

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2023 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk) & 3 Parishioners

22/23 Apologies received from G Woodhead, PC Carl Davies

23/23 No declarations of interest

24/23 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

25/23 Co-option of Councillors:

Jill Gascoigne

Proposed – A Robinson

Seconded – R Cottrill

Andrew Wheatley

Proposed – J Gascoigne

Seconded – R Cottrill

Election of Officers:

Chair: Cllr R Cottrill

Proposed – A Robinson

Seconded – A Wheatley

Vice Chair – G Woodhead

Proposed – R Cottrill

Seconded – A Robinson

Responsible Financial Officer A Robinson

Proposed – J Gascoigne

Seconded – A Wheatley

26/23 Matters Arising: update received from PC Carl Davies listing crimes that have taken place over the last two months and other recent work undertaken by the police. The Oak tree for the Queen's Canopy has been planted near to Mill Bridge, Derwent and is easily accessible for care and maintenance purposes.

Neither HPBC nor DCC are intending to take any action over the recent increase in fly tipping.

Highways cannot take enforcement action against people parking on verges next to double yellow lines when the land belongs to others. Clerk to investigate further since verges belong to Highways.

27/23 Highways and PROWs: the A57 is to be closed for resurfacing from 22nd May for one week. Two sets of traffic lights will be removed leaving one set at Alport Bridge.

28/23 Correspondence: PDNPA will be making some redundancies of staff (some will be redeployed) and some operational changes which may affect visitor centres.

29/23 A report was given on the Hope Woodlands Annual Parish Meeting which included the successful installation on full fibre broadband; UDVRE schemes; the road slippages and road surfacing on the A57 and the future of the Hope Woodlands Chapel. The report for Derwent Annual Parish Meeting will be given at the next Parish Council Meeting.

30/23 UDVRE: no real updates have been received from STW. The next one will be the publication of Gate 2 options in July. Clerk to ask if the Blight Policy has been issued. PDNPA are holding their full council meeting on 19th May at which Brian Taylor, Head of Planning will present an initial statement of objection to the UDVRE schemes. Cllr Wheatley will attend and speak on behalf of the Parish supporting this statement. The results of this meeting will be reported to the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk to email C. Best, National Trust, to ask if the NT will be taking a similar position. STW to be asked to attend the July Parish Council meeting assuming that Gate 2 options have been published.

31/23 Planning: the application for replacement housing for air quality testing equipment is subject to legal procedure and will be granted, therefore the PC cannot comment.

32/23 Finance: the Certificate of Exemption was signed. An external audit is not required.

Expenditure – Electricity D/d	£60.32	
PPPF subs	£6.00	chq 617
DALC subs	£75.47	chq 618
Income - HPBC	£1038.00	
Balance at 04/05/2023	£5327.63	

33/23 The annual accounts will need to be signed in June. A Finance meeting will be held when the relevant information is available.

34/23 Next meeting is 26th July 2023

The meeting was closed at 20.40pm

Jill Gascoigne
Clerk