DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019 ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), A Robinson (RFO), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), J Gascoigne (Clerk), W Middleton, Cllr Charlotte Farrell (HPBC).

42/19 No apologies

43/19 No declarations

44/19 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

Agenda suspended to welcome Cllr Farrell who reported that HPBC will be declaring a Climate Emergency for the Borough on 15th October 2019. This will allow HPBC to make changes to the Council's existing policies particularly in terms of energy efficiency.

Cllr Farrell also reported on her meeting with Laura Ward from STW and Rob Garnham STW's mediator to discuss Fairholmes Visitor Centre. She supported all of our concerns and communicated these to Ms Ward and Mr Garnham.

45/19 Matters arising. Smart Water packs have been given out to Parishes but we have not had ours. Clerk to chase up.

Hedge opposite Gores – STW have agreed that it is their responsibility and will add it to their list of works.

Broadband – BT have laid a fibre optic cable along side the private road from the A57 to Derwent so that broadband can be connected to private houses. There are now two cables – the other belonging to EE for the emergency network.

46/19 Hole in the A57 outside Wood Cottage has been repaired.

A car that was trespassing on the ford at Ashop Bottom had cracked it's sump and the oil had emptied into the River Ashop. Reported to Adam Marsden STW.

Skew Bridge has had it's edges sealed to prevent ingress of water which was beginning to rot the stone.

Groups of motorbikes have been coming to Fairholmes some of which have illegal exhausts. Report to Rural Crime Police.

47/19 Nothing to report.

48/19 All correspondence and emails noted.

49/19 Clerk to arrange meeting with Laura Ward and Rob Garnham to further discuss Fairholmes Visitor Centre.

Top soil to be removed from Fairholmes roundabout and replaced with acidic soil so that it can be planted with heathers.

We are waiting for a quote for fencing. Cllr Cottrill to chase up

50/19 No replies received regarding the Parish Council's vision. Councillors will add to it and make refinements at the next meeting.

51/19 Cllr Robinson reported on the Hope Valley Parishes meeting. Police said that there had been no serious crimes in our area. They advised parishioners to ring 999 and ask for the police if parishioners see any crimes being committed. Ringing 101 takes too long to connect so people are not bothering to report crimes.

Bradwell Parish Council is going to ask for traffic lights to be installed between Brough Corn Mill and Vincent Works in Brough because the narrow road is causing traffic jams when lorries have to pass each other. Traffic lights would mean that a footway could also be installed making it safe for pedestrians.

Cllr Gascoigne reported on a meeting with Matthew Pocock, NT regarding our potential agreement for the use of St Henry's following an email received by Cllr Robinson from NT about said agreement and NT's requirement for a key. No formal agreement is yet in place mainly because NT do not know when or how often they will be using the Hall. Therefore agreed that NT must in any event check the diary with Cllr Robinson and we will make a key available to them. M Pocock also agreed that NT would contribute to lighting and heating costs but not pay rent. Agreement to remain informal whilst NT usage is only occasional and Cllr Robinson to monitor. A Jolley to be advised and will also be asked to monitor. Clerk to remind M Pocock that no lock should be installed on the fire doors.

Re: Outdoor events and the problems they are now causing – M Pocock to ask the relevant member of staff to contact Cllr Gascoigne.

Cllr Gascoigne spent an hour with the Police Rural Crime Team on their stand at Hope Show and met the local police officers.

52/19 Cllr Robinson to look at the NALC Financial Regulation model and adapt for our use.

Payments British Gas DD £37.43

A Jolley chq 560 £87.50

Balance £6791.35 (plus £2000.00 ringfenced)

53/19 Items for next agenda – review of A Jolley's wage; adoption of Financial Regulations.

54/19 Date of next meeting 13th November 19.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.10pm