

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhouse (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk), A Wheatley and one Parishioner

11/24 Apologies received from Cllr J Collins

12/24 No declarations

13/24 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

14/24 Matters Arising: STW have begun repairing potholes at Mill Bridge; potholes on Derwent Lane have been reported to DCC; Fairholmes gate will be replaced after April; Tom Ironmonger STW has confirmed that there are no plans to extend the car park where the rubble has been put down, The rubble is to facilitate tree works. He did not confirm that it would be removed when the works are completed.

15/24 Highways and PROWs: temporary traffic lights at Ashop will be there for at least another 12 months. Transport Minister and the MP are to visit the affected area of the Snake Rd. Cllr Gourlay has reported the flooding on the viaducts to heads of departments at DCC. Potholes between Ladybower and Strines have been repaired. Mr Byford reported the condition of the A57 to MP Robert Langan who has replied saying that there are another 200 landslips on Derbyshire roads. The Snake at is being undercut by water – report to Highways. Mr Byford asked if we can find out which days the road will be closed for resurfacing.

A Parishioner has queried whether drivers are actually paying for parking. Clerk to ask STW if the new parking money is being ringfenced, and if so, what for.

Clerk to ask STW what is being done to control the increasing number of Canada Geese which are spreading out from Ladybower and Derwent.

16/24 All correspondence noted.

17/24 Planning. NP/HPK/1023/1241. STW project manager and ecologist, Peak Park planning and Cllrs R Cottrill and J Gascoigne met to look at the silt spreading site below Heyridge Farm. Peak Park also had a separate visit with their ecologist. Peak Park have recommended that the silt should

be spread on top of the silt which was spread in 2014. The reason that the silt has built up again is that the sluice gates on the dam have not been opened regularly leading to a rapid build up. The silt cannot be let go in large amounts because of the adverse effect on aquatic river life. STW are not prepared to send a member of staff to site on a regular basis to open the sluice gates and gradually let the silt clear preferring to dredge it out in one operation. Once completed, STW will ensure the silt does not build up again. Whilst at this meeting, STW staff went to look at the failed tree planting and also looked at the land earmarked for further tree planting. STW were unaware that there is a concrete tunnel taking water from Alport to Ladybower running under the field where they want to plant trees.

18/24 Finance. The Precept increase was accepted. The Parish Council was forced to accept a Valda Electricity contract which had been arranged by Bionic because Bionic refused to terminate their electricity supply contract with us. This is more expensive than an alternative contract that we could have accepted. Cllr Robinson has reported Bionic to the energy ombudsman which has arranged a telephone call to discuss the matter. The Audit fee remained the same at £120.00

Expenditure

Chq 627 £25.00 Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath RBL

Chq 629 £357.00 Propane Gas

D/d £20.98 Valda electricity

Chq 628 £206.40 Ace Fire check

Chq 626 £38.95 Selection Boxes for the Annual Childrens' Party

19/24 Send a reminder about the Parish Meetings which will take place on 27th March. DCC is proposing political boundary changes which will mean the Parishes of Derwent, Hope Woodlands and Bamford (but not Thornhill) becoming part of Glossop and not Hope Valley. Clerk to contact Peter Leppard and send round information to our Parishioners so that they can send in their comments/objections.

20/24 Date of next meeting 15th May 2024

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne

Clerk