

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Joint Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2022, 7.30 pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Stanage Room)

Present Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Sara Furness, Bridget Hanley, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Peter Rowland and Heather Rodgers

In attendance Maura Sorensen, Clerk

210/21 To note apologies for absence – Cllr Tim Hill.

211/21 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.

212/21 Public participation - none

213/21 Declaration of interests – none.

214/21 Minutes of the joint meeting of the Recreation, Amenities and Burial Ground Committees held on 15 March 2022 were **confirmed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes not addressed in the agenda.

215/21 **Recreation Committee matters**

1. **Hard Play Area (MUGA)** – maintenance, repairs, or any other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention. Repairs to a floodlight have been completed. The Chair referenced an electrics control box with a loose/open cover which needs securing. *Cllr Rowland agreed to inspect it and, if he is able, ‘make good’.*
2. **MUGA:** use by groups/clubs and invoicing: the Clerk reported a number of invoices have been issued, in relation to annual payment. There are a couple of other regular group users where contacts need to be identified.
3. **Playing Field and Playground:** nothing specific was raised.
4. **Children’s Playground - renewal of service level agreement (SLA):** agreed to renew the SLA with Alliance Environmental including the additional payment to cover bank holiday callout. The Chair signed the SLA for return to Alliance Environmental.
5. **Playground Inspection Report:** no additional report had been circulated since the March meeting.
6. **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention:** none.
7. **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA):** noted plans for a May Day Fair event focused both on awareness raising of the association, and fundraising for the playing field.
8. **New play and exercise equipment (and fencing off adult exercise equipment):** new adult exercise equipment is due to be installed in July. Cllr Rodgers is liaising with the contractor re the exact timetable.

216/21 **Confidential - Bowling Green and access:** Clerk to liaise with the solicitor on progress.

217/21 **Amenities Committee matters – new items to consider**

1. **Hathersage Beacon proposal:** noted discussions at meetings of the Jubilee Planning Group and a proposal brought by a resident (and group participant) to the April HPC meeting. Cllrs had considered the proposal for a bespoke beacon and siting the beacon at the Heart of Hathersage (HoH) once the beacon-lighting event was over. However, Cllrs did not support the proposal because the ground conditions at HoH are unsuitable/inadequate, to support a beacon. Cllrs considered, but could not identify,

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any other appropriate location in/around the village. Other beacon options had been considered. Noted costs related to the bespoke beacon were close to £1K. Highlighted the cost of an officially endorsed Jubilee beacon was approximately £500.

Cllrs considered beacon options as per the official website and **agreed** the Bullfinch Beacon was most appropriate, including in relation to minimising any fire risk to nearby woodland. Noted the support of all Parish Councillors would be sought *Clerk to liaise with Cllrs*. Cllrs discussed the detail of where the beacon should be sited to ensure it could be seen by as many as possible.

Cllrs also proposed a Jubilee oak tree (a larger tree, 4 to 6ft, rather than a whip) be planted on the corner of School Lane and Main Road, with a Jubilee plaque attached. Noted enquiries would have to be made with the landowner, and with utilities companies to ensure no underground wiring etc would be impacted. Noted the support of all Parish Councillors would be sought *Clerk to liaise with Cllrs*.

2. **Footpaths Report No. 69, March 2022:** noted; Cllrs expressed their appreciation of the time and commitment of the Footpaths Officers *Clerk to send a note of thanks*.

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Amenities Committee matters – progress updates, items to note, any other actions

1. **Resetting of steps (in the vicinity of the swimming pool):** the Chair expanded on proposals including renewal of the boundary fence. Quotes for work are being sought. Two contractors had been identified. Cllrs identified a third contractor.
2. **Queens Jubilee Celebrations:** the Chair noted plans were coming along; the focus now was on ensuring there would be appropriate numbers of marshals etc.
3. **Provision of a drinking tap at Heart of Hathersage:** liaison with a contractor is ongoing.
4. **Benches (maintenance):** noted a resident had agreed to undertake maintenance of the seven benches in the Burial Ground *Clerk to write to the resident to thank him and to confirm the Parish Council will meet the costs of materials*. A quote for £1,360K had been received from another contractor, Henry Woolley, for cleaning, maintenance and repair of another 17 benches/seats. Confirmed he had the necessary public liability insurance. **Agreed** to accept the quote. *Clerk to liaise with Henry Woolley*.
5. **Provision of bicycle parking at Heart of Hathersage:** an order for a cycle stand had been placed; Clerk to liaise with the contractor re a delivery date.
6. **Toilets (Heart of Hathersage) – repairs and maintenance:** electrical repair work had been successfully completed. Cllr Hill had suggested ventilation fans be fitted in all the toilets. Suggested Cllr Hill present details of his proposal at the next meeting. *May agenda item*.
7. **Notice boards:** Cllrs noted some positive feedback on the Cannonfields noticeboard. Suggested the same model be purchased for Church Bank. Cllr Rodgers flagged how extensively the Church Bank board is used and suggested some measurements be taken – a new Church Bank board may need to be larger than the current Cannonfields board. Also flagged - the lack of a noticeboard at the station end of the village. Suggested a noticeboard could be sited somewhere around the station; noted permission would have to be sought from Northern Rail for a board sited on rail property. Agreed to further consider siting and sizes of noticeboards – at Church Bank, and at the station end of the village – at the May meeting. *May agenda item*.
8. **Handrail (at steps leading to the bowling green and playing field):** Derbyshire Dales Engineering will be undertaking this work.
9. **Heart of Hathersage Garden:** confirmed Jenni Wedgwood, who had been undertaking maintenance of the bedding and planter at HoH, and the small plot by the

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swimming pool, was stepping back from her gardening commitments. Noted Jenni had looked after these sites, at no charge, for a number of years. *Clerk to write to Jenni Wedgwood thanking her for her time and commitment.* Jenni Wedgwood had recommended another individual to take over gardening at HoH. **Agreed** Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers meet with her to discuss terms; noted there would be a charge. Cllr Hanley offered to maintain the plot by the swimming pool.

10. **Heart of Hathersage flagstones and Millennium Tree plaques:** noted a quote is being sought.

219/21 **Burial Ground**

Burial Ground Report (Jan 2022): the January site visit had revealed a number of headstones needing work/stabilisation. Further investigation revealed that, in many instances, families have moved away and there is no-one the Parish Council can contact re making arrangements for repairs to be undertaken. Noted the Church contracts with Daynes Monumental Ltd (Sheffield) for repairs/maintenance in the Church graveyard; proposed the Parish Council do likewise where families cannot be contacted. **Agreed** the Parish Council approach Daynes about undertaking work; Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers can provide details of works required. The Chair suggested a review of the Burial Ground rules be undertaken. *May agenda item.*

220/21 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence**

- MUGA – storage bins: noted details of a galvanised steel model had been passed to pool management.
- Shuttleworth Lamp Post: arrangements to find an alternative contractor to undertake the work are in hand.
- Book Box: the box had been in storage; suggested approaching the Memorial Hall Management Committee about siting the box by the Stanage Hall entrance.
- Heart of Hathersage: noted an invoice from C Schofield for electrical work undertaken at the toilets and in HoH had been received.

221/21 **Any other business and any items for the May meeting**

- HoH rules: the Clerk had been instructed to seek a quote for a permanent notice to be posted at HoH about the rules governing its use; noted two forthcoming plant sales to be held at HoH
- July Gala: the Parish Council would like to host a stall, jointly with HPFA, to share and promote initiatives to improve the playing field; *Cllr Furness to make a formal request to the Gala Committee*
- Jubilee volunteers: the Chair noted more volunteers are needed to ensure events run smoothly

222/21 **Date and time of the next meeting** – Tuesday 17 May 2022, 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 9pm

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