

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2024, 7.30pm

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair); Martin Bloor; Tim Hill; Heather Rodgers; James Shuttleworth

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); PCSO Anthony Boswell (*part*); member of the public Carol Collins (*part*)

049/24 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllrs Alex Campbell, Steve Dempsey, B Hanley, W Hanley, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Peter Rowland and Nick Williams; and from DDDC Cllrs Peter O’Brien and Simon Ripton.

050/24 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.

051/24 **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr Hill in relation to a reimbursement of expenses.

052/24 **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.

b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will have an opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

Police: PCSO Boswell shared data on recorded crimes over the past month. He referenced current Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) priorities including road safety – illegal and unsafe parking – flagging areas where motorists have been targeted and ticketed. He also referenced a focus on motorist speed reduction and the contributions of the Hathersage Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSW) volunteer team. Noted six-seven Hathersage CSW volunteers have been trained and are currently active. PCSO Boswell expanded on protocols – the CSW volunteer team liaises with the police CSW team about planned sessions at approved sites/road sections and emails a session report/data to the police CSW team.

Burglaries – PCSO Boswell referenced SNT advice and support to residents around crime prevention including incorporating crime prevention sessions at local events. Cllrs asked about delivery of a session during the Hathersage Gala; noted Gala organisers would have to submit a formal request to the SNT. Cllr Bloor referenced burglary data and queried whether reported suspicious incidents were included. PCSO Boswell noted suspicious incidents were not included in crime data – where a crime has been formally reported and noted – however all suspicious incidents reported, e.g. via 101 – are logged and followed up. PCSO Boswell advised that all suspicious incidents be reported via 101. PCSO Boswell enquired about whether the Hathersage CCTV system was functional/running again. The Clerk responded noting recent repairs and noting the contractor will investigate re-integrating CCTV cameras/the wireless connection from the George, in July. The Clerk also noted she would be approaching PCSO Boswell and the DDDC CCTV Officer for advice on responding to CCTV requests. *PCSO Boswell left the meeting.*

Hedgehogs: Carol Collins referenced previous discussions with the Parish Council about measures to support the local hedgehog population, noting outcomes of a recent Hathersage Rewilding Group survey of hedgehog sightings. She expanded on the Hathersage Horticultural Society invitation to a national expert (Hugh Warwick) to come to Hathersage to deliver a talk to the Horticultural Society on 21 November (members of the public will be welcome to attend). Ms Collins asked if the Parish Council would contribute towards the costs. Cllrs indicated support; **there was majority agreement on a donation of £100.00**; as a member of Hathersage Horticultural Society Cllr Rodgers abstained from this vote. Hathersage Horticultural Society bank account details to be shared with the RFO. Noted Mr Warwick will also deliver a talk to pupils at St Michael’s School, on 22 November.

Rewilding: the Chair referenced potential sites (verges) for rewilding e.g. by the Crofts; Cllrs surmised this was most likely the property of Platform Housing. Ms Collins referenced some previous conversations with Crofts residents however it had not been pursued.

Signed:

Date:

- 053/24 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 4 June 2024 were **confirmed**; and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 054/24 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **Baulk Lane Bin and liaison with DDDC Officers:** the Chair referenced two recent meetings with DDDC Officers and outcomes of the most recent meeting on 28 June, at Baulk Lane, at which DDDC Officers had **agreed** to the provision of a traditional four-corner opening bin at the corner of the cricket ground (by the disused entrance gate); HPC to pay for the bin and for the annual refuse collection charge. Noted, also, the DDDC offer of a third Big Belly bin in the village – if a suitable site can be found.
- Cllr Rodgers noted that, following the Baulk Lane meeting, she had gone with the Officers to Bank House to flag the issues with sitings of Bank House bins; Officers had taken photographs and agreed to follow the matter up **ACTION – Clerk to ask DDDC Officers to share the photographs**. Noted a recent complaint from a Hathersage resident in relation to Bank House bins including whether planning permissions are being breached – noted the matter had been referred to PDNPA Planning Enforcement.
- .2 **Oral report of a recent meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton:** Cllrs had asked Cllr Sutton to pursue a response from DCC Highways Officers on a number of queries raised by HPC. Noted an Officer had subsequently responded. Cllr Hill expanded on the Highways response including confirmation that DCC is the landowner in relation to two sites the Parish Council is investigating as possible sites for some additional parking provision; and confirmation that DCC will replace two corroded lighting columns so that Speed Indicator Signs (SIDS) can be affixed. Cllr Hill referenced his circulation of quotes (£6,925 excl VAT) for two SIDS; the Clerk flagged that the quotes had been circulated after the agenda had been published and the quote was not included on the agenda, for approval. Noted the quote was valid for two months from date of issue (28 June). **Agreed** to add the quote to the August HPC agenda for formal approval; Cllr Hill to liaise with the provider in the interim noting agreement in principle. Noted DCC will need to replace the lighting columns before the SIDS can be installed but that purchase of the SIDS can go ahead (and delivery delayed if necessary). The Clerk referenced queries around speed signage, whether the Parish Council needed General Power of Competence, and seeking DALC advice.
- 055/24 **Donation request** from Hathersage Horticultural Society in relation to supporting preservation of the hedgehog population. Addressed under minute 054/24 b) – donation of £100.00 agreed.
- 056/24 **Hathersage Transformed: the way forwards** – further meeting of the working group to be scheduled - any other interested Cllrs welcome to attend. Cllr Hill suggested taking a more holistic approach noting it may be useful to have some external {to Hathersage} input. Also noted consultation will be undertaken with Hathersage residents further down the line. Cllr Rodgers suggested all Cllrs reflect on what could be addressed through this initiative noting, for example, she had observed that very low curbs made it easier for vehicles to mount (and park on) pavements.
- 057/24 **Financial Matters:**
- .1 RFO referenced ongoing VAT reclaims noting he has had a request for more detailed information in relation to some claims.
- .2 Cllrs Jane Marsden and Heather Rodgers **approved** the majority of accounts for payment – totalling £43,496.16 including £961.71 VAT. This was less the amount of £1,320 to Solutions 2 on the payments for approval sheet – a query was raised on this payment – to be addressed before payment is made **ACTION for the Clerk and RFO**.
- .3 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Bill Hanley and Pete Rowland) from the agreed schedule for the August 2024 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the August 2024 meeting. RFO suggested the Council have reserve signatories in the event approved signatories from the schedule are away, or ill (as was the case for this meeting). **Agreed** that the Chair and Vice Chair be delegated as substitutes; queried whether this needed to be reflected in the Standing Orders **ACTION for the Clerk**.
- .4 **Parish Council Insurance** – RFO noted he had yet to share a draft list of items for insurance; he flagged a possible detriment i.e. where a claim is needed/proposed but the item is not listed.

- .5 **Heart of Hathersage electricity contract:** to **consider** options (circulated). **Unanimously agreed** the three-year EDF online option (Cllrs Hill and Rodgers to sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council).
- .6 **Shuttleworth Lamp – update** on the terms of contract with the electricity supplier. RFO noted the electricity was on an unmetered supply. The Parish Council broker had noted the lamp appeared to be connected both to a commercial and a domestic meter. The broker had acknowledged charges were excessive and noted they were looking to clarify charge details and seek a rebate; to that end they requested a photo of the front of the meter/s showing the meter/s numbers; **ACTION - RFO to ask contractor Chris Schofield to action this.**
- .7 **Cllr expenses:** the Clerk noted she had asked DALC to put out a message to other Derbyshire parish councils asking about how they manage Cllr expenses; response awaited.
- .8 **Opus dispute:** *the RFO briefly left the meeting while the matter was discussed.* Cllrs noted it had emerged that the Parish Council had neither confirmed, with Opus, the 2021 decision to pay for Opus to collect the two no-longer-used meters, nor had the agreed payment been made. Cllrs noted a collective failure to pick up on this. Noted, ahead of the meeting, the majority of Cllrs had agreed that the Parish Council pay any outstanding amounts to Opus – **unanimously formally agreed by Cllrs in attendance.** RFO to liaise further with Opus on payment; payment to be approved either ahead of or at August HPC.
- 058/24 **Committees and Working Groups:** to **receive** minutes *where meetings have been held since the previous month's full Council meeting*; **consider** recommendations; **note** actions
Leisure, Amenities and Facilities Committee: **received** minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2024. Referenced the proposed new seat on Station Approach **ACTION – Cllr Rodgers to get/share costs/quotes – for approval at August HPC.**
 Noted disappointment at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) response re Parish Council flagged concerns about the state of the footway outside the Pharmacy; noted the matter had been raised with DDDC Environmental Health – response awaited.
 The Chair referenced a recent meeting with Friends of the Millennium Gardens and agreement reached re mounting of plaques on stones.
- .1 **Alliance Environmental Services (AES) and renewal of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) 2024-25** (for safety inspections and minor repairs of playing field equipment). Referenced discrepancies between RoSPA report and recommendations, and AES inspection reports/recommendations **ACTION - Clerk to convene a site meeting between AES Officers and Cllrs – signing of the SLA contingent on a satisfactory outcome/resolution.**
- 059/24 **Swimming Pool Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2024.
- 060/24 **Transport Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2024. Noted earlier references to committee business (minute 054/24.2). Cllr Hill referenced a recent Bus Services Improvement Partnership (BSIP) meeting noting comments he made on the impact of roadworks on bus services had been welcome by the bus companies. Cllr Hill flagged poor weekend train services with many cancellations. Cllr Hill referenced the complaint submitted to the Traffic Commissioner about Hulleys bus services and some interim response/s from the Commissioner, pending a fuller response.
- 061/24 **HR Matters**
- .1 **Assistant Clerk:** **noted** a recent appointment to this post and a start date of 6 August.
- 062/24 **IT - including the HPC website; social media**
- .1 **Cllr IT devices** and provision of electronic notebooks/other device to Cllrs for use exclusively for Parish Council business: the Clerk noted she had asked DALC to put out a message to other Derbyshire parish councils in relation to those who make provision; response awaited.
- 063/24 **Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the June 2024 meeting including:
 - PDNPA Parishes Bulletin
 - Minutes of a recent Stange Forum meeting
- Facebook** – referenced a recently set up public Facebook page 'Concerned for Castleton' with a focus on parking, speeding and some environmental issues – and a query from a Hathersage resident about

whether the Parish Council could/would facilitate a similar Facebook page for Hathersage. Agreed it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to do so however noted the longer-term aims to engage Hathersage residents on some of these issues through the Hathersage Transformed initiative. Agreed the Clerk should respond to the Facebook post/poster referencing the Hathersage Transformed initiative and plans for consultation with/involvement of residents ***ACTION for the Clerk.***

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Village Matters

.1 **Hathersage News:** to **agreed** HPC news/items for inclusion in the next issue – new bin for Baulk Lane; hedge cutting – reminding residents to look to cut hedges back (from the end of August).

.2 **Several other matters were raised by Cllrs**

Hedges and or vegetation needing to be cut back

- Mayfield Terrace (behind pharmacy) – vegetation needs cutting back ***ACTION – Clerk to flag with DCC;***
- Hathersage Hall (School Lane) – hedge/vegetation needs cutting back ***ACTION – Clerk to flag with Hall owners/residents;***
- Old School House – overhanging hedge ***ACTION – Clerk to flag with School House owners/residents;***

Flood measures: Cllr Shuttleworth flagged implementation of some new DCC flood prevention measures; and ongoing dialogue re measures at/around Hathersage Hall.

- **Shuttleworth Lamp:** Cllr Shuttleworth flagged that the lamp needs more maintenance other than a further coat of paint – he suggested the lamp be taken down, thoroughly cleaned (shot-blasted) and painted; he noted the Shuttleworth family would consider making a contribution to the costs. Cllrs indicated support for this measure ***ACTION – Clerk to add this item to the 9 July LFAC agenda.***

Burial Ground: RFO flagged that DDDC have doubled fees for non-DDDC residents – to be borne in mind where/when permission is next sought for a non-DDDC resident burial.

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Memorial Hall: noted the next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 10 July.

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Noted DALC circulars and other items circulated since the June 2024 meeting.

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Date and time of next meeting – 6 August 2024; noted items had been flagged in the minutes, for the August agenda; noted an additional item - renewal of the pool water contract.

Meeting closed at 21.20; a meeting of the King George's Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.