – **a donation of £350.00 was agreed.** Noted a minibus (provided for free, this year) would take attendees (those with mobility issues) from the village to the church; RBL were looking for volunteers to help with getting attendees on/off the bus.
- 150/22 **Financial Matters**
- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Noted inter season ticket sales were only five short of budget with revenue £1,177 above budget. Noted October pool income covered direct expenses but, taking into account indirect expenses (significant repair works), meant an overall loss of £6K. In response to a Cllr enquiry about the annual precept, the RFO confirmed the full amount requested had always been granted. Noted no recent expenditure on DBS checks. Costs associated with the chlorine pump were queried; noted repairs had been undertaken, unsuccessfully, and a new pump had to be purchased.
 - .2 **Received** a statement of accounts.
 - .3 Accounts for payment totalling £40,069.25 including £1,804.39 VAT were **approved** for payment. Query raised about expenditure related to the Macmillan coffee morning costs; to be queried further with pool management.
 - .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Martin Bloor and Heather Rodgers) from the agreed schedule for the December meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the December meeting.
- Committees and Working Groups**
- 151/22 **Swimming Pool Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2022. Cllr Turner expanded on discussions around day-to-day maintenance; whether to pursue the Green Flag award; completion of the Business Plan; and ongoing work on the heating project.
- .1 **Holiday Pay:** the Council discussed the recent judgement, the likelihood there will be changes to the law to address anomalies arising from the judgement, and professional HR advice. Confidential details are minuted separately.
 - .2 **Pool cover: noted** a new cover had been ordered.
- 152/22 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2022.

- .1 **Noted** an inspection of the MUGA surface to be undertaken at the same time as the annual pool walkaround.
- .2 **Noted** receipt of a further £10K grant towards more new children’s play equipment; thanks noted to Cllrs Bridget Hanley and Heather Rodgers for their work in securing the funding. Following consultation with pupils at St Michael’s School, new pieces of play equipment – a tower and a swing nest (costs approx. £56K); and monkey bars (cost approx. £10K) - had been agreed. Confirmed there was approximately £53K in the KGF fund for playing field equipment; noted, also, additional HPFA funding (amount TBC). **Expenditure on new play equipment was approved.** Cllr Rodgers to share equipment quotes with the Clerk.
- .3 **Adult exercise equipment:** noted the equipment is proving popular and has been promoted through social media.
- 153/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2022.
- .1 Quotes for repointing part of the playing field wall **considered:** Noted a quote of £4.2K for repointing the entire wall; and a separate quote of £2,275.00 to repoint part of the wall. Referenced the VolkerRailStory (VRS) volunteer offer – agreed to check whether VRS could undertake this work; if not, agreed to check with the contractor who had quoted for repointing the smaller portion of the wall when he could undertake the work.
- .2 **Noted** Abbeycliffe will undertake work on the path behind the café leading to the bowling green, including work on the steps and fencing, in November.
Cllr Turner flagged the need for resurfacing of playing field paths. Agreed to factor this into the 2023-24 budget; suggested querying with VRS whether they could undertake this work. *Cllrs asked to flag any other work/initiatives, and associated expenditure, to be factored into the 2023-24 HPC budget.*
- .3 **Toilets**
- **noted** renewal of the contract for handwasher/dryer maintenance with Wallgate.
 - **noted** Wallgate to attend to make repairs to the handwasher units.
 - **noted** arrangements for making repairs to the door of the disabled toilet; Cllr Hill referenced a recent temporary repair and plans for a longer-term repair.
- .4 **Waste bins:** the Chair and Cllr Rodgers had met with a DDDC Officer earlier in the day. Noted that, in the summer months, DDDC employ a temporary staff member to empty bins on a Sunday; noted arrangements could be made for an extra Sunday emptying on weekends when additional visitors are anticipated. Noted DDDC cannot fund a ‘Bigbelly’ bins. Also noted DDDC cannot currently provide recycling options on public waste bins; further consideration is being given. Referenced a 2023 DDDC waste review; DDDC are not taking on servicing of any additional public waste bins in the interim.
- .5 **Grit/salt bins: noted** options being explored for provision of a salt/grit bin or spreader at Higger Lane and Heart of Hathersage. Referenced DCC-branded bins and the DCC assertion that some of them are the responsibility of HPC. Suggested arranging a meeting with a DCC Officer to clarify. Noted the grit bin outside the Grey Goose had been removed temporarily while building works were being undertaken; it will be replaced once works are completed.
- 154/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2022.
- 155/22 **Planning Committee:** there had been no further meeting of the Planning Committee since the October HPC meeting. Noted there were two applications to be considered (response to be made by 5 December).
- .1 **Bank House:** noted a new ‘teepee’ cover had been erected inside the external wooden structure. A number of residents had raised concerns. **Agreed** to flag this with PDNPA. Reference also made to Bank House bins being left out in contravention of planning conditions - to be flagged with PDNPA (and DCC, if appropriate).
- 156/22 **Transport Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 25 October 2022.
- .1 **Parking: noted** a meeting is being sought with PDNPA Officer Tim Nicholson to discuss strategy on visitor management in relation to transport and parking.

- .2 **Community Speed Watch (CSW):** noted the Police CSW Team are not currently supporting new schemes due to staff shortages; they anticipate being able to support new schemes once further staff recruitment is complete. Residents who expressed interest in the Scheme have been informed.
- .3 **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP):** Cllr Hill was in the process of writing to DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton (correspondence also to be shared with BSIP stakeholders) re the lack of provision of updated, accurate timetables. Cllr Hill expanded on timetable confusion where more than one operator provides the same bus service. Cllr Hill also referenced PDNPA and a forthcoming transport consultation meeting. Queried whether PDNPA are looking at a bus service improvement plan, separate from the DCC BSIP; noted PDNPA covers other counties, too. Cllr Hill will continue to attend meetings of the DCC BSIP stakeholder group and provide updates on progress.
- 157/22 **HR Committee:** there had been no further meeting of the HR Committee since the October HPC meeting. Next meeting in December (following the SPC meeting).
- 158/22 **Website/IT:** costs of setting up a shared file system with dedicated Cllr email addresses to be considered by the Finance Committee at the next meeting (when the 2023-24 budget is being considered). Cllr W Hanley had liaised with John Dalton (HPC IT support). Noted Mr Dalton is looking to stand down; alternative IT support to be sought ***to be considered at the December HR meeting.*** Mr Dalton had noted he could set up individual Cllr email addresses relatively easily but he would not be in a position to set up/support a shared file system. Suggested Cllrs may need support with a new email system.
- 159/22 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** noted updates/items shared since the October meeting.
 - DDDC Community Forums in November and December
 - DDDC Warm Spaces communication
- 160/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Warm Places initiatives:** noted DDDC were compiling a list of Warm Spaces initiatives across Derbyshire Dales; reference also made to a DCC Derbyshire Warm Spaces Programme (details to be confirmed) and the potential for funding applications to be made for local initiatives.
- .2 **Electrical Vehicle Charging:** reference made to recent correspondence about electric vehicle charging points (EVCs), funding streams and the possibility of associated income generation ***agreed to add this to the December HPC agenda.*** The Chair asked Cllrs to consider potential locations. Reference had been made to the pool car park however the current focus there is heating initiative proposals including exploring the possibility of installing solar panels. Also noted EVC locations would have to have sufficient (three phase) electricity supply.
- .3 **VolkerRailStory (VRS) – volunteer offer to support village projects:** reference had already been made to asking VRS whether they could help with work on repointing walls. Queried whether the Millennium Garden group needed support (and whether VRS could support).
- 161/22 **Memorial Hall:** there were no recent meeting minutes, or updates, to be shared. Referenced that the car park wall needed repointing; queried whether VRS could undertake this work. In relation to installation of EVC and the possibility of associated income generation, queried whether this would be viable in the Memorial Hall car park.
- 162/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the October meeting (*noted under Clerk's Correspondence*).
- 163/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 6 December 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
- 164/22 **Items for the December agenda**
 - Churchyard – donation towards annual maintenance costs
 - Electric Vehicle Charging points – potential locations

Meeting closed at 21.40pm; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.