**DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY 2026
AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

45/26 No apologies
46/26 No declarations
47/26 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed
48/26 Matters arising: response received from Forestry England following email about wild camping and damage to the land at Hope Woodlands. FE are taking steps to reduce wild camping but no details given.
49/26 No further up date on any repairs to road slips on the A57. Clerk to ask Highways for the results of the investigations undertaken at Drs Gate in June. It was noted that there have been several motorbike accidents over the last three months resulting in one death and serious injuries. The road surface is already breaking up as a result of poor quality road surface repairs between the end of the plantation and Drs Gate. Speeding on the Snake Road and Derwent Lane has become frequent over the Summer.
50/26 Cllrs Wheatley and Woodhead to ask Miles Tewson STW about the tree felling taking place behind Heatherdene following an email received from a parishioner. It was noted that this area is not in our Parish.
51/26 DCC to keep the Parish Council updated about plans for road closures and any other relevant issues regarding The Tour de France Femmes race in 2027.
52/26 No one has been prosecuted under the PSPO banning open fires and bbqs in the Peak District. HPBC have decided that it is better to educate wild campers by talking to them and asking them to extinguish fires and bbqs. Our local rangers spend most of their time doing this. Since the last Parish Council meeting there have been several wild fires in the Peak District, most of which have been quickly extinguished. However, there have been major wild fires in other parts of the UK which have caused extensive damage. It is extremely likely that summer droughts will become more common and there are calls for government action to protect the national countryside.
To try and prevent cars driving along Alport Lane to park and then wild camp, Cllr Gascoigne will ask the National Trust for signs to go on the gates and Cllr Robinson will attempt to contact Google and Strava to remove Alport Lane from their sites as a right of way.
53/26 The Peak Cluster Pipe project is facing mounting pressure to reject the proposal. Hope Cement Works has applied for planning permission to extend quarrying until 2042 which is the date that cement production is due to finish at this site. Cllr Wheatley to investigate further before we send the Parish Council response to Peak Park Planning. If the alternative is to ferry in limestone by road/rail instead, which option would be the least damaging to the environment and local area whilst safeguarding local jobs?
54/26 Our list of issues which affect this Parish and are to be submitted to Hope Valley Parishes meeting are as follows (in no specific order) with some suggestions of actions to mitigate the problems
Parking – an integrated public transport network to encourage visitors to use it instead of their cars; parking restrictions and charges; cctv; reasonably priced carparks.

Fly tipping – allow smaller commercial loads at public tips such as vans and trailers.
Visitor behaviour – including wild fires, speeding damage. Cctv; education through social media and schools.
Visitor tax – this should not be imposed on visitors who are staying overnight. These visitors contribute more to the local economy than day visitors.
A57 road slips – the road needs properly repairing because of it's importance as a cross country route between Sheffield and Manchester and as a gateway into the Peak District.
55/26 No reports
56/26 Finance: Payments – d/d £52.93 British Gas
£111.62 DALC subs
£6.00 PPPF subs
£283.50 propane gas
d/d £49.09 British Gas
Balance at 03/07/2026 £6338.54
57/26 Date of the next meeting 16th September or 7th October 2026

The meeting was closed at 20.50pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne
Clerk