

DERWENT & HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 8pm at St Henry's Hall.

Present: R Cottrill (chair), G Woodhead (vice chair), A Robinson (RFO), W Middleton, Gascoigne (clerk).

14/16 No apologies

15/16 No declarations

16/16 Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved

17/16 Matters arising –

- PDNPA have failed to consult with the Parish Council regarding organised outdoor activities in our area. Follow up required to ensure that the Parish Council, as a local authority, is kept informed. Suggestion that PC send a rep to next Parish Forum.
- Alport Clough woodland – reseeded pine trees already growing. Cllr Cottrill checked with contractor and he has a 5 year contract to maintain woodland which includes removing conifers and replacing any dead trees. He said more trees are lost from vole damage than failure to thrive.
- Further slippage on A57 has resulted in a 30mph section outside A Byford's house.
- There are rumours of a Lancaster flyover and commemorative event to celebrate 100 years since Howden and Derwent Dams were opened. Check with Severn Trent and Battle of Britain Memorial website especially in light of last year's fiasco when traffic blocked both Derwent and A57.
- Severn Trent are using a cut and burn approach for getting rid of encroaching Rhododendron. However PC has not seen evidence of this.
- Work on the Hydroelectric Scheme seems to have halted.
- Fence down between field and wood at Derwent Dam wall, sheep coming down road to grassed area in front of dam wall and around Fairholmes. Report to ST.

18/16 BA Fell & Hill Relay Championships - report from meeting. Concluded that it is probably too difficult for Upper Derwent Valley to cope with in terms of excessive numbers of cars needing somewhere to park and an area to be set aside for start/finish toilets etc. Also the routes go straight across the moors rather than following footpaths which, considering the numbers of competitors, will cause damage to the natural environment. Dark Peak Fell Runners are also looking at other venues.

19/16 Report from meeting organised by Sarah Helliwell about issues caused by increasing numbers of visitors to the Hope Valley and Upper Derwent. Cars parking along road sides also inconsiderate parking and litter discussed at length. Suggestions included signs on gates; advertise the Country Code; educate children and general public; use the large digital

signs at either end of the Snake Pass to remind people not to drop litter and keep dogs on leads; police suggested using phone apps to give out info and reminders – police already use this method for young people. There will be a follow up meeting.

20/16 Parish meetings.

Derwent: 2 parishioners attended. Complaints about speeding cyclists and suggestion that white lines are reinstated where lane from east side of Derwent Dam meets Derwent Lane just north of Jubilee Cottages.

Too many organisations are exploiting our area but contributing nothing to it's upkeep.

Car parking in Bamford opposite the chapel is dangerous because the corner is narrow. Also cars are parking around Ladybower outside of marked bays.

Hope Woodlands: 3 parishioners attended. Complaints about litter and fly tipping; water is eroding the bank below the chapel; the A57 is slipping again outside A Byford's house; A Byford reported that BT will definitely not be installing fibre optic broadband and a request that the PC contact Vodafone to see if it can strengthen the 4g signal so that more people can use it. Alport Clough woodland also discussed.

21/16 Cllrs Middleton and Woodhead met our MP to complain about the water leak in Derwent village. Severn Trent are now supposed to be starting an investigation in April.

22/16 Finance:

- payments – BHS boiler service & inspection £126.00, A Jolley 2 x £75.00 for 2 quarters; receipts – W Middleton cabling £3.80, Belles £80.00, Cllr Cottrill hall hire £40.00, VAT return £35.89
- Audit – accounts accepted and approved unanimously
- Risk assessment presented
- DALC subscription. Offer of free training in return for higher subscription declined.
- Cllr Robinson investigating website options for the Parish Council

23/16 Increasing numbers of 'pleasure flights' with planes circling over the dams. Concern that military planes also flying at low levels in the same area. Cllrs Middleton and Woodhead to get registrations of planes so they can be reported to Civil Aviation Authority.

24/16 Date of next meeting 15th June 2016 at 8pm St Henry's Hall

25/16 Meeting closed at 9.10pm