

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 By Zoom

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

01/21 No apologies

02/21 No declarations

03/21 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

04/21 Matters Arising: Letter of thanks to be sent to Tesco Bags of Help. The wiring was completed at Fairholmes roundabout.

05/21 Highways and PROW's: several complaints about tracks and erosion caused by mountain bikes. Notify STW and Nat Trust. Check with STW about a new bike track on the south side of Ladybower Dam. Six quad bikes in the River Ashop reported to police. Police subsequently caught them in Hope after they'd ridden over Win Hill. A report of more pot holes on A57 – Highways aware and have been repairing. Alternative footpath avoiding farmyard requested at Heyridge Farm but refused by DCC.

06/21 Correspondence:

- Photo to be taken of Parish Councillors at Derwent Heather Garden, Fairholmes and sent to Park Life magazine
- Re: Fairholmes Visitor Centre – rangers have been working from the Sawmills when not on furlough. Existing building therefore not being used to capacity. Broadband is being installed at Fairholmes. PC has objected to two parasols being erected as inappropriate. Over the last year, it has become increasingly clear that there are insufficient rangers to cope with the increased influx of visitors or to manage them to ensure the environment is protected. Inappropriate parking, erosion, damage, litter, noise etc have continued unabated to the detriment of the rural area and environment. This has shown that development of Fairholmes would only exacerbate these problems.
- Reply received from PDNPA following request under Freedom of Information Act for all correspondence between PDNPA and STW and agents appointed by them regarding the development at Fairholmes Visitor Centre. Summary attached to the online minutes.
- Work should start on replacing Mill Brook Bridge on 8th March.
- Email Cllr Farrell supporting the '20's Plenty' campaign. In Derwent we would support 20mph from Derwent Overlook carpark to Fairholmes roundabout. However, there are concerns about how this speed would be enforced.
- Email DCC supporting the Public Spaces Protection Order (wildfires) although this would mean no more burning on the moors by farmers/gamekeepers.
- Thank you letter from Air Ambulance service to be placed on Parish Council website.
- Pamphlet from DCC regarding a library of health apps to be placed on PC website.
- Application for a fast food van at Cutthroat Bridge – email objection on grounds of litter and area already well served with food venues.
- Email Adam Marsden and Nat Trust again about new tracks and erosion caused by mountain bikes.

07/21 Finance: balance at 05.02.2021 £5807.79. All other account details can be found on the Parish Council website. Mr S Dawson has agreed to conduct the PC Internal Review. Boiler service - should have been completed but the engineer could not find St Henry's Hall.

08/21 Items for the next agenda: Litter; erosion; mountain bikes.

09/21 Date of next meeting Wednesday 5th May 2021

Meeting closed at 20.06pm.

Jill Gascoigne
Clerk