

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 October 2024, 7.30pm

Councillors present: Jane Marsden (Chair); Martin Bloor; Steve Dempsey; B Hanley; W Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers; Pete Rowland; James Shuttleworth; Nick Williams

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

- 107/24 To **receive** apologies for absence – none.
- 108/24 **Welcome** to the new Assistant Clerk, Alison Wheeler.
- 109/24 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 110/24 **Declaration of Members Interests** – none.
- 111/24 **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:** DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien asked if Cllrs had specific matters to raise. Cllrs queried the format of the 14 October DDDC-facilitated local housing consultation. Noted Cllr O'Brien (and the Clerk) had prompted the DDDC Officer for event details and publicity (to be shared on community social media and village noticeboards).
- Cllr Dempsey queried the status of repairs to the stepping stones over the River Derwent **ACTION – Clerk to ask DCC for an update.**
- DDDC Cllrs O'Brien and Ripton left the meeting.*
- Police:** no specific report/crime stats had been shared ahead of the meeting; the most recent monthly Safer Neighbourhood Team newsletter had been shared. Cllr Dempsey suggested the Council formally note disappointment at the lack of communication. Cllrs noted a recent burglary and attempted burglary about which there had been no broader contact with the local community. Cllrs reiterated points raised at the September meeting about the lack of broader reporting e.g. on attempted burglaries, noting the community does not have a full picture of crime rates. The Chair suggested naming an individual Cllr as the lead on police liaison may help improve links and communications.
- Suggested inviting members of the local Neighbourhood Watch to a meeting to investigate setting up a village-wide Neighbourhood Watch Group;** noted some streets already have WhatsApp groups monitoring their streets.
- 112/24 **Confirmation of minutes** - minutes of the HPC meeting of 3 September 2024 were **confirmed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 113/24 **PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**
- Update from 26 September meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton** - an oral report was shared **written notes of the meeting to follow.**
- .1 **PDNPA – oral report/update from Parish Member Cllr W Hanley.** Cllr W Hanley referenced a recent board meeting and some concern at a lack of response from PDNPA Officers on matters raised. He flagged concern at the lack of focus on issues impacting Peak Park residents e.g. parking (including camper van parking) at Stanage Edge. The Chair noted similar concerns in the Stanage Forum re the lack of response and engagement from PDNPA Officers. **The Chair highlighted the forthcoming Stanage Forum AGM on 16 October, in the Stanage Hall.**
- Cllr W Hanley noted his input on the PDNPA Planning Committee (noting he declares an interest in any Hathersage planning applications).

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- .2 **PDNPA Draft Local Plan:** noted the consultation is scheduled to start on 7 October. Cllr Olle noted this will be an opportunity for members of the public to comment on issues and options (not PDNPA policies) and an opportunity for the Parish Council to flag matters of interest/concern. Cllrs noted the Council need to consider the draft Local Plan and a Parish Council response ***ACTION – agreed to schedule an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm (Clerk to book a meeting room).***
- .3 **DDDC and local needs housing consultation:** noted a forthcoming local consultation meeting – Monday 14 October, 3pm to 7pm, in the Memorial Hall (Main Hall).
- .4 **Peak Park Parishes Forum (PPPF) and call for management committee members from member parishes;** an **update.** The Parish Council **unanimously agreed** to nominate Cllr W Hanley for membership of the PPPF management committee ***ACTION – Clerk to confirm the nomination with the PPPF Secretary.***
- .5 **Forthcoming Parishes Day (12 October) - noted.**

114/24

Hope Valley Active Travel Masterplan: any **update.** Cllr Hill commented on the most recent message/update noting it reflected that points raised by Hope Valley Parish Council representatives (at a September meeting) had been taken onboard, in particular the need for reliable bus services. Cllr Hill referenced consultation on the Masterplan. Noted the focus is on benefits for Hope Valley residents including improving ‘walking and wheeled’ access. Noted the Masterplan will cover/reference some areas adjacent to the Hope Valley. Cllrs raised some queries and suggestions re siting of cycle lanes. Noted the Masterplan may not include specifics on additional funding for bus services however Cllrs reiterated the need for significant improvements to public transport and that the consultation could be an opportunity to reiterate this with DCC (and with the DCC-led Bus Service Improvement Partnership).

115/24

Hathersage verges – maintenance; rewilding and managed approach. The Chair noted representatives of the local rewilding group reps had been invited to attend the 8 October LFAC meeting; she further noted she was looking to convene a meeting with members of the rewilding group and a DDDC Officer. Cllr Olle noted the group do want the opportunity to share what they are looking to achieve in the designated verges. Cllrs reiterated points raised at the September HPC meeting around dissatisfaction with current management of the designated rewilding verges. Cllrs queried verge ownership; suggested, as verges are part of the highway, the land is owned by DCC – acknowledged this needs clarification.

116/24

Donation requests

- .1 **Peak Time Kids Club (PKTC):** to **consider.** Noting St Michael’s School also makes use of the space, queried whether/the extent to which the school contributes funding to PKTC ***ACTION – Clerk to query this with PKTC; Clerk to also advise PKTC to approach DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton re funding.***

117/24

Financial Matters:

- .1 **Received** the RFO’s Report.
- .2 Accounts totalling £45,076.54 including £1,815.76 VAT were **approved** for payment. Cllr W Hanley queried toilet cleaning costs. The RFO noted the charges were a significant increase on charges by the previous contractor. Confirmed that as of 1 October daily cleaning was dropping from twice to once daily; noted this will reduce costs.
- .3 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and approved signatories (Cllrs Jane Marsden and Tim Hill) from the agreed schedule for the November 2024 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the November 2024 meeting. **The RFO confirmed he would produce a new six-month schedule (December 2024 to May 2025) and share it with Cllrs.**
- .4 Parish Rooms rent review – noted the proposed increase had been **agreed** by Park Veterinary Practice.
- .5 East Midlands Audit Service (EMAS) and systems access in the event of an RFO emergency. The RFO expanded on arrangements including the proposal that EMAS have access to the Unity Trust Bank account to set up payments for authorisation by Cllrs; **this was unanimously agreed.**
- .6 Contribution towards pool staff Christmas meal – to **approve** expenditure for the 2024 pool staff Christmas meal; and to **agree** that, in future, this matter should be dealt with by pool

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management. Noted the cost per head of the Christmas meal had not been confirmed. Noted costs last year were £35.00 per head; **agreed to contribute £35.00 per head, this year, for pool staff attending the Christmas meal. Agreed** that it is a matter for the Parish Council to agree the contribution, annually.

- .7 Christmas additional payment to other HPC staff: **unanimously agreed** to offer the same amount (£35.00) to other HPC staff (noted this is taxable income).

Committees and Working Groups: to receive minutes *where meetings have been held since the previous month's full Council meeting*; consider recommendations; **note** actions.

118/24

Leisure, Amenities and Facilities Committee: received minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2024. Cllr W Hanley queried the item on toilets donation signage. The Chair noted some signs removed when the toilet doors were being painted had not been found; wording on new signage is being drafted. Cllr Rodgers referenced liaison on QR signage (to facilitate electronic donations); **agreed the Council should proceed and post appropriate QR signage.** Cllr W Hanley queried the discussion on Heart of Hathersage (HoH) motorbike signage. Cllrs discussed appropriate signage and where signs should be sited – to be further discussed and agreed at the October LFAC meeting.

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Transport Committee: received minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2024.

- .1 **Noted** outcomes of the 23 September meeting with the DDDC Neighbourhoods Manager about changes to the Oddfellows Road carpark layout. Final DDDC car park proposals awaited including options to re-site bus parking spaces away from the car park. Suggested reconfiguring of the car park could add 8-10 more parking spaces. Noted Cllrs had also asked for provision of some additional lighting.

120/24

Swimming Pool Committee (SPC): received minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2024.

- .1 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - pool heating project and contractor engagement** (this minute is confidential at present due to commercial sensitivities).
- .2 **Pool heating project and management:** to **agree in principle** to appoint a Principal Designer/Project Manager. The SPC Chair noted further consideration was needed (for ongoing discussion at SPC).
- .3 **Memorial Swim (proposed date 1 November) and pool user charges:** **agreed** the proposal that no charge will be made for this session (attendees will be encouraged to make a charity donation which the pool will facilitate).

121/24

Human Resources Committee (HRC): received an oral report from the meeting of 30 September 2024; meeting minutes to be circulated in due course.

Planning Committee

- .1 **Noted** a response to a planning application ahead of the response deadline where the application was considered by the PDNPA Planning Committee before the end of the consultation period. Noted no decision was made at this meeting and the item was deferred to the next meeting however Cllrs agreed the application should not have been added to the agenda before the consultation deadline had passed. Cllrs also commented on lack of communication from PDNPA when Hathersage applications are being considered by the PDNPA Planning Committee, and lack of communication on planning decisions.

122/24

IT - including the HPC website; social media

- .1 **Comprehensive IT proposals covering the HPC website** ('back room' support; design refresh); **and provision of a shared file system:** to **consider.** The Clerk expanded on the proposals. Cllrs flagged some queries about the breadth/depth of the contractor's (Pete Hawkins) experience - noted this was outlined in his report. Also queried who would ultimately control the website – subject to the Clerk querying this with the contractor it was **unanimously agreed** to proceed with the proposals **ACTION - Clerk to liaise with Mr Hawkins.**

- .2 **Domain Registrar:** noted hathersageparishcouncil.gov.uk is now hosted by an approved registrar.
- Clerk's Report/Correspondence:** noted updates/items shared since the September 2024 meeting including:

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- DDDC review of polling places/districts/stations

- HVCA newsletters
- Stanage Forum Steering Group meeting notes

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Village Matters

- .1 **Forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade and Service arrangements – noted;** and **noted** a shuttle bus service (to St Michael’s Church) will operate - **volunteers sought**.
- .2 **New seat on Station Approach:** to **consider** approaching a contractor to advise on installation of a concrete base (and to support the Parish Council with technical details required by DCC before permission is granted). Agreed to further query, with DCC, the extent of the technical details required ***action for the Clerk – Clerk to report further to LFAC.***
- .3 **Hathersage News:** any HPC news/items for inclusion in the next issue.

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Memorial Hall: no minutes of recent meetings had been shared. Referenced a planned insulation installation in the Stanage Hall; it was hoped this would also improve the acoustics.

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

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Date and time of next meeting – 5 November 2024 - noted this meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall with a start time of 7.15pm

Noted items for the November agenda:

- **National Trust in the Peak District** – National Trust Volunteering & Community Manager and colleague to attend to share future plans for a piece of Outseats land (*TBC*).

The meeting closed at 9.28pm; a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.

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