

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk),
W Middleton (Website)
Cllr Nigel Gourlay DCC
Parishioners: Andre Chow & Regine Tan (Gores Farm)

35/21 Apologies: S Helliwell

36/21 No declarations

37/21 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

38/21 Matters Arising: National Trust have replied regarding the encroaching trees in Alport – volunteers are being recruited to remove them, trees will be replanted and damaged guards removed.

Ask Adam Marsden STW for a site meeting to look at walls, fences, travel plan, traffic calming etc.

No reply from DCC following request under Freedom of Information Act re: barrier at Derwent Lane End.

39/21 Highways and PROWs: figures obtained from DCC regarding parking enforcement between March 2019 and June 2020 for illegal parking show that only one ticket was issued for cars on Derwent Lane despite many complaints about cars obstructing the carriageway and making it very difficult for buses to get through. No ticketing information given for cars parked at the Snake summit either.

Cllr Gourlay advised reporting illegal parking to parking@derbyshire.gov.uk and highwayshub@derbyshire.gov.uk.

It was noted that despite the new PSPO banning all fires and bbqs, this has made no difference to the huge numbers being lit all over the Parish. Report to DCC.

The uneven road surface near the Snake Inn has caused three accidents recently. Report to Highways.

40/21 Clerk to register the Parish Council's interest to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the A57 link road. This will allow the PC to be involved in the consultation. Councillors are not in favour of the new link road because of the increase in traffic volume, inevitable increase in accidents also resulting in more road closures and more

wear and tear, and subsidence on the A57 causing more frequent long term road closures.

Cllr Robinson attended the launch of the Travelling Light Campaign.

Cllr Gourlay to be briefed later this year on the Major Incident Plan covering our Parishes.

41/21 Grant scheme launched to alleviate anti-social behaviour. Clerk to check if Nat Trust and STW have been informed. Cllrs suggested that money should go towards more police.

42/21 HPBC are consulting on a proposal to cease council tax benefit support payments to Parish Councils. Reply to say we do not support this proposal because we will not be able to increase the precept sufficiently to cover the loss of the grant and the precept alone does not cover our running costs. Our Parish is one of the most sparsely populated yet is inundated with over half a million visitors each year.

43/21 Concrete bollard belonging to STW at the west end of Ladybower Dam wall is currently blighted by rubbish. Ask STW permission to have it decorated in some way to discourage litter then ask Bamford Primary School whether the children would like to take this on as a project.

44/21 St Henry's Hall has been decorated and the garden has been tidied up. Messrs R & T Jollley to be thanked for a sterling job and asked to decorate the toilet areas. Cllr and Mrs Woodhead were thanked for carrying out a deep clean. The Hall looks bright, fresh and clean.

Terms and Conditions of hire altered to include a section on slow and careful driving along Derwent Lane. The price of hire for weddings to be removed from the website and price will be on application. A price of £500.00 for three days agreed at the moment.

45/21 Finance.

Chq 591	£150.00	Caretaking
d/d	£23.82	Brit Gas
d/d	£16.73	Electricity

Balance at 05.08.2021 £6338.54

46/21 Items for the next agenda.

Items that need attending to by STW

Fairholmes Visitor Centre

Freedom of Information requests

Queen's Jubilee celebrations – grant money available from Cllr Gourlay

47/21 Date of next meeting 3rd November 2021

Meeting closed at 20.55pm

