

# DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: Cllrs R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk), A Wheatley . One parishioner.

32/24 No apologies

33/24 No declarations

34/24 Minutes of the previous meeting were amended, approved and signed

35/24 Matters Arising:- It is noted that it is not Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council asking for support and suggestions to alleviate the pressures of visitor parking and speeding, it is a private project initiated by one of their Councillors.

It is noted that Mr W Middleton continues to garden the roundabout at Fairholmes. A letter of thanks to be sent.

36/24 Highways & Prows. Apparently the bridge repairs at Mytham Bridge have been delayed because the damage and undercutting is more extensive than Highways had realised. The road through Brough is now fully closed until September 2024 and HGVs have been given permission to use the A57 Snake Pass during this period.

Mr Byford reported that DCC have applied to central government for funds to enable the Snake Pass to be repaired and to date have spent approximately £100,000 on ground investigations. Clerk to write to the new Mayor to find out why the Parish Council is not being kept informed.

Several potholes have appeared at the end of the plantations. Clerk to report.

A 30 metre stretch of footpath at the east side of Derwent Dam wall has been closed since April. Clerk to find out when it will re-open since no work appears to have been carried out for several weeks.

Wild campers are spreading out from Hope Woodlands onto the moors and also into the woods below Hagg Hostel. The risk of a wild fire is more likely because there are so many camp fires being lit, the area has become a

very large toilet which poses a significant health risk to animals and people and huge amounts of litter are left each week by the campers. The consequence of this is that the land is being polluted and destroyed. Report to Forestry, National Trust and Severn Trent and find out what action they will be taking.

37/24 Correspondence: We will not be attending the Annual Parishes Day this year because the topic is 'Local Plans' and therefore is not an issue of interest to this PC. A parishioner has emailed Severn Trent to complain about the lack of ranger cover following an incident where a visitor needed medical assistance but there is no phone signal beyond Fairholmes and there were no rangers. The café remains open until around 7pm and the car park is open for 24 hours. All of these factors encourage antisocial behaviour whilst STW continues to earn money from carparking fees, but not employing rangers before 9am or after 4pm. Ask PDNPA and STW to attend a PC meeting to discuss.

38/24 Planning: NP/HPK/062/0589 Send comments – ensure the Shepherd's hut is hidden or screened.

39/24 UDVRE: this will not be signed off by the Government until sometime after the General Election. PC to remain vigilant because it is possible a Labour government may change the planning laws for raw water storage.

40/24 DCC have allowed the Traffic Regulation Order on Derwent and Howden Lanes to lapse. This means they are no longer closed to traffic at weekends and police have no powers to prevent drivers using both roads. This is dangerous to visitors who have prams, wheelchairs and dogs and who use the roads since there are no footpaths. It also encourages antisocial behaviour and illegal activities. Clerk to email DCC.

41/24 The Parish Council website is due for renewal with the provider. This is bi-annual and cost £170.00 last time. Cllr Robinson to check the current price and also to investigate moving to the government domain if it is free and simple to do. Moving hosts would require a change in website name to '.gov.uk'.

42/24 The Parish Council unanimously agreed the revised financial regulations to ensure compliance with the Financial Regulatory Authority.

43/24 Finance: The Energy Ombudsman has upheld the Parish Council's complaint in full. We will receive a credit.

The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were approved and signed.

Accounts to be uploaded onto the website before 01/07/2024.

Income-                    £150.00 HPBC Mayoral election  
                                 £258.80 VAT rebate

Expenditure                £89.03 Electricity d/d  
                                 £82.26 DALC subs chq 633  
                                 £ 6.00 PPPF subs chq 632

Balance at 05/06/2024    £5596.74

44/24 Items for the next Agenda – Invite the police to a meeting to discuss speeding and accidents involving motorbikes.

45/24 Date of the next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Meeting closed at 08.55PM

Cllr Jill Gascoigne Clerk