

Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee

Tuesday 9 January 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers (Vice Chair), Tim Hill, Anne Yule, Peter Rowland, James Marsden.
In Attendance: Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk)

- 179/23 **Apologies for absence** – apologies were **received** and **noted** from Cllrs Rosie Olle and Bridget Hanley
- 180/23 **Order of business** – no variation
- 181/23 **Public participation** – none
- 182/23 **Declaration of interests** – none
- 183/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023** – the minutes were **confirmed** and signed.
- 184/23 **Playground and Play Equipment**
- (a) **Large climbing frame** – Cllrs **approved** the AES quote of £111.60 (inc. vat) to replace the cap
 - (b) **Toddler area steps** – it was **agreed** to accept Nick Howard Landscaping’s quote of £420 (inc. vat) to replace the steps to the toddler area.
 - (c) **Top gate repair** – a quote for the repair is still awaited.
 - (d) **Playing field lower area and George V memorial tree sapling** – a quote for the planting/clearance is still awaited.
- 185/23 **MUGA** – it was **agreed** to purchase a repair kit for £200 from Abacus Playgrounds and the Leisure Services Manager will carry out the small surface repair. The quote of £22,360 to clean and respray the existing polymeric surface was discussed briefly with no decision made: a full review of the MUGA condition and lifespan needs to be undertaken, with options and recommendations presented to full Council.
- 186/23 **Confidential - Bowling Green Access** – a confidential minute was recorded.
- 187/23 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – no updates were received.
- 188/23 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)**
- (a) **External Electrical Socket** – Chris Schofield, electrician, will replace the external socket once the Christmas tree has been taken down.
 - (b) **Christmas tree and grotto** – Cllr James Marsden will liaise with the organisers to remove all Christmas materials.
 - (c) **Pavement cleaning** – Redwood Landscapes will clean the stonework.
 - (d) **Bus information** – the purchase of new noticeboards to publish information on bus times will be considered at the next meeting
 - (e) **Plaque fitting** – it was **agreed** to spend £137.50 (+vat) for High Peak Signs to place the plaque on a wooden plinth and fix on site.
- 189/23 **Litter and Dog Waste Baulk Lane Signage** – no updates received from DDDC.
- 190/23 **Grit Bins**
- (a) **Grit Salt** – the grit salt will be delivered on 11 January 2024.
 - (b) **Higger Lane** – no update to report
- 191/23 **Parish Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer** – the new Footpaths Officer has received their handover and an induction meeting with the new volunteer team will be arranged. The Assistant Clerk is preparing a risk assessment and volunteer registration forms.
- 192/23 **Shuttleworth Lamp** – Chris Schofield, electrician, will re-wire the lamp and install low energy light bulbs.
- 193/23 **Paving Area Outside Chemists** – no update to report.
- 194/23 **Church Bank Handrail** - no update to report.
- 195/23 **River Derwent Stepping Stones Hathersage** – the emergency temporary closure of parts of public footpaths 8 and 24 was **noted** and the Parish Council will contact DCC if there are insufficient closure notices at all ‘access points’ (Leadmill, Shatton, Castleton Road and Offerton).

- 196/23 **Town Centre Improvements Fund (TCIF)** – whilst Cllrs did feel that improvements to the Station to village centre route would be an improvement, the Parish Council could not meet the TCIF’s eligibility criteria within the timescales, nor did it have sufficient project management capacity and therefore no bid will be submitted. It was **agreed** to invite DDDC’s Director of Regeneration and Policy to meet with the Parish Council to advise on developing proposals for regeneration schemes should future funding streams become available.
- 197/23 **Burial Ground**
- (a) **Headstone Repairs** – the Committee **approved** the Chair and Vice-Chair’s instruction to Daynes Memorials to do immediate repairs of five headstones and **approved** expenditure of (up to) £400 (+vat)
 - (b) **Burial Ground Extension** – with only 30+ spaces remaining in the current burial ground, the Parish Council is exploring options to acquire new land.
- 198/23 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention**
- (a) **Overgrown hedges** – a resident has raised concerns about the problem of hedges overhanging property boundaries; it was **agreed** to widely publicise the importance of all residents cutting back overgrown hedges to avoid impeding pavements for people with mobility issues and/or with prams: the Assistant Clerk will thank the resident for bringing the matter to the Council’s attention.
- 199/23 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence**
- (a) **Firefighter recruitment** – Cllrs support the Hathersage and Bradwell recruitment drive and will make available the Heart of Hathersage and social media channels to support the recruitment drive.
- 200/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm