

# **DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT**

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk), W Middleton (Website); Five parishioners; Allan Reef STW

39/22 Apologies – S Helliwell

40/22 No declarations

41/22 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

Agenda suspended to allow Mr. Allan Reef to update the meeting regarding the Upper Derwent Reservoir Expansion Scheme.

Cllr Gascoigne noted that the questions Mr. Reef committed to answering at the last meeting were only sent by email on the day of this meeting. This was too late to forward to parishioners. Regarding a contour map showing the effect on properties and land of the various higher water levels – STW are reluctant to issue a map if this option does not go ahead. Parishioners will be shown plans of STW's preferred options before they go to the regulator RAPID in April 2023. STW want to cause minimum impact especially to residents' property. Therefore, the progress of the possible options and the impacts on the area will be discussed with parishioners and their ideas and concerns will be taken into account. Currently studies are being undertaken to understand which, if any of the options for the Upper Derwent are viable. Studies are also being undertaken for the other five STW schemes. All studies must be completed by December 2022 to enable the submission to RAPID in April 2023. The environmental impact study is being carried out by Atkins which is an independent company used on many occasions by STW. Concerns were raised about the short amount of time taken for these studies

which commenced in February 2022: as a result, they cannot be of sufficient depth or give a true picture of what the impacts will be. Parishioners were not convinced that the studies would be 'real and true' given that only nine months had been allowed. The Upper Derwent Scheme is the only one where an increase in the storage of raw water is proposed. The other schemes are concerned with cleaning water, transferring water by pumps and pipes to the South East, transferring water from the Grand Union Canal, and from the River Severn to the River Thames. 50% of the predicted water shortfall will be in the South East of England. Mr Reef was asked about the recent decommissioning of a number of small reservoirs when a water shortage had already been predicted. He could not answer because he is only concerned with the current project. The schemes will not go through the usual planning system but will go straight to a DCO (Development Consent Order).

If parishioners have questions, they are encouraged to email them to [udvreenquiries@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:udvreenquiries@severntrent.co.uk)

Mr. Reef committed to attending each Parish Council meeting for the foreseeable future.

#### 42/22 Matters arising

The regular use of vehicles over 7.5t on the A57 has been reported to DCC Highways who said that it was not their concern and should be reported to the police. The police cannot enforce this because it is outside their jurisdiction and suggested we report to Trading Standards. At which point we have given up for the time being. Report excess flooding on the A57 viaducts to Highways. Ask Derbyshire police for local crime figures. Residents have been reporting anti-social behaviour via 101.

Community broadband: the contract has now been signed. Pledges received exceed the cost so it is unlikely that there will be any cost risk to the PC. Possible delivery date is January 2023. Thanks were given to Peter Robinson for his hard work.

43/22 PROWS: No update from Highways on repairing the A57 landslips. Parts of the road have been resurfaced. Objections to upgrading Footpath 11 into a bridleway have been sent to DCC.

44/22 Correspondence. Gate closure at Fairholmes through to Derwent Village: It was agreed to ask Chris Fletcher to shut the gate and place a bollard in front of it to deter people from opening the gate and parking in front of the gate. Paul Wetton has agreed that rangers will assist. Ask parishioners for their comments to ensure the system works for everyone.

The HVCA bus campaign over Easter was successful with many lessons learnt for future campaigns. HVCA will be meeting DCC in the coming weeks about a bus service improvement scheme. The possibility of reinstating the Snake Road bus now that Covid restrictions are no longer in force will be raised.

Jetpack, the software behind the Parish Council web site emailed useful information about visits to the Parish Council website.

45/22 Finance. The Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 was agreed and signed. The Accounting Statements 2021/2022 were signed.

Balance at 01.06.22 £5707.91

With drawls	British Gas	£27.96 d/d
	DALC	£71.09 chq 604
	PPPF	£6.00 chq 603
	Cushion bags	£24.00 chq 602
	British Gas	£27.47 d/d

Increase hire of Hall cost to £200.00 for next year's HPBC election day.

46/22 Items for the next agenda: Create a web page for the STW Upper Derwent Reservoir Expansion Scheme to keep parishioners up to date.

47/22 Date of next meeting Wednesday 31/08/22

Meeting closed at 9.30PM

Cllr Jill Gascoigne

Clerk

