

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the meeting of Hathersage Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 November 2024, 7.30pm

**Councillors present:** Jane Marsden (Chair); Martin Bloor; B Hanley; Tim Hill; James Marsden; Heather Rodgers; Pete Rowland; James Shuttleworth; Nick Williams

**In attendance:** Chris Cave (RFO); Maura Sorensen (Clerk); Alison Wheeler (Assistant Clerk); National Trust Volunteering and Community Manager, Abby Chillingworth and National Trust Longshaw Area Ranger, Chris Milner (*part*); and DDDC Cllr Simon Ripton (*part*)

- 133/24 Apologies for absence **received** from Cllrs Steve Dempsey; W Hanley; Rosie Olle; and from DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien.
- 134/24 To **decide** any variation in the order of business – none.
- 135/24 **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr Peter Rowland in relation to an expenses claim.
- 136/24 **Public Participation:** National Trust (NT) Volunteering and Community Manager, Abby Chillingworth and National Trust Longshaw Area Ranger, Chris Milner introduced themselves. They confirmed that, the last tenant having recently left, NT had taken over the management of a parcel of land – approximately 40 hectares - at Green House Lane, Outseats. They noted the Trust was in the early stages of management planning and, to that end, were consulting and liaising with neighbours and the community. They referenced tree planting and hay meadow restoration. Noted the land would continue to be farmed, with the possible introduction of some livestock including small breed cattle. Ms Chillingworth referenced plans to involve volunteers in tree planning (no conifers; no commercial plantations) and hedge management (noted volunteer training/courses could be offered). Ms Chillingworth also referenced a public right of way (PRoW) across the land – which will be maintained – and noted the Trust would be open to discussion about further access. Confirmed Trust liaison with PDNPA. Confirmed no new building/s were being proposed; noted some existing small barns.
- Cllr Rodgers asked whether a local group interested in looking for archaeological remains might be allowed access to the land. Ms Chillingworth and Mr Milner noted this should be possible and referenced a Trust archaeology team who could provide support.
- Ms Chillingworth and Mr Milner encouraged Cllrs to contact them with any queries, comments or suggestions. *The Chair thanked Ms Chillingworth and Mr Milner for their attendance and they left the meeting.*
- 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 Ripton referenced a number of issues:
- Oddfellows car park, new layout – a DDDC Officer had recently shared an update – further update/details awaited. Cllr Ripton referenced wider parking issues and an ongoing strategic review including a focus on 'demand management' i.e. seasonal demand.
  - Housing – following the recent withdrawal from sale of a parcel of land for which provisional plans were being drawn up, Cllr Ripton confirmed potential sites previously considered were being revisited. He asked Cllrs to flag any other potential sites of which they are aware.
  - 24 November Police and Crime Commissioner visit (1-2pm) – Cllr Ripton invited Cllrs to share any specific concerns or matters they wanted to bring to the PCC's attention.
- Commenting generally on parking issues, Cllr James Shuttleworth suggested more/better co-ordination was needed between authorities, and others – County and District/Borough Councils, PDNPA, National Trust, Northern Rail – noted the recent reintroduction of station car parking charges had pushed those who would previously have used the station car park without charge

Signed:

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into parking on surrounding streets/roads. Cllrs agreed a holistic approach was needed; noted Cllr W Hanley continued to push PDNPA to take a lead on this. The Chair flagged related discussions at the October Parishes Day and a PDNPA presentation on traffic management in the Hope Valley, Dovedale and North Lees on which she had made some comments/points. It was hoped PDNPA would liaise further with local communities, including parish councils, on these proposals.

DDDC Cllr Ripton commented on the lack of a DDDC strategic approach noting some Cllrs were challenging this. *The Chair thanked Cllr Ripton for his attendance and he left the meeting.*

**Police:** a report had been circulated earlier in the day. Cllr Bloor acknowledged there was a little more depth to this report. Cllrs expressed concerns about the numbers of crimes. Cllrs noted more specific crime details e.g. around location are sometimes shared in Derbyshire Alert. Cllrs also referenced local Neighbourhood Watch groups.

The Clerk referenced seeking a meeting with Police Officers to address Cllr concerns; Cllrs also noted a forthcoming community engagement event (Saturday 9 November, 10-11.30am, Oddfellows Road car park) where Cllrs could raise concerns with Officers.

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**Confirmation of minutes** of the HPC meeting of 1 October 2024 – an amendment was noted to minute 113/24.1 (*in relation to Cllr W Hanley's input on planning applications through the PDNPA Planning Committee*) 'I will declare an interest as an HPC councillor but will be fully involved [in considering applications] unless I declare a prejudicial interest'. With this amendment the minutes were **approved**.

**Noted** actions arising from the minutes.

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**National Trust 'Building Local Relationships'** – referenced under minute 136/24; Cllrs had no further comments.

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**PDNPA, DCC, DDDC matters; and related reports from community groups**

- .1 **PDNPA Draft Local Plan:** an extraordinary Parish Council meeting had been held on 29 October, attended by five Cllrs. Noted the Chair was reviewing meeting notes and providing additional notes – to be shared with Cllrs as soon as possible.
- .2 **Parishes Day (12 October) – any report / outcomes.** The Chair commented that the event had been well attended, and referenced workshops on housing and sustainability. Noted a PDNPA report/minutes were awaited.
- .3 **DCC Flood Risk Management: noted** slides shared from the October meeting of the Derbyshire Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum. The Chair suggested liaison with the National Trust about better measures to hold water on their land above the village.  
Cllrs commented favourably on recently completed work on the School Lane wall (boundary with Hathersage Hall) but queried the lack of inclusion of drainage holes (in the wall). Cllr Shuttleworth suggested this was the responsibility of the landowner (of Hathersage Hall) and noted he would share a document referencing the relevant responsibilities. **Agreed that, if appropriate, the Parish Council write to the owners of Hathersage Hall flagging their responsibilities for drainage measures.**

Noted other drainage measures at School Lane – clearing of the culvert; the trash screen – should help prevent future flooding.

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**Honours Nominations: noted** a call from the Derbyshire Lord Lieutenant's Office to consider appropriate nominations for a King's Honour. Cllrs to consider and share nominations with the Clerk or with Cllr James Shuttleworth. Noted also Cllrs could make nominations directly, themselves. Noted all nominations must be kept confidential from the nominee.

141/24

**Financial Matters:**

- .1 **Received** the RFO's Report. Noted queries around burial fees (including different rates for DDDC and non DDDC residents), to be addressed – agreed to convene a meeting with the HPC Chair, Vice Chair, RFO, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.  
RFO referenced further liaison with East Midlands Audit Service (EMAS) about RFO cover.
- .2 Accounts totalling £50,175.35 including £2,913.52 VAT were **approved** for payment.

- .3 **Noted** account scrutiny arrangements and **approved** signatories (Cllrs W Hanley and James Shuttleworth) from the agreed schedule for the December 2024 meeting, to approve and pay wages and any urgent items between this meeting and the December 2024 meeting.
  - .4 **Assistant Clerk printing costs – agreed** remuneration at 5p per print based on paper and ink cartridge use.
  - .5 **National Joint Council-agreed 2024-25 Pay Award: noted** 2024-25 pay rates had been agreed, backdated to 1 April 2024 – backdated pay to be included in November salaries.
  - .6 **2025-26 Budget Planning:** Cllrs to identify areas for allocating funding ahead of the November meeting of the Finance Committee *RFO to share the draft budget with all Cllrs.*  
**Committees and Working Groups:** to **receive** minutes *where meetings have been held since the previous month's full Council meeting*; **consider** recommendations; **note** actions.
  - .1 **December committee meetings:** noted discussions earlier in the year about reducing the number of meetings; no committee meetings were held in August and it was suggested not holding committee meetings in December. **Agreed** not to hold LFAC or Transport Committee meetings (*noted also that a Transport Committee meeting would not be scheduled in November*). Suggested a December SPC meeting should go ahead (to be confirmed at the 19 November SPC); further suggested, with the cancellation of the December LFAC and Transport Committee meetings, the SPC meeting could be brought forward to Tuesday 10 December – TBC.
- 142/24 **Leisure, Amenities and Facilities Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 8 October 2024.
- .1 **Toilets: noted** Chair's Action to agree to return to two daily cleans during the school half term week moving to two cleans daily on Thursdays to Sundays. Suggested it would be better to schedule the additional cleans Friday to Monday (noting it was likely more needed after the weekend) **ACTION – Clerk to liaise with cleaning company (Solutions 2)**. Cllrs noted recent complaints about cleanliness (pre-dating the introduction of additional cleans) – suggested these related to a Monday after a busy weekend – it was hoped two daily cleans Friday to Monday would have a positive impact. Agreed to monitor the situation.
  - .2 **MUGA – user charges: noted** it was agreed not to increase charges at this time but to further review charges early in 2025 ahead of the 2025-26 financial year; consideration also being given to making additional charges to those who charge attendance for sessions they deliver on the MUGA.
  - .3 **Shuttleworth Lamp: noted** progress – interim repairs had got the lights working again. Longer-term repairs - noted a local architect had been asked to liaise with relevant Officers about refurbishment and heritage (status) considerations.
  - .4 **Verges; rewilding:** the Chair referenced a site meeting on 4 November of interested parties (Cllrs; members of the local rewilding group; DDDC Officers). Noted some positive outcomes. DDDC had clearly explained their rewilding ethos including the number of cuts/mows across the year and had also proposed cutting an extra section of the verge to neaten/tidy it. Cllr Bloor noted it remained to be seen whether the rewilding group could deliver.

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**Transport Committee: received** minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2024. The Chair commented on complaints from Back Lane residents about parking issues and suggested looking at interim measures (pending completion of the TRO) e.g. posting 'keep clear, access required' signs on verges. Queried whether DCC Highways might be willing to paint similar signage on the road. **ACTION – agreed to pursue this with DCC.**

- .1 **SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices): noted** installation of a new pole (to house the SID) on Sheffield Road; anticipated a new pole will be installed on Castleton Road, shortly. Cllr Hill noted support may be needed from DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton in moving this initiative forward.
- .2 **Hope Valley Active Travel Masterplan:** there was no specific report or update to share.

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**Swimming Pool Committee (SPC): received** minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2024. Cllr B Hanley flagged specific items including the Memorial Swim and the 6 December quiz to which all pool season ticket holders were being invited.

- .1 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - pool heating project and contractor engagement** (this minute is confidential at present due to commercial sensitivities).

- 145/25 **Human Resources Committee (HRC): received** unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2024.
- 146/24 **CCTV**
- .1 **Bowling Club CCTV system:** two quotes (two options) had been shared in relation to repairing wireless links and linking the Club cameras to either the village CCTV system or the pool CCTV system. The Chair suggested the pool option would be more appropriate. **Agreed** to share the quote with the Club - **action for the Clerk**. The RFO noted the CCTV allocation in the 2024-25 budget was now overspent.
  - .2 **Hope Valley ANPR proposals:** to **consider** a police proposal. The Chair introduced the report and shared further background. Noted a further update is awaited from the police on progressing this initiative.  
 Cllrs also noted the separate Gigapeak (Hope Valley company) CCTV initiative. Gigapeak had noted they could provide three ANPR cameras at a cost of approximately £1K per camera and monthly monitoring/maintenance costs of £25-£45. The Chair noted the potential benefits of having coverage of routes in/out of the village e.g. Back Lane, The Dale. Cllrs **agreed** that the Finance Committee could consider a budget allocation 2025-26 – noting the Parish Council would still have to consider the proposal in detail. Noted, also, questions re ownership and governance oversight would have to be addressed.
- 147/24 **IT - including the HPC website; social media** – the Clerk noted progressing these matters with Pete Hawkins was on her ‘to do’ list.
- 148/24 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence:** **noted** updates/items shared since the October 2024 meeting.
- 149/24 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Christmas tree and light-up:** **noted** some lights need replacing and noted costs - approximate costs £129 for the star; £128 for a set of coloured lights (to be confirmed if these are needed); Christmas tree expenditure estimated to be approximately £200. ***This expenditure was agreed (Clerk to liaise with the organisers).***
  - .2 **Hathersage News** - news/items for inclusion in the next issue – suggestions included the SID pole installation; the introduction of pedestrian traffic lights at the Hathersage East rail crossing – Cllr Hill commended this; reminder to residents about hedge cutting.
  - .3 Cllr Rowland referenced a complaint about a protruding holly bush on Back Lane/Roslyn Crescent. ***ACTION – Cllr Rowland to check the exact address and inform the Clerk – Clerk to send a letter to the householder asking them to cut the hedge back.***
- 150/24 **Memorial Hall:** received minutes from a recent meeting of the Memorial Hall Management Committee. Noted the Committee had been unsuccessful in their grant bid for ceiling insulation.
- 151/24 **Noted** DALC newsletters and other items circulated since the October 2024 meeting.  
**Local Council meetings and government consultation on permitting remote attendance and proxy voting at meetings** – noted outcomes of the consultation were awaited.
- 152/24 **Date and time of next meeting – 3 December 2024;** **noted** items for the December agenda including Burial Ground charges.

*Meeting closed at 21:08 a meeting of the King George’s Field Charity was held directly after the closure of the Parish Council meeting.*