

Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee

12 March 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Heather Rodgers (Vice-Chair), Tim Hill, Bridget Hanley, and Rosie Olle.

In attendance: Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk)

- 226/23 **Apologies for absence** – apologies were **received** and **noted** from Cllrs James Marsden, Peter Rowland, and Anne Yule.
- 227/23 **Order of business** – there were no variations.
- 228/23 **Public participation** – none.
- 229/23 **Declaration of interests** – none.
- 230/23 **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2024** – the minutes were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 231/23 **Playground and Play Equipment**
- (a) **AES Operational Inspection Report (February 2024)** – the Report was **received** and **noted**.
 - (b) **RoSPA Annual Inspections** – it was **agreed** to register for the automatic annual inspection schedule.
 - (c) **Playing Field Paths** – following consideration of two quotes, it was **agreed** to award Nick Howarth Landscaping the contract to clean the tarmac paths in the playing fields at a cost of £90 (+vat).
 - (d) **Toddler Area Bark** – payment of £1475 (+vat) to Redwood Landscapes for renewing and replacing the bark was **approved**.
- 232/23 **Annual Mowing Contract** – Redwood Landscape’s quote to annually mow the Millenium Gardens, Playing Fields, and Burial Ground at a cost of £30, £200, and £90 (+vat) per mow, was **approved**.
- 233/23 **MUGA** –
- (a) **MUGA surface repair** – the repair will be undertaken during a period of dry weather.
 - (b) **Storage box** – the new storage box has been delivered and fitted.
- 234/23 **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – Cllr Heather Rodger will arrange a meeting of the trustees to take place after the April LFAC meeting.
- 235/23 **Heart of Hathersage (HoH)**
- (a) **Bus stop information** – it was **agreed** not to provide bus tracking information on a permanent noticeboard, but to post details of tracking buses near the main village bus stops. Cllr Tim Hill will continue to raise bus reliability issues with BSIP, and any further Parish Council discussions will be considered by Transport Committee.
 - (b) **Parish Rooms (vets) external light** – the electrician has checked the light and modified the sensor.
 - (c) **Shuttleworth Lamp repair** – the repair is in progress.
 - (d) **External light socket** – the repair is in progress.
- 236/23 **Bund wall**
- (a) **Tree Removal** – it was **agreed** to appoint Tree Fellas to remove two dead trees on the Bund Wall, Jagers Lane at a cost of £332.50 (+vat)
- 237/23 **Biodiversity**
- (a) **Policy and Action Plan** – the Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan were **approved**.
 - (b) **Biodiversity Fund** – it was **agreed** to recommend to full Council that a fund is established to support local groups seeking to improve biodiversity in the village and surrounding area.
 - (c) **Local groups** – the Parish Council is keen to share information and support the work of local groups such as the Stanage Forum, local farmers, Derwent Valley Rivers Trust, Hathersage Rewilding and Hope Valley Climate Action. Cllr Heather Rodgers will contact Hathersage Church Wardens to discuss the feasibility of their ‘power tools for teenagers’ activity supplying bird boxes for community use.
 - (d) **Monitoring and reporting** – biodiversity activity will be monitored by LFAC on a quarterly basis, and achievements reported in the Parish Council’s Annual Report.

- 238/23 **Defibrillators**
- (a) **Maintenance**– the 2023 record of monthly checks was **noted**, and thanks expressed to local volunteer Ian Weeks. It was **agreed** to repair the light on the Derwent Lane defibrillator.
 - (b) **Defibrillator and Emergency Bleed Kit training (10 March 2024)** – the cancellation of the event due to insufficient numbers was **noted**.
- 239/23 **Millenium Tree Plaques** – it was **agreed** to allocate a budget of up to £250 to fit the plaques onto stones, and to delegate authority to the Chair to agree a price with the contractor, within these limits.
- 240/23 **Paving Area Outside Chemists** – the safety of the paving area is to be raised, as a safety issue, with DDDC at a forthcoming meeting.
- 241/23 **Baulk Lane Dog Waste Bins** – it is understood that DDDC will be re-instating the dog waste bin on Baulk, following representations by Cllr Simon Ripton, but confirmation is being sought.
- 242/23 **Burial Ground Capacity** – the Assistant Clerk provided a verbal update on discussions with DDDC regarding potential funding and provision of new land. Due to DDDC’s financial constraints, there is no funding available for land purchase, nor any related costs. The Parish Council does have some funding designated for additional burial ground provision. It was **agreed** to approach local landowners to explore the possibility of land becoming available (subject to any usual planning approval and feasibility investigations). It is understood that the Parish Council does not have a legal duty to provide a burial ground, but it will consider consultation with residents on provision for cremation stones and will also explore burial provision in the Hope Valley. There remain currently only around 30 spaces in Hathersage Burial Ground
- 243/23 **Any other maintenance, repairs, or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention** – none.
- 244/23 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – none.
- 245/23 **Next meeting - Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 9pm.