

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Hathersage Parish Council Swimming Pool Committee meeting, Tuesday 19 November 2024, 7.30pm MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors W Hanley (Chair), B Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers

**In attendance:** Maura Sorensen, Clerk; Mike Wellington, Pool Operations Manager; pool staff member Jo Wilman; member of the public Kathryn Fraser

078/24 Apologies for absence – Chris Cave (RFO).

079/24 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.

080/24 Declaration of interests MW, JW.

081/24 **Public participation** - a period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter. Local resident Kathryn Fraser had contacted the Parish Council ahead of the meeting to flag a number of queries relating to the pool heating project – the estimated size of a pump; noise impact surveys; public consultation; the procurement process.

The SPC Chair referenced one noise survey already undertaken; Cllr Hill expanded on this noting survey outcomes were neutral indicating residents would not be aware of any noise increase. Cllr Hill referenced a second survey which the Parish Council is commissioning, directly related to a specified heat pump – survey to be undertaken once a pump model has been identified.

Confirmed that consultation with residents would be undertaken and views of residents taken into account; noted this was some way off as the project was still in the exploratory stages.

Cllr Hill noted the approximate size of the heat pump – height 2m; length 5m; width 1m. Currently it was envisaged the pump would be sited adjacent to the filter plant (taking operational and environmental factors into account) but this might change pending further liaison with SHEco and with PDNPA.

The Clerk addressed procurement queries noting that, in such a specialised area of provision, there were only a small number of potential contractors. Thorough research was undertaken before the Parish Council approached three contractors. Through due process it became clear that two of the three could not satisfy the Council's requirements leading to the Parish Council currently liaising solely with SHEco. Confirmed a staged approach was being taken. No contract had been signed. There would be full, in-depth consideration by the Parish Council before committing significant sums of money. DALC advice was being sought re the Council following due process and adhering to financial rules and regulations.

SPC Chair thanked Ms Fraser for raising her queries noting Cllrs would continue to consider the points she had made as the Council takes the project forward. *Ms Fraser left the meeting.*

082/24 **Minutes of the 15 October 2024 meeting were confirmed;** and actions arising from the minutes (*referenced in the Action Log*) **noted.**

083/24 **HPBC parish and town councils** (seeking financial contributions towards their residents' use of the pool): following agreement at the October meeting to not, at this time, pursue this initiative, to **agree** a message to HPBC councils confirming this and noting the Parish Council may further review the matter due course. **ACTION – SPC Chair and Clerk to liaise on a response to HPBC Councils.**

084/24 **Pool Heating Project; Pool Facilities Project**

.1 **Pool Heating Project and engagement with SHEco** – to **consider** SHEco terms for delivery of the next stage/s of the project. Reference made to a meeting scheduled on 27 November at the SHEco offices (Cllrs W Hanley, Tim Hill, Heather Rodgers and Leisure Services Manager to attend). Cllr Hill expanded on the technical queries to be put to, and explored with, SHEco. Jo Wilman raised a query about the average length of time of pump operation before it needs replacing, referencing another pool where the pump had to be replaced after 10 years. Cllr Hill noted this would be one of the queries put to SHEco re warranty periods, likely timeline for replacement etc. Noted ongoing maintenance costs would also need to be taken into account. Ms Wilman also queried how long the pool might remain closed while a pump was being installed - a query raised by a number of pool users. Acknowledging this was an 'unknown', Cllr Hill suggested it might even be possible to keep the pool open throughout the installation.

Cllr Hill noted pool staff would need training in pump operational management. Cllrs queried optimum and target temperatures. Cllr Hill expanded also referencing factors impacting temperatures – weather (including wind); swimmers. Cllr Hill suggested the heat pump should have approximately twice the capacity of the gas boiler. Cllr Hill flagged the significant data already gathered in relation to pool temperatures, across the year. Noted optimum and target temperatures would be thoroughly explored with SHEco.

Cllr Hill reported on his conversation with Matrix noting they had been grateful for the feedback.

- .2 **Pool Facilities Project:** the Leisure Services Manager confirmed he had shared a brief with five local architects; the SPC Chair read the brief out, to Cllrs. Noted three architects had responded. ***ACTION - LSM to arrange meetings between the architects and the Facilities Project working group; architects to be asked to come up with some rough draft plans to share with the working group.***

085/24 **Sauna proposal:** to **consider** provision of an (occasional) mobile sauna at the pool. SPC Chair noted an enthusiastic response from a number of pool users. Jo Wilman noted broad staff support. Cllrs noted the three provision options. Agreed Option 2 – collaboration and profit share with Hive - was the best fit for the Council. Noted some queries to be addressed including on responsibility for health and safety; suggested this will be Hive's responsibility; LSM to flag all queries raised by Cllrs, with Hive. ***Cllrs agreed to contract with Hive; ACTION – LSM to liaise with Hive on dates and to flag queries raised by Cllrs.***

Cllr Marsden suggested informing the architects with whom the Council was liaising on the Facilities Project of the mobile sauna plans so they could take this into account when drafting plans.

086/24 **2025 Hilly Triathlon:** to **consider** an approach from Sheffield Triathlon Club for use of the pool and the MUGA (MUGA from Saturday 19 July 2025 at 14:00 until Sunday 20 July 2025 at 13:00; pool from 07:00 on Sunday 20 July 2025 until 12:30 the same day). Noted charges in 2024 and considered an appropriate increase – ***agreed a charge of £2.5K.*** Cllrs discussed triathlon participant parking and the impact on the village. Agreed that an event prerequisite be that the event organisers evidence that they have booked parking for participants (this is usually in a local field). A further prerequisite would be that, if the parking field was unavailable e.g. due to poor weather, the event would not go ahead. Cllr Marsden suggested the Council should also make reference to timely payment to the landowner in whose field participants' park. ***ACTION – SPC Chair, Clerk and LSM to draft correspondence and, if appropriate, a contract with the event organisers reflecting the Council's prerequisites.*** LSM confirmed the pool car park would be closed for the event; he referenced liaison with the café tenant.

087/24 **Pool five-year business improvement and action plan** (*referenced in the pool management report*): to **monitor** and update as appropriate; ***agreed to carry this item forward.***

088/24 **Pool Manager's Report** including operational, maintenance and staffing matters.

.1 **Repairs and maintenance**

- a) **Tile repairs** – LSM referenced the continued lack of response from Cumberlidge and ongoing research into an appropriate alternative contractor to fit the tiles. Noted Cumberlidge currently have the replacement tiles; arrangements for delivery would have to be made if going with an alternative contractor.
- b) **Update** on any other planned/ongoing maintenance works (veranda; bandstand; other). Cllrs commended work undertaken on the veranda. Noted the 'fixed seating' is to be reaffixed. Cllrs suggested, rather than reinstating the heavy table-and-bench units, consideration be given to a more flexible seating plan - ***agreed to give this further consideration.*** Noted some minor follow-up works needed on the veranda e.g painting – pool management to undertake. Cllr B Hanley flagged an issue with a shower; Jo Wilman referenced a cracked tile – pool management to address.
- c) **Quote (window replacement)** – the quote was **agreed**. Cllr Hill suggested he liaise with the contractor about undertaking this work and the veranda work (reaffixing seating) simultaneously.
- d) **Casual pool users and capturing entry data:** noted this is ongoing.

- .2 **Staffing matters**
  - a) **Management** – no specific update.
  - b) **Duty Supervisors** – budgeted hours; areas of special interest – no specific reports or updates.
  - c) **Cllrs/pool staff meetings** – next meeting Wednesday 27 November, 5pm to 6pm (Stanage Hall). Noted the focus will be on consultation with staff on the new duty on employers on prevention of sexual harassment. Cllrs asked that Duty Supervisor reports on areas of specific interest also be added to the agenda.
- .3 **Staff training**
  - a) Safeguarding training – no specific update.
  - b) Operational training – no specific update.
- .4 **Fundraising / Events / Marketing**
  - a) 22 November Memorial Swim – noted two sessions are being facilitated. Noted participants would have the opportunity to make a donation and discussed appropriate charities to whom donations could be made – suggestions included Hathersage Careline or a local hospice – Cllrs suggested Blythe House Hospice in Chapel-en-le-Frith was a very suitable beneficiary  
**ACTION – LSM to follow up.**
  - b) Synchronised swimming sessions – noted plans for an April 2025 demonstration by Bristol group Almost Synchro.

**Other standing agenda items**

- .5 **Widening pool access and wellbeing initiatives** - proposals from pool management and/or Duty Supervisors on provision – suggested asking Duty Supervisors, where this was their area of interest, to share an update at the pool staff/Cllrs 27 November meeting.
- .7 **Pool seasonal timetable and entry charges:** any **updates, reports** or matters to bring to the committee’s attention. Noted the RFO had flagged the timeline for approval of 2025-26 pool admission charges; also noted the timeline for approving the summer 2025 season timetable – suggested discussing both at the pool staff/Cllrs 27 November meeting.
- .8 **Engagement with external pool and leisure providers** – SPC Chair referenced his recent attendance at a Future Lidos online meeting.
- .9 **Swim Club** – nothing to report.

089/24 **Finance** – any **reports** or **updates** – noted the RFO update.

090/24 **Pool car park/drive**

- a) LSM shared some measurements of current parking spaces and surrounds. Noted further detailed measurements are needed after which the LSM will produce a draft plan.
- b) Recurring water leak on the pool drive. Cllrs directed that pool management follow this up **urgently** with Severn Trent.

091/24 **Pool User Group:** to **consider** further liaison/consultation with the group, and foci; **agreed to carry this item forward.**

092/24 **Clerk – any additional reports and/or correspondence** – none.

093/24 **Next meeting** – **agreed** to bring the December meeting forward a week to **Tuesday 10 December** (7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall – Sampson Room).

Meeting ended at 9.00pm

Signed:

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