

# DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2019 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

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

13/19 No apologies

14/19 Declarations – none

15/19 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

Agenda suspended to allow Mrs J Cubison to speak. She reported that young people have been driving up Derwent Lane to use nitrus oxide canisters which are then discarded on the ground. This activity had stopped after the fatal car accident last year but has now resumed. Report to rangers and police. The locks and chains on gates around the dams have been cut off and removed. Rangers are aware. A Byford attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting and has since been on patrol around our parish with police officers from Rural Crime. Councillors were reminded to use the 101 number to report suspicious activity to police.

16/19 Co-option of two Councillors:

Messrs W Middleton and G Woodhead. Prop – Cllr A Robinson, Sec – Cllr R Cottrill. Duly co-opted.

17/19 Election of officers:

Chair – R Cottrill	prop Cllr A Robinson	sec Cllr W Middleton
Vice - G Woodhead	prop Cllr A Robinson	sec Cllr W Middleton
RFO - A Robinson	prop Cllr J Gascoigne	sec Cllr W Middleton
Clerk – J E Gascoigne	prop Cllr A Robinson	sec Cllr W Middleton

18/19 Matters arising: Highways issues from the previous meeting reported. Traffic lights have been in operation on the A57 below the Chapel for several weeks due to subsidence. Highways monitoring to see if there is further collapse before repairing.

National Trust is carrying out work on access gates and footpaths.

A hole has appeared in the road outside A Byfords. To be reported.

Request a sign for Crookhill Farm asking for dogs to be kept on leads.

19/19 Highways and footpaths: Fences on both sides of Birchin Clough are down. Report.

Post and fence at Grainfoot has been vandalized. Report.

Fence down due to vandalism below Jubilee Cottages. Report.

20/19 Correspondence and emails circulated and noted

21/19 Data Protection – nothing to report

22/19 Re National Fell Running championships on 19th October 2019 – send email to Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council informing them that we had strongly objected to this event due to the very large number of competitors. Bamford Rec will be the car park for this event from where coaches will transport teams and supporters to Fairholmes and back.

There are concerns about checking for damage to the ground, erosion and litter. Who is going to monitor and check the route before and after? Speak to Paul Wetton.

23/19 Points from the Parishes.

Derwent : Canada Geese are making a mess in the hay meadows. Check what the current policy is; there are too many organised outdoor events; mountain bikes are regularly using open access and footpaths.

Hope Woodlands: trees guards and stakes from recent tree planting activity have collected in river bottoms- report to National Trust; there is excessive litter and fly tipping along the A57 – report to DCC.

24/19 Finance.

Receipts	£960.50	HPBC precept
	£250.00	Hire of St Henry's for wedding
	£177.87	VAT return 2017-2018
Payments	£87.50	chq 557 Caretaking
	£65.26	d/d Brit Gas
	£66.35	chq 559 DALC subs
	£73.08	chq 556 Boiler Service

Balance at 03/05/2019 £6682.18 (Plus £2000.00 funding from Tesco ringfenced for planting on Fairholmes roundabout.)

25/19 The Annual Governance Statement was signed.

26/19 The Accounting Statement was signed.

Exercise of Electors Rights to comment on the accounts will commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 for a period of six weeks.

27/19 Items for next agenda. Ask the new STW contact to a Parish Council meeting.

Smart Water funding.

DCC statement for Climate Change

Ask the new High Peak Borough Councillors to a future meeting.

28/19 Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Meeting closed at 21.20pm.

Cllr Jill Gascoigne, Clerk