

Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee

13 February 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers (Vice-Chair), Tim Hill, Bridget Hanley, James Marsden, Peter Rowland.

In attendance: Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk)

- 201/23 **Apologies for absence** – apologies were **received** and **noted** from Cllrs Anne Yule and Rosie Olle
- 202/23 **Order of business** – no changes
- 203/23 **Public participation** – none
- 204/23 **Declaration of interests** – none
- 205/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024** – the minutes were **approved** and **signed**
- 206/23 **Playground and Play Equipment**
- (a) **AES Operational Inspection Report (January 2024)** – the January Report was **received**; it was **noted** that all issues identified (broken cap, wooden kick board and side gate post) have now been replaced.
 - (b) **Annual playground inspection** – Cllrs considered the Annual Playground Inspections Report and the submitted tenders. It was **agreed** to appoint RoSPA as the provider of an annual inspection of the play equipment, football area, skate park and exercise equipment at a cost of £234 (+vat). In addition, RoSPA will be asked to provide checklist templates for the playing field and equipment areas, at a cost of £120 (+vat) to improve the quality of the internal visual inspections undertaken by HPC staff. It was **noted** that the annual inspection is in addition to the operational and visual inspections and complies with the relevant BS EN safety standards.
 - (c) **Toddler area steps** – the repair was **noted**.
 - (d) **Top gate repair** – the repair to the small gate was **noted** but consideration needs to be given to replacing the large wooden gate with a metal gate and posts.
 - (e) **Timber kick rail** – the repair was **noted**.
 - (f) **Playing field lower area and George V memorial tree sapling** – it was **agreed** to approve Redwood Landscapes quote of £934 (+vat) to clear and plant the lower area of the playing field.
- 207/23 **MUGA** –
- (a) **MUGA surface repair** – the Leisure Services Manager will carry out the repair when the weather is suitable; temporary closure of the MUGA will be necessary.
 - (b) **Storage box** – it was **agreed** to purchase a replacement storage box at a cost of £235 (inc. vat) and to place it in a safer location to prevent damage.
- 208/23 **Confidential - Bowling Green Access** – there were no updates to report and the matter will be removed as a standing item on the LFAC agenda.
- 209/23 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – a meeting of the trustees will be held on 12 March 2024
- 210/23 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)**
- (a) **Bus stop information** – the Committee supported Cllr Hill’s proposal to publish information on tracking bus times but wishes to consider alternative solutions as to how and where the information will be displayed.
 - (b) **Flagpole plaque** – the commemorative plaque will be fitted on 14 February 2024.
 - (c) **Flags** – it was **agreed** to purchase a new Union flag (£122.08) and a St George’s flag (£101.29).
 - (d) **Toilet signage** – DCC has installed new directional disabled/toilet signage in the village centre.

- (e) **Plant swap event** – Hathersage Horticultural Society’s annual plant swap will be taking place on 25th May 2024, with monies raised donated to local food banks.
 - (f) **Step ladders** – it was **agreed** to purchase of a set of step ladders (4 tread Mac Allister £45, EN 131 compliant) for the HoH meeting room
 - (g) **Heater** – a small fan heater will be trialled in the meeting prior to any purchase.
 - (h) **Projector** – it was **agreed** to purchase a mini projector; Philips NeoPix £89 (inc vat) for use during Parish Council Planning Committee meetings.
- 211/23 **Litter and Dog Waste Baulk Lane** – DDDC Cllrs Peter O’Brien and Simon Ripton will be requesting that DDDC reinstate the dog waste bin on Baulk Lane.
- 212/23 **Millennium Commemorative Tree Plaques** – Cllr Jane Marsden has arranged for commemorative tree plaques to be refitted on stone.
- 213/23 **Grit Bins** – a Highways decision to site a new grit bin on Higger Lane is still awaited. The Clerk has reported an empty grit bin on Hillfoot to DCC, and an impacted grit bin on Smithy Meadows to Platform Housing. Cllr James Marsden will check the grit bins and top up if bad weather is forecast.
- 214/23 **Parish Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer and Volunteers**
- (a) the new footpath volunteers have received their induction briefing and all will be issued with a basic first aid kit.
 - (b) following a minor amendment, the footpath risk assessment was **approved**.
- 215/23 **Biodiversity**
- (a) **Biodiversity duty** – preliminary research has been undertaken and the Assistant Clerk and Cllr Jane Marden will meet to draft a policy statement and proposed action plan for consideration by full Council.
 - (b) **Bund wall and planting** – the local re-wilding group will be asked to submit a costed request for financial support with improving the soil and planting in the Bund Wall area. The Parish Council will obtain a quote from a local tree surgeon to remove the dead tree.
- 216/23 **Defibrillator and Emergency Bleed Kit training (10 March 2024)** – Ian Weeks will be organising an additional training session (10 March 2024) on using a defibrillator and emergency bleed kit.
- 217/23 **Paving Area Outside Chemists** – Cllrs expressed their concerns that the landlord was not responding to any communications from the Parish Council requesting that the paved area is repaired and forms an access level. Cllr Heather Rodgers is to explore options on taking the matter further.
- 218/23 **Church Bank Handrail** - the overgrown vegetation covering the handrail has been cut back by DCC.
- 219/23 **Potholes** – the Parish Council has reported two large potholes on Oddfellows Road to DCC; Cllrs have made representations to DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton seeking urgent repair of all potholes in Hathersage.
- 220/23 **River Derwent Stepping Stones Hathersage** – the extended closure of parts of public footpaths 8 and 24 was **noted**. DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton has informed the Parish Council that it will not be until the summer to know if any repair work will be undertaken.
- 221/23 **Village infrastructure developments** – Cllrs are in favour in seeking to develop more parking and a safe accessible route from the station to the village centre but requires expertise to help develop any proposals.
- 222/23 **Burial Ground Capacity/New Land** – no updates to report.
- 223/23 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention** - none
- 224/23 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** - none
- 225/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm