

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Tuesday 6 December 2022

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair); Heather Rodgers (Vice Chair); Martin Bloor; Sara Furness; Bridget Hanley; William Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Peter Rowland; Stuart Turner; James Shuttleworth; Nick Williams.

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk); DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*); HVCAG Project Leader Marianne Quick (*part*)

- 165/22 Apologies for absence were **received** from HPC Cllr Rosie Olle; DDC Cllr Alistair Sutton; PCSO Anthony Boswell, PC Linda Hancock, and Maura Sorensen (HPC Clerk).
- 166/22 There was no variation in the order of business.
- 167/22 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 168/22 **Public Participation** – there were no members of the public in attendance.
Police report (previously circulated) - during the period 1-30th November there were no recorded crimes in Hathersage. Cllrs had been informed that speeding cyclists are not covered by the Road Traffic Act so cannot be prosecuted for speeding, nor can CREST and Roads Policing assist with this matter.
- 169/22 **Hope Valley Climate Action Group (HVCAG) – Travelling Light Project**
Further to the two reports previously circulated – ‘Travelling Light – Briefing for Parish Councils’ and the ‘Quick Guide to Electric Vehicle Charging Points’ - Cllrs received a verbal presentation from the Travelling Light Project Leader about HVCAG’s sustainable transport initiative for rural communities – a beacon project for the Department of Transport. Notable initiatives included:-
- Several pilot projects aimed at developing innovative solutions to improve accessible and active travel
 - Promoting the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points
 - Data capture across the Hope Valley to quantify car usage and help forecast EV charging points needed for 2030 onwards
 - Community consultation to increase and diversify proposals for improved and sustainable travel
- Following questions, Cllrs **agreed** to invite the Travelling Light Project Leader to the next meeting of HPC’s Transport Committee, scheduled for 23 January 2023 to discuss the report and proposals in more detail. **[Action: Assistant Clerk]**
- 170/22 **Confirmation of Minutes** – the minutes were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 171/22 **PDNP, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **DDDC Cllr Peter O’Brian updates:**
- the recent decision of DDDC to provide grants of 75% towards the energy costs of the four leisure centres (with swimming pools) managed by a commercial contractor. Several Cllrs expressed concern that Hathersage Swimming Pool had not been considered for additional funding towards its energy costs, especially given its high usage. It was noted that HPC does receive financial support from DDDC for the swimming pool each year and has been invited to apply for funding from DDDC’s Prosperity Fund (going live in January 2023).
 - DDDC is extending its verges and biodiversity work in Hathersage and is seeking requests for new areas to develop: Amenities Committee will consider the matter and identify any suitable areas **[Action: Assistant Clerk]**

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- .2 **DCC County Rider bike safety/training scheme** – details had previously been shared and despite the short notice and issues with using the HoH meeting room, the event (25 November) had been successful and PCSO Boswell was thanked for his work.
- .3 **DCC Funding** – the Chair informed the meeting that DCC has funding available, until March 2023, which HPC can apply for: a meeting will be arranged with DCC Cllr Sutton to discuss possibilities.

[Action: Clerk]

.4 **Warm Spaces:**

- The local churches will be piloting a ‘warm space’ every Wednesday afternoon during January in the Bell Room. Cllrs agreed to donate some left-over tea and coffee from the MacMillan fundraising event [Action: Cllr B Hanley]
- HPC has not been asked for a donation towards the ‘warm space’; Cllrs were informed that grant funding of up to £1k, for ‘warm space’ initiatives, is available from DCC
- It was noted that Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) had received legal advice regarding parish councils helping to fund the energy bills of a church providing a ‘warm space’ would be permissible under the s. 137 rules

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Donation request St Michael’s and All Angels Churchyard

Cllrs agreed to donate £1k towards the upkeep of St Michael’s and All Angels churchyard in respect of the 2020 costs.

[Action: RFO]

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Financial Matters:

- .1 The RFO’s Report was **received**.
- .2 The statement of accounts was **received**.
- .3 Accounts for payment totalling £74,482.95, including VAT of £27,789.96, were **approved**.
- .4 **Account scrutiny arrangements, payment of wages and urgent items of business**
- Cllrs S. Furness and S. Turner will be the account signatories until the January 2023 meeting.
 - Cllrs discussed the recent electrical surveys of the swimming pool and pool café and **agreed** to authorise P Copley (electrician) to carry out the recommended work as soon as possible: HPC will seek a fair and reasonable proportion of the costs in accordance with the pool café lease agreement [Action: Clerk]
- .5 **Budget and Precept for 2023-24**
The Council considered a draft 2023/24 budget. A few changes and additions were **approved**. The treasurer will present an updated budget for approval at the January meeting.
[Action: RFO]
- .6 **Shuttleworth Lamp** - it was **noted** that the annual electricity costs for the Shuttleworth Lamp are c.£350 - £400.
- .7 **Investments** - Cllrs **received** the RFO’s report on the investment of Parish Council funds and did not make any changes.
- .8 **Cyber Insurance and Safety** - following a recent cyber insurance online webinar, Cllrs considered the RFO’s report and recommendations (previously circulated). Based on the risks identified, Cllrs **agreed** that cyber insurance was not necessary but that the following safety measures should be implemented:
- Review what confidential information is held on Council & Councillors’ computers.
 - Review what antivirus protection is in place.
 - Consider how serious a ransomware attack would be.
 - That payments over a certain amount are not authorised on Unity without sight of the supplier’s invoice showing the bank details.
- [Action: RFO and Clerk]
- .9 **Staff Christmas Meal** – it was **agreed** to contribute £30 per head for swimming pool staff attending their Christmas meal, with all non-pool staff each receiving a £30 bonus payment which will be treated as taxable income. [Action: RFO]

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Committees and Working Groups

- 174/22 **Swimming Pool Committee:** the minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2022 were **received** and **noted**.
- .1 Cllr T Hill reported that a pre-application to PDNPA regarding the installation of solar panels and heat source pump has been submitted.
 - .2 The five-year development plan for the swimming pool has been completed and will be circulated to all Cllrs for consideration **[Action: Cllr S Turner]**
 - .3 Funding towards installing a sustainable heating system for the swimming pool is needed and it was **agreed** to submit a bid to the Prosperity Fund, if this met the Fund's criteria. Cllrs recognised the importance of recording impact data (attendances and user experience) for future representations to funding bodies for financial support. **[Action: SPC Chair to lead]**
- 175/22 **Recreation Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2022 were **received** and **noted**.
- .1 It was **noted** that DCC have agreed to pay for, and arrange the removal of, the graffiti on the skatepark and litter bins in the playing fields. **[Action: Assistant Clerk]**
 - .2 **Order for new play equipment** - Cllrs **unanimously agreed** to spend £60,715 (+ VAT) on new playground equipment from Playdale, with a £30,000 deposit authorised for immediate payment and the balance to be paid upon completion (expected April 2023).
[Action: Cllr H Rodgers & RFO]
 - .3 **PSPO signs** – five signs have been ordered and will be placed around the playing fields.
[Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 176/22 **Amenities Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2022 were **received** and **noted**.
- .1 **Toilets:** it was **noted** that Wallgate have repaired the hand dryers and the cistern in the disabled toilet and a joiner has repaired the door of the disabled toilet.
 - .2 **Big Belly Bins** – Cllr Marsden is to contact Helen Dennis at DDDC to discuss provision.
[Action: Cllr J Marsden]
 - .3 **Tree Survey** – an Arboriculture Consultant is to be commissioned to undertake a survey of the trees on parish lands; prior to the commissioning it is necessary to determine the coverage of trees on parish lands. **[Action: Assistant Clerk]**
 - .4 **CCTV** – it was **agreed** to train the assistant clerk to use the system. **[Action: Assistant Clerk]**
- 177/22 **Burial Ground Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2022 were **received** and **noted**.
- .1 It was **agreed** to ask the village caretaker to empty the burial ground bins for weekly collection by DDDC, following a request from the Churchyard team **[Action: Clerk]**
 - .2 It was **noted** that Daynes will quote for restabilising a number of headstones within the next few weeks. A new noticeboard will also be installed to better publicise the Burial Ground Rules
[Action: Assistant Clerk]
- 178/22 **Planning Committee:** minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2022 were **received**. Subsequent to that meeting two further planning applications (below) have been flagged, for consideration; and outcomes of planning decisions have been shared (*separate report*).
- .1 [NP/DDD/1022/1244](#) – 8 The Dale – application for a variation on a planning condition on the original application [NP/DDD/0521/0575](#) (roof alterations).
The Parish Council had **no objections**.
 - .2 [NP/TPO/1122/1494](#) – Ridgeway Side Woodland (tree works).
The Parish Council had **no objections**.
- 179/22 **Transport Committee:** the committee last met on 25 October 2022 and minutes were shared at the 1 November HPC meeting; the committee will next meet on 24 January 2023.
- .1 **Meeting with PDNPA Officer Tim Nicholson:** a report (previously circulated) of the meeting of 24 November was **noted**.
- 179/22 **HR Committee:** there had been no further meetings of the HR Committee since the October HPC meeting; **noted** the committee will meet on 13 December 2022.
- .1 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - Assistant Clerk salary** – a confidential minute of the salary grade of the assistant clerk was taken.

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- 180/22 **Website/IT:** it was **agreed** to move to a shared drive system and provide Parish Council email accounts for all Councillors. **[Action: Clerk]**
- 181/22 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** updates/items shared since the November meeting were **noted**.
- 182/22 **Village Matters**
- 183/22 **Memorial Hall:** Cllr Rodgers reported that the Memorial Hall room booking system was still problematic and that repair work to the Stange Room is required.
It was **noted** that the Management Committee's Chair and Treasurer had, or will be, stepping down and Cllrs had a brief discussion regarding their role as Custodian Trustee of the Memorial Hall charity. The need for new volunteers to help run the Memorial Hall was recognised.
- 184/22 **Clerk's Correspondence**
The DALC December Newsletter and the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Our Plan 2023-2026 and Budget 2023-2026 Consultation (previously circulated) were **noted**.
- 185/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 3 January 2023, 7.30pm, at St Michael's School**
Meeting closed at 9.50pm; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action Log Summary HPC 06/12/2022</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
169/22	Invite the Travelling Light Project Leader / Transport Committee	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
171/22.1	Verges and biodiversity / Amenities Committee	Action: Assistant Clerk]
171/22.3	DCC Funding application	[Action: Clerk]
171/22.4	Warm Spaces coffee and tea	[Action: Cllr Bridget Hanley]
172/22	Church donation	[Action: RFO]
173/22.4	Café electrics/lease	[Action: Clerk]
173/22.5	Updated budget	[Action: RFO]
173/22.8	Cyber safety	[Action: RFO and Clerk]
173/22.9	Staff Christmas Meal	[Action: RFO]
174/22.2	Swimming Pool 5-year plan	[Action: Cllr S Turner]
174/22.3	Swimming Pool prosperity fund bid	[Action: SPC Chair to lead]
175/22.1	Graffiti	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
175/22.2	Order for new play equipment	[Action: Cllr H Rodgers & RFO]
175/22.3	PSPO signs	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
176/22.2	Big Belly Bins	[Action: Cllr J Marsden]
176/22.3	Tree Survey	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
176/22.4	CCTV	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
177/22.1	Burial Ground litter bins	[Action: Clerk]
177/22.2	Burial Ground headstones	[Action: Assistant Clerk]
180/22	Website/IT	[Action: Clerk]

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