

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hathersage Parish Council Swimming Pool Committee meeting, Tuesday 11 April 2023, 7.00 pm MINUTES

Present Councillors B Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers
In the absence of the SPC Chair and Vice-Chair Cllr Rodgers chaired for the first couple of items; Cllr Marsden took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

In Attendance Chris Cave, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO); Maura Sorensen, Clerk; Mike Wellington, Leisure Services Manager (LSM)

- 134/22 Apologies for absence – Cllr W Hanley; George Foy (Pool Operations Manager).
135/22 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.
136/22 Declaration of interests – Mike Wellington (pool employee).
137/22 **Public participation** - a period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public to comment on any matter – no members of the public in attendance.
- 138/22 **Pool Advisor's Report:** Pool Advisor did not join this meeting.
139/22 **Minutes of the 14 March 2023 meeting** were **confirmed** and actions arising (*referenced in the Action Log*) **noted**.
- 140/22 **Pool Manager's Report**
- .1 **Operations and maintenance** (*specific operational and maintenance actions and updates also referenced in the Action Log*) **including:**
- **Shower boiler update** – referenced ongoing liaison between the Pool Operations Manager and BAXI about replacing the boiler and waiving charges – further response from BAXI awaited. Noted the boiler had been out of action for over three months. Cllr Hanley flagged an issue with the shower timer. The LSM noted he can make appropriate adjustments. Regarding the outside showers – noted an issue with pressure in the pump – contractor looking to address asap; also noted some shower parts on order (which the LSM can fit).
 - **Consideration of quotes for cleaning/maintenance of woodwork, and painting** – **agreed** to contract with Peter Wilcockson for woodwork cleaning and maintenance. Noted the two quotes provided for painting work. Query to be put to one of the contractors regarding what paint they propose to use and whether there would be a guarantee period (in which any defects would be addressed); dependent on the response being received on time, suggested a decision be made at the HPC meeting to award the contract.
Pool edge tiling – noted work to be undertaken w/c Monday 17 April (preference is for work to be done on Tuesday or Thursday).
 - **Pool lawnmower** – purchase confirmed. Noted Redwood will continue to cut grass inside the pool (as per their contract); pool staff will use the pool lawnmower as a 'top-up' measure as/when appropriate.
- .2 **Pool electronic booking system: received** a quote and noted the Pool Operations Manager continued to liaise with other providers. Acknowledged it was not clear whether the quote included equipment costs or referenced consultation only; also noted clarity needed on whether equipment was to be leased or bought. Agreed HPC were looking for a system that could be tailored to the pool's specific needs.
- .3 **Staffing – lifeguard hours; monthly planning; training; recruitment** – noted a couple of staff lifeguard renewals were coming up.
- .4 **Events / Marketing / Fundraising:** referencing the forthcoming **Historic Pools of Britain event** which the pool is hosting, the LSM noted 20-30 attendees were expected.
Hilly Triathlon: noted arrangements in hand for the event and for pre-event training (at the pool). The Clerk referenced a query raised by the organisers about having a coffee/foodcart at the

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football pitch. Cllrs noted the organisers needed to liaise with the football club; Cllrs also recommended use of a local contractor for provision of a food cart *Clerk to liaise with Cllrs re caterer details, and to liaise with Hilly Triathlon organisers.*

Ross Edgley pool hire request: the LSM noted support for the request, further noting the potential for associated positive publicity for the pool. Acknowledged local residents (and Moorland House) should be informed about the late-night training sessions on 23 April, 7 May, 21 May. **Agreed** to the request for the training sessions. LSM and/or Pool Operations Manager to liaise further with Mr Edgley about charges.

141/22 **Pool boiler – low pool temperatures in January and February and related refunds to season ticket holders:** noted ongoing liaison with those season ticket holders seeking a refund. The RFO noted ongoing liaison between the brokers and the insurance company – outcome awaited.

142/22 **Meeting with pool staff:** noted outcomes of a meeting with supervising staff on 22 March. The LSM confirmed monthly staff team meetings and sharing of news and updates via the staff WhatsApp group. Noted staff were keen to participate in the pool user group - it had not initially been made clear whether staff were invited to join, alongside pool users – agreed staff had much to contribute in terms of knowledge, experience and daily exchanges with pool users. Noted the proposal to hold quarterly staff meetings framed as a 'Pool Partnership' – **agreed.**

143/22 **Local authorities pool funding**

.1 **High Peak Borough Council (HPBC):** noted the transitional funding (£4,600) provided and the related (reduced) subsidy for High Peak season ticket holders. *Clerk to follow up on further correspondence with HPBC Officer Rob Wilks.*

144/22 **2023-2028 Pool Business Improvement and Renewal Plan:** to give some initial consideration to project management of elements of the plan. *Agreed to retain as a standing agenda item and consider in depth as/when appropriate.*

Agreed to send letter of thanks to Cllr Stuart Turner for all his support of the pool – including on production of the Business Plan – in his time as SPC Chair.

145/22 **Pool Heating Project**

.1 **Leisure Energy:** received a report. Cllr Hill expanded. Noted dissatisfaction with LE reports to date including later reports indicating lower energy savings than initial reports had indicated. Cllr Hill expanded on technical details of energy options – referencing information provided by the National Grid; referencing further exploration of hybrid options – also referencing related measures including backflushing and water loss. Cllr Hill reiterated the initial objectives of the project, to significantly cut pool energy consumptions (by up to 75%). Reference made to a meeting with LE arranged for 17 April. **Agreed** with Cllr Hill to defer this meeting for a few weeks – Cllr Hill to liaise with LE about rescheduling.

.2 **PDNPA:** Cllr Hill expanded on PDNPA pre-planning advice and the Parish Council response. He also referenced liaison with LE about provision of more aesthetically pleasing solar panels – referenced an example at another location which may be more acceptable to PDNPA.

.3 **Funding:** Cllr Hill referenced the LE offer to advise on funding streams.

.4 **Weather data monitoring:** Cllr Hill referenced some gaps in recent data, possibly down to internet connectivity issues.

146/22 **Finance**

.1 The RFO noted no finance report had been provided for this meeting; noted references in the Pool Management report to pool usage and season ticket sales. The RFO referenced ongoing investigation of changes to VAT rules and reclaiming VAT. Noted it was not correct to refer to pool members; clarified reference should be made to pool users and/or season ticket holders.

147/22 **Clerk – any additional reports and/or correspondence** – nothing additional raised by the Clerk.

Cllr Hanley referenced some issues with the pool website – noted she would speak separately with pool management about this.

148/22 Next meeting – **16 May 2023, 7pm TBC**; no specific items were flagged for the May meeting.

Meeting ended 8.35pm

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