

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 August 2024, 7.30pm

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair); Alex Campbell; Martin Bloor; B Hanley; W Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers; Nick Williams

In attendance: Chris Cave (RFO); Andrew Gibbs (Assistant Clerk); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DDDC Cllrs Peter O'Brien and Simon Ripton (*part*)

- 068/24 Apologies for absence **received** and **accepted** from Cllrs Steve Dempsey, Peter Rowland and James Shuttleworth; from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton; and from the police (a report had been provided – too late to share ahead of the meeting – Clerk to share subsequent to the meeting).
- 069/24 New Assistant Clerk Andrew Gibbs was welcomed.
- 070/24 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 071/24 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 072/24 **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.
- DDDC:** Cllr Peter O'Brien referenced progress with Hathersage affordable housing proposals noting DDDC (with their partner housing association) were looking to share proposals and consult with the public in September – date, time and venue to be confirmed.
- Cllrs O'Brien and Ripton also referenced previous discussions about siting electrical vehicle chargers (EVCs) in Oddfellows Road car park and in other car parks in the Dales. They confirmed this initiative was not going ahead, related to a policy change on EVC provision in public spaces. Noted DCC was now looking at EVC provision for residents including related changes to street infrastructure e.g. setting charging points on lampposts. Cllrs commented on challenges for electrical vehicle owners in finding charging points.
- Cllr Ripton noted DDDC still proposed to proceed with changes to the Oddfellows car park layout; Cllrs confirmed the DDDC Neighbourhoods Manager had already informed the Council. Cllr Ripton suggested undertaking public consultation on broad parking concerns, possibly alongside consulting with residents on affordable housing proposals. The Chair expanded on HPC consideration of parking issues as part of the Hathersage Transformation initiative.
- Police:** noted a report had been shared shortly prior to the start of the meeting – Clerk to circulate the report, after the meeting.
- DCC matters:** Cllrs flagged overgrown vegetation in the A6187 cycle lane noting it was worse in the section for which High Peak Borough Council was responsible – agreed to ask DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton to make representations **action for the Clerk**.
- 073/24 Minutes of the HPC meeting of 2 July 2024 were **confirmed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 074/24 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- .1 **PDNPA – oral report/update from Parish Member Cllr W Hanley** – Cllr Hanley referenced the PDNPA Draft Local Plan (see below).
- .2 **PDNPA Draft Local Plan - noted** public consultation is to be undertaken early autumn and **noted** Peak Park Parishes Forum (PPPF) suggestions/recommendations re parish councils considering the plan and making a response. Cllr W Hanley confirmed he is on the PDNPA Local Plan working group and that he would share group discussions etc.
- .3 **Camper van parking around Stanage Edge and communications with PDNPA: noted** correspondence between Cllr W Hanley and PDNPA. Cllr Hanley reiterated that he had been

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taken aback by the negative PDNPA response. Cllr O'Brien shared Cllr Hanley's disappointment and noted many parishes within the Peak Park flag this a concern; he suggested it be one of the foci at the autumn Parishes Day.

Cllr Hanley queried why PDNPA were not taking a more proactive approach as they had done in other areas e.g. the Roaches. Cllr Hanley suggested PDNPA should be challenged on their response and held to account. Cllrs noted the lack of deterrent signage at Stanage Edge also noting PDNPA favoured minimal signage. The impact of campervans - taking additional spaces and preventing other motorists parking; damage to verges – was acknowledged. Cllr Hanley asked that HPC formally request PDNPA to come up with a workable plan for Stanage Edge which would include managing – and limiting – campervan access and parking including overnight parking ***ACTION – to further discuss a formal HPC response to PDNPA at the September meeting of the Transport Committee.***

075/24 **Emergency item – new playing field gate:** the Chair expanded noting a recent inspection of the gate leading from Back Lane to the playing field – significant further deterioration of the gatepost evidenced an urgent need to replace the gate. Cllrs **unanimously approved** a quote of £976.75 to fit a new gate.

076/24 **Donation request** from Hathersage Luncheon Centre, towards their running costs. Noted the Parish Council would need the Luncheon Centre to identify a specific cost in relation to their donation request. Cllr Rodgers suggested the biggest cost to the Centre was minibus hire. ***ACTION – Clerk to liaise further with the Centre.***

077/24 **Hathersage Transformation, the way forwards - update** from the working group. Cllr Hill referenced a funding opportunity shared by DDCVS – the UK Community Resilience Grant Scheme. Noted this funding would be for HPC to fund a feasibility study e.g. commissioning a Consultant ***ACTION – Cllr Hill and the Clerk to complete the funding application form.*** The Chair suggested looking to convene a public meeting, seeking residents' input, in the autumn.

078/24 **Financial Matters:**

- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Noted HMRC had now accepted all VAT reclaims in respect of the non-business ruling. Cllrs thanked the RFO for all his work in this matter. The RFO asked Cllrs how they wanted to invest the money. He noted the challenges for parish councils in opening bank accounts and noted he had not yet been able to find another appropriate account. Cllrs asked the RFO to undertake some further research and present options to Cllrs at the September meeting – investment decision to be agreed, then. Noted HPC had been on an incorrect charges tariff with Unity Trust Bank but had now been moved to the correct tariff.
- .2 Accounts for payment totalling £63,835.55 including £2,198.56 VAT were **approved**.
- .3 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs S Dempsey and B Hanley) from the agreed schedule for the September 2024 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the September 2024 meeting.
- .4 **Payment of Cllr expenses:** noted this had been queried with DALC but no response had been received, yet ***ACTION – RFO to query this with the Internal Auditor; Clerk to enquire with other (larger) parish councils and town councils how they manage Cllr expenses.***
Committees and Working Groups: to receive minutes *where meetings have been held since the previous month's full Council meeting*; consider recommendations; note actions

079/24 **Leisure, Amenities and Facilities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 9 July 2024.

- .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). The Chair referenced outcomes of a RoSPA inspection and Cllr queries about some of the recommendations. Cllr Rodgers referenced a recent meeting with AES where the queries had been addressed. Noted Cllr Hill and Rodgers had been impressed with AES observations, and knowledge. Agreed to continue with annual RoSPA inspections; noted HPC had contracted with RoSPA for three years. Cllr Hill noted AES had suggested checking manufacturer specifications on maintenance and inspection of play equipment ***action for the Clerk.***

- .2 **Brook House and Right of Access arrangements:** to **consider** the LFAC recommendation that the Council pay £1K to Mr Mee towards his time/legal costs in addition to the £2.5K already agreed as a contribution towards the annual license fees paid for a number of years. In discussion there was some disagreement on whether HPC should pay the additional £1K, or a smaller amount, however following a majority vote payment of an additional £1K was **agreed**; **Chair, RFO and Clerk to liaise on wording of the response to Mr Mee on full and final settlement.**
- .3 **Burial Ground:** **noted** a response from the Shuttleworth Trust about making additional land available. The Chair suggested approaching PDNPA about potential additional burial site/s and related permissions **item for September LFAC meeting.** Cllr Rodgers referenced a previous proposal to stop allowing burials and allow interment of ashes only.
- .4 **Station Approach – new seat:** Cllr Rodgers referenced a TDP 1.5m bench at a cost of £417.26; Cllrs **approved** this expenditure. Noted there would be additional costs for provision of a concrete base – HPC to meet these costs and seek a local contractor to undertake the work. The Clerk had enquired with DCC whether DCC permission was needed **ACTION – Clerk to prompt DCC for a response**
- .5 **Shuttleworth Lamp:** Cllr Hill expanded on outcomes of investigations into why the lamp has not been working and noted outcomes of liaison with DCC Officers and others. Noted the priority was to get the lamp working again, before the autumn/winter. Cllr Hill suggested costs could be in the region of £4-5K. The RFO flagged that this work had not been included in the 2024-25 budget; Cllrs **noted** this, further noting this unanticipated work (and associated costs) was a health and safety issue and was necessary. Cllr Rodgers noted Cllr Shuttleworth had a contact with some knowledge relevant to the work; Cllr Hill to liaise with Cllr Shuttleworth. Noted further lamp refurbishment would be considered in Spring/Summer 2025 – and should be considered in 2025-26 budget planning. RFO reported that Npower had issued credit notes reducing their charges for the period the lamp had been inoperative.
- .6 **CCTV –** noted that, following an investigation by Mytec of the CCTV cameras and wireless connection at The George hotel, it had been found that the ANPR camera was working but the static camera and wireless link were both faulty. Cllrs **considered** and **approved** the Mytec quote of £2,550.00 (excl VAT). Cllrs queried provision of a power backup for the CCTV system in the event of a power interruption **ACTION – Clerk to query with Mytec.**
- 080/24 **Swimming Pool Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 16 July 2024.
- .1 **Winter 2024-25 pool timetable:** Cllr W Hanley referenced SPC-agreed changes to weekend openings. Cllrs **approved** the timetable.
- .2 **Winter 2024-25 pool user charges:** the RFO referenced previous charge increases (2022-23) and flagged that VAT reclaimed since then had, in effect, significantly increased pool income. Cllrs acknowledged this and the sums of money currently held for investment in the pool including the pool heating project, and premises development. Cllr W Hanley flagged future asset replacement and ensuring the Council has sufficient funds going forward to cover these and all ongoing pool costs. Cllrs also noted support for regular, incremental increases in pool user charges. Cllrs **unanimously approved** the proposed increases.
- .3 **Pool tiling work (and other works to be undertaken simultaneously):** further communication was awaited from the tiling contractor on rescheduled dates – suggested it is likely to be late September/early October. Noted a new contractor is being sought for veranda joinery work.
- .4 **Pool Heating Project**
- a. To **agree** to commission Nova Acoustics to undertake a further heat pump-related acoustic survey. Cllr Hill expanded on this further noting the survey was predicated on getting confirmation of further heat pump details from SHEco. **Unanimously agreed** to commission Nova Acoustics to undertake a survey; Cllr Hill to liaise further with Nova.
 - b. Further consideration of who (in what role) would be most appropriate to take the project forward and how the Council would seek expressions of interest – this is to be discussed at September SPC.

- .5 **Pool Facilities Project:** to **agree in principle** appointing a Project Manager or agree to seek quotes/interest from architects to design and manage the project. The Chair expanded on this. Cllr W Hanley suggested the Council first needs to produce a more detailed brief. Cllr Hill suggested this would be the remit of a professional Project Manager (in conjunction with Cllrs). Cllrs W Hanley and B Hanley queried tying-in this project with the heating project – and queried crossover between the two projects. Cllr Hill suggested the heating initiative is a standalone project, and that both projects could proceed independently, in parallel. Following further discussion it was **agreed** a brief be produced and shared with Cllrs **action for the working group**. Cllr W Hanley further suggested asking local architects interested in the project to provide a (free) basic brief.
- .6 **CCTV:** **noted** Mytec have installed a new CCTV system at the pool; Mytec to link the system to the CCTV platform on the Clerk laptop.
- 081/24 **Transport Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 9 July 2024.
- .1 **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS):** expenditure on two SIDS **unanimously approved**; noted lampposts will have to be replaced (by DCC) before the devices can be installed.
- .2 **Oddfellows Road Car Park:** **considered** DDDC proposals on changes to the car park layout, also taking into account previous Parish Council proposals on layout changes. Cllr W Hanley noted the small ‘hut’ is to be removed by DDDC. Cllr Hill referenced siting of the Salvation Army clothing bank. Also referenced HPC suggestions on siting of disabled parking bays **ACTION – Clerk to share the suggestions with the DDDC Neighbourhoods Manager**. Noted the offer by the DDDC Neighbourhoods Manager to meet with Cllrs **ACTION – Clerk to liaise with the Neighbourhood Manager and Cllrs re convening a meeting at the car park**. The Clerk noted enquiries from local residents about the proposals – DDDC proposals had been shared with them.
- .3 Cllrs flagged a couple of deteriorating give way signs – at the bottom of Jaggars Lane (outside the School House); and on the corner of Jaggars Lane and Coggers Lane **ACTION – Clerk to post details on the DCC reporting portal**.
- 082/24 **Planning Committee:** **received** minutes of the meeting of 22 July 2024.
- 083/24 **HR Matters:** **noted** a meeting of the Human Resources Committee scheduled for Tuesday 24 September 2024 (7.30pm).
- 084/24 **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. Noted this had been queried with DALC but no response had been received, yet. Noted PDNP practice in provision for their parish members. **ACTION - RFO to query parish council financial regulations and expenditure on equipment for Cllrs, with the Internal Auditor**.
- 085/24 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the July 2024 meeting including:
 - Visit Derbyshire marketing award (car free adventures campaign)
 - Rural Housing Newsletter
- 086/24 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Hathersage News:** to **agree** HPC news/items for inclusion in the next issue – noted a correction to the instruction to householders on hedge cutting – that DCC do not undertake residential hedge cutting. Suggested including a report on the new SIDS.
- 087/24 **Memorial Hall:** received minutes of the 1 May 2024 meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee. Noted a further meeting had been held since then – minutes yet to be shared.
- 088/24 **Noted** DALC circulars and other items circulated since the July 2024 meeting.
- 089/24 **Date and time of next meeting – 2 September 2024;** and **noted** items for the September agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm; a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.

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