

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 May 2022 at St Michael's School, School Lane

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

**In attendance:** Sue Cass (Assistant Clerk); Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien (*part*); PC Karl Webster, Local Crime Team (*part*); member of the public Steve Platt (*part*)

001/22 **Election of the Chair and Vice Chair:**

**Chair:** Cllr Nick Williams proposed Cllr Jane Marsden, seconded by Cllr James Shuttleworth and **unanimously agreed;**

**Vice Chair:** Cllr James Shuttleworth proposed Cllr Heather Rodgers, seconded by Cllr Tim Hill and **unanimously agreed.**

002/22 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Martin Bloor; from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; from PCSO Anthony Boswell and PC Linda Hancock.

The Chair had recently met with PCSO Anthony Boswell and PC Hancock. Noted that, due to shift patterns, Officers are generally unable to attend monthly HPC meetings however they are very willing to arrange to meet with Cllrs, and residents, where specific issues arise. Officers would also like to be kept updated on any ongoing concerns. Noted crime stats are provided monthly; regular police newsletters/updates to the community are also provided.

003/22 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.

004/22 **Declaration of Members Interests:** register of interest forms to be completed and returned to the Clerk

005/22 **Resignation of a Councillor:** noted the resignation of Cllr Emily Booth; noted the vacancy will need to be advertised.

006/22 **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.

**Steve Platt, HVCA:** Mr Platt provided some background on areas on which HVCA are focused, including energy. He referenced the HVCA energy survey and shared outcomes (*a report had been circulated*). Highlighted the challenges, for areas subject to national parks planning policy, of gaining permission for large scale solar panels or wind turbines.

Cllr James Marsden asked about harnessing hydro power. Mr Platt noted it wasn't viable – hydro power via all peak district rivers would deliver less power than one wind turbine. He noted small wind turbines could be viable – subject to grid connection being economically sound. Noted turbines need high but flat ground. Also referenced solar panels including floating panels. Cllrs noted land surrounding Hathersage and other peak district villages was potentially suitable for solar panels and wind turbines. Reiterated that current national parks planning policy would not support either initiative and would be at odds with national parks remit around conservation and environmental preservation. Suggested, with current and future energy challenges, there may need to be a rethink around national parks planning policy. Mr Platt referenced a letter from HVCA to MP Sarah Dines in relation to the British Energy Security Strategy and seeking support on some proposals in the Local Energy Bill currently before parliament. *Clerk to share the letter with Cllrs; Cllrs to consider a Parish Council response/support.* Mr Platt left the meeting.

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.

DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien shared some updates:

**Ukrainian refugees:** it had been confirmed there would be no impact on benefits or council tax for

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households hosting refugees. Noted three-four Ukrainian families were being hosted in Grindleford; not known if any refugees were being hosted in Hathersage.

**DDDC refuse service:** DDDC are seeking advice on taking the refuse service back, in-house.

**BBQs and open fires:** it had not been agreed to issue a PSPO on BBQs and open fires in relation to moorlands however it had been agreed to monitor moorland fires over the next 12 months and, if there was evidence of need, the position would be reviewed. Cllrs queried monitoring. Noted DDDC would liaise with fire services on callouts (Cllrs suggested the local fire service be briefed). DDDC also welcomed reports of instances where the fire service was not called out, however clarity was needed on how reports could be made/data gathered. Suggested DDDC may need to set up a hotline. Flagged that notices have been posted in some areas about banning open fires; noted this is likely to be where there has been agreement between PDNPA and landowners. Noted the difficulty both of enforcement and taking legal action.

**Police report:** PC Karl Webster from the Local Rural Crime Team presented proposals on a Hope Valley-wide ANPR initiative. Noted high levels of thefts e.g. bikes and quads across the valley and instances of break-ins on garages and sheds. Noted the lack of cameras on back roads is an obstacle to identifying and catching thieves. PC Webster suggested a full network of cameras linked to the national police ANPR system would help address this. Local internet service provider Gigapeak suggested they could support a Hope Valley ANPR network. PC Webster was canvassing parish councils for support for the initiative. He acknowledged obstacles – costs; GDPR regulations. Cllrs noted long standing concerns about thefts and break-ins. Noted the Hathersage CCTV system includes ANPR cameras; it had been proposed the cameras be linked to the national network however this had not been progressed. Cllrs **endorsed** the ANPR initiative. PC Webster shared a written report - *Clerk to share with Cllrs; Cllrs to provide a written response/endorsement to PC Webster.*

Cllrs also raised concerns, with PC Webster, about speeding cyclists, highlighting instances, and asking if Police Officers could be made aware and, where possible, take action. More broadly, Cllrs suggested there may be a need for a cycling safety awareness campaign. Suggested specific measures such as rumble strips might help.

Cllrs thanked PC Webster. Both PC Webster and DDDC Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.

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#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the HPC meeting of 5 April 2022 were **approved**. The Chair noted she had not been able to attend the DDDC meeting on 6 April (at which PSPOs were considered).

Cllr W Hanley referenced the 1 May fundraiser for the playing field; over £400 had been raised. The Clerk confirmed correspondence to the Fish and Chip shop about weekend/bank holiday litter. No further complaints had been raised with the Clerk. Cllrs noted residents had flagged concerns with them *Cllrs to share any complaints/concerns including photos, where possible, with the Clerk.* Also referenced, complaints re Bank House; bins not being kept at the back the premises (a condition of their planning permission). Agreed to monitor.

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

- .1 **Hope Valley Climate Action Group:** Cllrs had received a report from Steve Platt. Noted the Clerk would circulate the HVCA letter to MP Sarah Dines; Cllrs to consider the extent to which the Parish Council supported some/all of the points/proposals. Cllr Turner suggested the Council could support the principles, particularly in light of the current energy crisis and long-term energy management. Cllr Hill flagged some concerns suggesting some HVCA assumptions on renewable energy were flawed and there may be better ways to achieve results.

- .2 **Noted** receipt of funding

- Jubilee funding of £500.00 from DDDC Local Projects Fund;
- Jubilee funding of £250.00 from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton's discretionary fund;
- Funding of £500.00 towards King George's Playing Field from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton's discretionary fund.

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- 009/22 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Highlighted that high pool-related costs included creation of the accessible path, and purchase of new benches. Noted a query, to be resolved, around payment in relation to work on the showers. Cllr W Hanley noted the outdoors showers were not currently working.
  - .2 **Received** a statement of accounts.
  - .3 Accounts for payment totalling £48,995.77 including £3,132.75 VAT were **approved**.
  - .4 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements for the 7 June meeting including signatories (Cllrs Sara Furness and Heather Rodgers) from the agreed schedule –to approve and pay wages and action any urgent items between this meeting and the 7 June meeting.
  - .5 Following confirmation that all Cllrs had individually approved the document the 2021-22 2021-22 Annual Governance Statement was **approved**.
  - .6 Cllrs **considered** and **approved** the 2021-22 Accounting Statements.
  - .7 **Agreed** to appoint Brian Wood as Internal Auditor for 2022-23.
  - .8 Noted some uncertainty around final costs for Jubilee events and **agreed** to allocate some further funding if necessary.
- Committees and Working Groups**
- 010/22 **Committee membership:** committee membership for 2022-23 was **confirmed**.
- 011/22 **Swimming Pool Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 12 April 2022. Noted Cllrs W Hanley and S Turner are working on the five-year plan. Cllr Hanley suggested learning outcomes from the April pool incident be explored. Noted a May SPC item will be costs related to surfacing the new accessible path; costs may need full Council approval.
- .1 **Zero Carbon Heating Initiative: noted** the project has started and energy-related data will be shared at the monthly SPC meetings.
  - .2 **Inflatable Aqua Slide: approved** purchase of a 15m aqua slide/platform at a cost of £4,824.00 (including VAT).
  - .3 **Safeguarding Policy: approved** the updated Safeguarding Policy, adapted from a DDDC policy, repurposed as appropriate for the swimming pool. The Chair noted thanks to all who contributed.
- 012/22 **Recreation Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2022.
- .1 **Noted** agreement to renew the service level agreement with Alliance Environmental for play equipment inspections (and repair as and when necessary).
  - .2 Thanks noted to all those who donated items to be sold/raffled at the May playing field fundraiser. Any items remaining will be sold/raffled at future fundraisers.
- 013/22 **Amenities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2022.
- .1 **Jubilee Beacon: noted** agreement to purchase a gas-fired beacon.
  - .2 **Jubilee Oak Tree: noted** proposals to plant an oak tree at the corner of School Road/Main Road. Suggested an alternative site – opposite the corner, in the rewilding area. Suggested the Clerk liaise with DCC Highways, on both sites, re permissions etc. Noted it was likely to be November at the earliest before the tree would be planted.
  - .3 **Gardening:** the Chair and Vice Chair had met with an individual re taking over care of the HoH and pool plots. Noted charges - £15.00 per hour. **Agreed** to proceed.
- 014/22 **Burial Ground Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2022.
- .1 **Headstones – repairs and ensuring safety: noted** the committee had agreed to approach Daynes Memorial to undertake work on unsafe headstones. Supported by all Cllrs.
- 015/22 **Planning Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 25 April 2022. Noted an earlier application in relation to resurfacing on Baulk Lane; the committee had not commented on the proposal. Some Cllrs expressed reservations.
- 016/22 **Transport Committee:** there had been no meeting of the Transport Committee since the April HPC meeting. Suggested convening a meeting after the Jubilee.
- .1 **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** the Clerk noted there were some application queries to be addressed *Clerk to liaise with members of the Transport Committee* **update. Me to liaise with**

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- 017/22 **HR Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 20 April 2022. Cllr W Hanley flagged that a reference to automatic pay increases should be amended to reference ‘automatic pay increases in accordance with nationally agreed pay settlements’.
- .1 **CONFIDENTIAL:** considerations of staff pay – this item identifies individual staff members and is therefore minuted confidentially.
- 018/22 **Website:** there were no updates or reports from the Website Working Group. Noted a meeting is to be convened to consider a shared files/folder system and dedicated HPC email addresses.
- 019/22 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence: noted** updates/items shared since the April meeting.
- .1 Cllr W Hanley referenced his request to support a Ukrainian refugee being hosted in the Hope Valley. Noted she is a triathlete and the Parish Council could support her with a free summer season pool membership; unanimously **agreed**.
- 020/22 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Queen’s Jubilee Events 2022:** noted the working group would meet on 4 May; Cllrs would look to confirm all events’ costs.
- .2 **Bus-stand: noted** a response from Derbyshire County Council to queries raised by DDC Cllr Peter O’Brien. Cllrs agreed the response was unsatisfactory. Cllrs Hill and Olle noted details about agreement on the siting of the bus-stand differed from details shared with them when they met with Alex Sidebottom in 2020. *Clerk to draft a response to DCC and share with Transport Committee members.* Suggested inviting a DCC Highways representative to attend the next meeting of the Transport Committee.
- .3 **Falklands Anniversary, 14 June:** Cllrs **endorsed** proposals to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Falklands conflict including raising the union flag on the weekend of 11/12 June, along with a descriptive display panel; flag and panel to be taken down on the weekend of 18/19 June. Noted also a wreath will be laid on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> and a bugler will sound the last post and reveille. *Clerk to liaise with the RBL*
- 021/22 **Memorial Hall: received** minutes of the April meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.
- 022/22 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the April meeting (*noted under Clerk’s Correspondence*). The Chair referenced the DALC online police liaison meeting.
- 023/22 **Date and time of next meeting – 7 June 2022, 7.30pm, at St Michael’s School**
- 024/22 **June agenda:** no additional items were noted.

*The meeting closed at 21.50pm followed immediately by a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity.*

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