

# DERWENT & HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm, The Ladybower Inn

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), W Middleton, J Gascoigne

01/16 No apologies

02/16 No declarations declared

03/16 Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved

04/16 Matters arising –

- Feedback received from Peak Park Parishes Day, but nothing on actual workshop discussions. A consultation document will be published containing concerns from the parishes instead.
- Upper Derwent Authorities meeting. Cllr Sarah Helliwell is meeting with HPBC leader Lesley Stevens to try and organise a 'stakeholder' meeting to collaborate and address issues caused by visitor behaviour. Cllr Gascoigne to follow up.

05/16 Electricity meter at St Henry's cannot be upgraded to a smart meter since there is no internet/mobile connection.

06/16 PDNPA has changed the system for reporting organised/charity outdoor activities and will only be contacting interested parties by email. The PC has requested a postal copy due to limited internet availability.

Paul Wetton is organising a meeting regarding the 2017 British Fell Race championships which Dark Peak Fell Runners would like to hold in the Upper Derwent Valley. Cllr Cottrill to attend.

07/16 Cllr Robinson noted that the Alport Clough woodland is being planted down wind of the existing mature conifer plantations, and fenced. The clough woodland will therefore be susceptible to conifer natural regeneration which would need to be dealt with in the long term. The plantations pose a long term hazard to the clough woodland and need to be dealt with urgently. The PC agreed to write a letter to the Forestry Commission about this.

08/16 Fracking – Cllr Woodhead to ask a university professor of water engineering to come and speak to us about possible fracking and any effects in our area.

09/16 Cllr Gascoigne brought a draft letter addressed to PDNPA and ST which suggests extra ranger cover to help with increasing numbers of visitors. To be sent once approved by councillors.

10/16 Derwent Lane has been swept and double yellow lines now visible. Pot hole on the A57 outside Heyridge Farm repaired. Areas of the A57 where edge of road falling away reported to Highways. Cllr Middleton suggested Oliver Bagshaw as a useful contact for highway issues.

Update on empty Nat Trust properties – St Henry's Cottage requires internal work ready for letting in May. There is no further progress on Old House Farm – stalemate between Nat Trust and insurance company regarding underpinning work.

11/16 New audit arrangements. The Audit process for 2016-17 has been clarified by NALC. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to opt in to the external audit arrangements offered by Smaller

Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. These arrangements will take effect from 1 April 2017.

Paid: £32.40 Ace fire equipment check; £231.56 Aon Insurance

Received £70.00 PDNPA hire of hall

Balance at 29.01.16 £4453.05

12/16 Other reports: snow drops have been successful on Fairholmes roundabout.

There are pot holes in the road at Crookhill. Water is flowing onto Derwent Lane from Old House sheep pens.

13/16 Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at St Henry's. Parish meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at St Henry's and Hope Woodlands Chapel.

Meeting closed at 8pm