

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2023 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne, A Wheatley, HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins, DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay, two parishioners

35/23 Apologies received from S Helliwell and Cllr V Priestley

36/23 No declarations

37/23 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

38/23 Agenda suspended to allow STW Allan Reef and SJ O'Kane to address the meeting about the UDVRE.

STW will not be going to Gate 2 with the original UDVRE options due to the significant adverse environmental impact they would have on the Upper Derwent Valley area. None of the reservoir options that are currently being investigated will be taken forward. However, STW will stop supplying Yorkshire Water with water (approx 50 mega litres per day) from the Upper Derwent in 2035. This will mean that YW will need to account for this loss of supply in their WRMP (Water Resource Management Programme). YW will therefore only proceed to Gate 2 with a Backfill Scheme if their WRMP demonstrates a need for any water from UDV by 2050. Then the possibilities of a smaller level rise in Derwent and Howden will be investigated. Allan Reef thinks this is only a remote possibility. The Yorkshire Water Backfill Scheme will not be proposed until their WRMP has been finalised which will be in 2024.

Additionally, investigations for a smaller level rise in Ladybower Reservoir have already been started and will therefore continue to demonstrate that all possibilities have been explored. These will be completed by September.

However, even if STW investigations demonstrate that smaller level rises in any of the dams is environmentally viable, there is no need to take this option forward for at least 25 years.

It was concluded that whilst the current UDVRE scheme will now not be taken forward, it is difficult to accurately predict water availability and requirements beyond 2050. Consequently STW cannot give any guarantees beyond this date about what their WRMP (published every 5 years) will contain after 2050.

A letter has been sent to affected householders setting out STW's current position and also informing them that the road north of the traffic island at Fairholmes will be closed to all but residents and emergency vehicles due to essential maintenance works from 7th August 2023.

39/23 No matters arising

40/23 Highways and PROWs:- the road at Millbrook has some deep potholes. Report to STW Tom Ironmonger.

Highways are continuing regular inspections of the A57 at the road slip sites.

40/23 Cllr Collins informed the meeting that a PDNPA staff restructure meeting is to take place on 28th July and the Planning Dept is still facing funding and staffing difficulties.

Sam Walton NT – ask him to check all guttering as well as the roof at St Henry’s because there are areas of damp and mould. Also ask him to check the Bell Tower to ensure it is safe.

PDNPA Parishes Day – Cllrs Gascoigne and Robinson to attend.

STW – paddle sports will begin on Ladybower and the Fisheries Office will issue licences. The old road which goes down to the water at the via duct has been upgraded to allow vehicles to drive on it and park at the bottom where the launch site will be. This will be monitored to ensure only boarders with licences are using the water and it doesn’t become a ‘free for all’. Clerk to contact Richar Warner STW about the number of frogs being squashed by staff working on the small dam above Ladybower. Tom Ironmonger has already been informed (but replied saying he can’t help) along with other STW staff, but it is important, due to the decline in frog numbers that all necessary measures are taken to protect them.

41/23 Planning: Decision notice NP/HPK/0323/0247 for a solar powered car park machine – granted. There is a planning application for a 50ft mast on Snake Summit: Clerk to investigate.

42/23 Finance: the annual accounts were approved with no problems and are displayed on the Parish Council website.

Income	£200.00 HPBC hire of Hall for election
	£500.00 donation from Belles to assist with the upkeep of St Henry’s Hall

Expenditure	D/d electricity	£57.58
	Chq 619 caretaking	£150.00

Balance at 5th July 2023 £5759.16

43/23 The HPBC small grant scheme is open – up to £250.00 for community projects. Put on the next agenda.

Cllr N Gourlay – DCC boundary review is underway which will create new election divisions before the 2023 election. Bamford and ourselves may be put into the Glossop division instead of Chapel en le Frith. Cllr Gourlay to email the consultation. DCC are undertaking a major review of the transport plan. Glossop will be in one of three new areas where transport will be based around market towns and rural areas.

The Cabinet Member for Highways should have requested funding for repairing the Snake Pass Road slip. This has not happened yet due to a change of Cabinet Member. Residents are not particularly affected by the one set of temporary traffic lights but it has had a major impact on HGV routes with more vehicles travelling over Woodhead and through Bradwell.

44/23 Date of next meeting 13/09/2023

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne
Clerk