

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2021 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk),
W Middleton (Website)
Cllr Joanna Collins HPBC

24/21 No apologies

25/21 No declarations

26/212 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

Report from Cllr Collins. HPBC is completing a Climate Change Plan which will be published in the near future. HPBC is looking at it's verge mowing policy which will encourage wild flowers to grow. It was noted that wild flowers along the A57 are spreading as a result of less mowing. There will be a physical exercise strategy – Cllr Gascoigne has completed the survey on behalf of the PC and stressed that resources should be directed towards school children. A new news letter is being published for the High Peak Parishes.

27/21 Matters Arising: STW will look at traffic calming measures at Fairholmes carpark such as speed bumps.

The new double yellow lines at Snake summit have not stopped parking and there has been no ticketing. Fewer cars and visitors have been evident since the easing of lockdown restrictions. Emails are regularly sent to the authorities about the amount of litter being dropped along the A57 and surrounding areas. The message continues to be that visitors should be asked to take their litter home.

The PSPO forbidding wild fires and bbq's is now in force. Signs have been put up by STW and the Forestry Commission but more are needed to advertise the Order.

National Trust and STW have put up some signs stating that footpaths are for walkers only, some of which have already been defaced.

A fridge for St Henry's needs to be purchased before the next wedding in August.

The garden fencing still needs repairing. Cllr Cottrill suggested that we have a site meeting to list out what needs doing in the garden and hire a gardener to carry them out.

The broadband survey by Openreach has been completed and we now await costings.

28/21 Highways and PROWs: E-bikes have been seen on the footpaths, and e-motorbikes on the bridleways around the dams. Cllr Collins to check if these vehicles are considered to be motorized vehicles. It has been noted that e-motorbikes are very quiet and therefore difficult to hear approaching even when speeding.

A group of fell runners have been seen in Dovestone Clough running in a line side by side. Noted. This is a practice that must be stopped.

A shortcut path was created by the National Fell Running Championships coming off the hill onto the private road. This is now used regularly and has become established. Contact the National Trust.

Mountain bikers have created tracks off the private road down the bank towards the East Tower and eroded all the vegetation by the road side. Contact STW.

The public buses have had difficulties getting up Derwent Lane to Fairholmes roundabout due to cars being parked along the Lane.

People have been racing their cars and motorbikes on Derwent Lane, the car park and the A57 in the evenings especially at weekends. As well as being dangerous, they are also extremely loud. Contact the police to see if we can have an acoustic camera to record the noise.

Email the Peak Park because we are not getting notifications about organised outdoor events. Instagram's 'Peak Lad' has undertaken a litter pick with fellow volunteers in Hope Woodlands and collected enough litter to fill a skip. Contact Forestry to collect and to ask them to patrol the woods because there is wild camping and fires every weekend

29/21 Correspondence. All noted. Cllr Nigel Gourlay (DCC) has emailed HPBC about litter picking on The Snake Pass. Have informed him that general litter only gets collected when the road is closed and last time this was carried out by volunteers. However, we want his support for signs to ask people to take their litter home.

30/21 Check PDNPA planning portal for proposed sites of e-communication masts.

31/21 STW proposed travel plan. The PC has not been consulted. There are no measures to stop cars coming to Derwent when the car parks are full or to encourage people to use public transport. Councillors feel that the plan does not address the traffic and behavioural issues discussed with STW. Adam Marsden has been appointed as the Transport Co-Ordinator. Ask for a meeting to walk Derwent Lane to check stakes which have been installed to prevent parking as stated in the STW plan. Cllr Middleton to ask for correspondence under The Freedom of Information Act from DCC about installing a barrier at the bus turn around on Derwent Lane. This is a measure that was originally discussed at The Upper Derwent Officers

Group in the early 2000's. Put on the agenda for the next meeting.

31/21 Reports from the Annual Parish Meetings.

Derwent: attended by four parishioners and two parish councillors. Parishioners are in support of a barrier on Derwent Lane to control traffic, Complaints of anti-social behaviour from car and motor bikes. Plenty of litter around which is regularly picked up by rangers – this is considered a waste of resources. Mountain bikers have been seen on the moor and riders are aggressive when taken to account. Who enforces the new PSPO and is available to do so? Internet sites (eg Strava, Camoot) are encouraging visitors and in some instances advertising illegal behaviour such as cycling on the moors but they do not take responsibility for having this content on their sites.

Hope Woodlands: attended by three parishioners and three parish councillors. Similar issues to Derwent. In addition – tree guards littering Alport Clough where few saplings have survived. Alport Moor is covered in sapling conifers which are shading out the natural vegetation and encroaching on boggy areas. Forestry fencing around the Snake Inn area needs repairing. Clerk to request more ranger cover to deter anti-social behaviour especially in the evenings and at weekends – parishioners are having to phone the emergency services to deal with fires, behaviour etc.

32/21 Finance.

DD Electricity	£104.16	
DALC subs	£70.39	chq 590
PPPF	£6.00	chq 589+

Balance to 04.06.21 £6403.13

The Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Governance Statement.

The Parish Councillors approved the Annual Accounting Statement.

33/21 Items for the next agenda. Travel management. St Henry's Hall needs decorating – Cllrs Cottrill and Robinson to ask for quotes. Work such as fencing and cutting back shrub needs doing in the garden – councillors to make a list and ask a contractor to undertake the work.

34/21 Date of next meeting 1st September 2021

Meeting was closed at 20.40pm

