DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2026
AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: Cllrs Cottrill, Woodhead, Robinson, Gascoigne, Wheatley and one parishioner

58/26 Apologies received from Cllr J Collins
59/26 None declared
60/26 Minutes approved and signed
61/26 Further repairs to the A57 road surface carried out following several more vehicle accidents (mostly involving motorbikes) over the Summer. Councillors to remain vigilant and report, especially at Wood Cottage and near Drs Gate. Repairs to barriers and installation of new barriers along the A57 now complete. Clerk to ask for an update on the installation of average speed cameras and permanent repairs to the road. Clerk to report the increasing number of large lorries using the A57.
62/26 Cluster Project – the land required to construct the pipeline has been reduced from 300m wide along it's length, to 100m in 'most locations' according to the Peak Cluster website. There will be a consultation in November about the altered route and changes to areas of land required. There are projects underway to look at capturing carbon on site instead of transporting it. The Peak Cluster Project will remain an agenda item so that we can continue to update parishioners.
All other emails and correspondence noted.
63/26 Mini Switzerland Project. This is a public transport project centred on the Hope Valley and which has a budget of £12million. Train and bus timetables will be co-ordinated to enable the public to travel around using both types of transport. It is likely that there will be more frequent bus services as well as live travel information. We will be campaigning for a new bus service along the Snake Road to link Manchester and Glossop to Snake Summit and the Hope Valley. If this project is successful, it could be rolled out around the UK. However, work has only just begun, so no details to report as yet. Councillors will keep parishioners informed.

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64/26 Planning – repairs to Howden Dam west tower roof. No decision at the time of this meeting. [Granted conditionally on 15th October 2026.]

65/26 No other reports
66/26 Finance: Income £633.00 HPBC parish council grant

No expenditure

Balance at 5th October 2026 £6774.57

67/26 Items for the next agenda - Peak Cluster; anti-social behaviour; Mini-Switzerland Project
68/26 Date of the next meeting and the finance meeting – 25th November 2026

Meeting closed at 20.40pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne
Clerk

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