

# DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), A Robinson (RFO), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), J Gascoigne (Clerk), W Middleton and 3 parishioners.

Kath Birkenshaw, Dick Cubison and Ian were welcomed to the meeting.

29/17 No apologies

30/17 No declarations of interest

31/17 Minutes read and approved

32/17 Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) National Fell Running Relays – Bob Berzins to be invited to an open meeting in June/July
- b) Four quotes received for lighting at St Henry's. Contract awarded to R A Priestley for the price of £750.00

33/17 The A57 will be closed at night between 19.00 and 7.00 for a maximum of one month for resurfacing between Moscar and Sheffield. The Ladybower Inn complained that this would mean a significant loss of business because there would be no passing traffic. The contractors – Amey – have now contacted the proprietor.

34/17 It was agreed that emails regarding 'organised outdoor events' should be circulated to all parishioners. Other emails deemed to be of interest to the Parish are already circulated.

35/17 Planning Decision Notice NP/HPK/0217/0118 for installation of a 30m lattice tower and cabinet at Hagg Barn has been granted.

36/17 Points from the Parishes.

Derwent: One councilor and 4 parishioner attended.

- a) There are an excessive number of Canada Geese despite attempts by PDNPA rangers to oil some eggs.
- b) Some cyclists are speeding along the cycle routes and generally being inconsiderate towards other users.

- c) Increasing number of cyclists are on footpaths especially on the moor both day and night. PC to keep reporting this to Peak Park and National Trust.
- d) Rubbish – especially dog poo bags and disposable coffee cups from Fairholmes – needs reporting to Paul Wetton.
- e) Many international visitors do not understand the countryside rules regarding footpaths and open access. They walk through the meadows and climb fences/walls.
- f) There is concern that the Lancaster Bomber, which is performing a fly over during the Eroica event, will still fly up to Derwent despite emails from Eroica that this will not happen.
- g) People are driving up to Fairholmes at night and speeding around the car park and up and down the lanes. Report to the police/rangers.
- h) The road surface up to King’s Tree is poor. Report to DCC Highways.

Hope Woodlands: 3 councillors and 2 parishioners attended.

- a) Lack of broadband continues to frustrate parishioners. Can the fibre optic cable running along the A57 be tapped into and a booster station be installed. Contact borough councillors.
- b) Major repairs required to the A57 due to slippage. Highways England to effect repairs possibly next year.
- c) There is a lot of rubbish along the road side and there have been many incidences of fly tipping over the last year.

37/17 Letter from Matthew Pocock National Trust regarding future plans for St Henry’s Hall were discussed. NT are currently responsible for the building and roof and the PC for all internal repairs. NT now need to show a financial return for their investment by making more use of the Hall. (Original letter attached to these minutes.) Reply to be sent showing concern that the PC will be losing control and responsibility for the hall which will have the result of removing the focus for the community and may affect their use of the Hall. This would also affect the Parish precept. Councillors expressed concerns that the hall should be used as an office and meeting place for the rangers for the following reasons: there is nowhere to dry wet clothes; the wooden floor would be spoilt by constantly walking across it in wet, muddy boots; to meet food and hygiene standards, the kitchen would need refurbishing with stainless steel units; the bar (currently stored in the kitchen) and tables (currently stored in the passageway) would need a proper storage space; if the office was in the kitchen as suggested, it could only be along one wall and paper work and computers etc. would have to be locked away for security; the heating system is suitable only for occasional use because it is fuelled by gas bottles which are expensive and would not last long during the winter - a new boiler and fuel source would therefore be needed.

38/17 Finance.

Payments: Brit Gas	d/d	£55.73
Markovitz	chq529	£201.60

A Jolley	chq530	£87.50
Fairfield Blders	chq531	£150.70
Brit Gas	d/d	£38.67
VHS	chq533	£132.00
DALC	chq534	£63.90

Reciepts:	Childrens' party	£20.00
	Belles	£100.00
	HPBC grant	£250.00
	DCC Transparency Fund	£285.98
	Precept	£1048.00

Balance at 05/05/17 £5,825.59

The risk assessment was approved unanimously.

38/17 i) Section one - Annual Government Statement signed by the Chair and Clerk.

38/17 ii) Section two - Accounting Statement signed by the Chair and RFO.

39/17 Hope Valley Forum – minutes attached. Next meeting will be at St Henry's on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Alport Project meeting – National Trust and Forestry to review. There will be no actual work on the ground for the foreseeable future. Regenerating trees will be monitored. Once received, minutes will be attached.

40/17 Next meeting will be in July as the open meeting.

41/17 Meeting closed at 21.45pm