

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER AT ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair) A Robinson (RFO) G Woodhead (Vice Chair) J Gascoigne (Clerk) W Middleton and one parishioner

Andrew Byford was welcomed to the meeting and he reported on the following issues:-

Despite several emails to Highways asking for details about the closure of the A57 during the last week of October, there has been no reply or acknowledgment. Threes blocked gullies near to Blackden View Farm gateway have been reported to HPBC.

54/17 Apologies – Cllr Helliwell, Mr & Mrs A Wheatley

55/17 No declarations of interest.

56/17 Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

57/17 Matters arising from the previous minutes and not on the agenda:

- a) Tesco Plastic Bag community funding has received so many applications that ours (for planting on Fairholmes Roundabout) will not be considered until the New Year.
- b) The lights installation is still not complete. Mr R A Priestley to be chased up.
- c) Abandoned cars removed eventually after much chasing up by NT rangers.
- d) Highways have patched up Derwent Lane but not swept up the loose chippings. This is dangerous for cyclists. To be chased up.
- e) Matrix signs still not displaying the messages that were agreed at the local parished forum meeting. Cllr Jim Perkins to be emailed.
- f) Reply received from STW Hazel Earnshaw regarding repainting white lines on the road at the junction where their private road meets Derwent Lane. She is checking whose responsibility it is. To be chased up

58/17 Footpaths & Highways:

- a) Fly tipping has become a regular occurrence. Kait Jones NT ranger continues to report to HPBC. PC has asked her to 'add NT's voice' and request HPBC for the hidden infra red motion camera to be sited on A57.
- b) There have been a substantial number of cars trespassing at Jumble Bridge, parking in the water on the ford and having professional photos taken which are then sold. STW informed and gate has had to be padlocked at both ends.
- c) Groups of river walkers have been seen regularly parking below the Snake Inn and then walking up Fairbrook. Report to NT.

59/17 Correspondence: emails already forwarded to Councillors, and parishioners where appropriate.

- a) Leaflet from Derbyshire Broadband. Our parishes not yet covered. Info to be sent to parishioners and they can individually register their interest if they wish.
- b) Latest information from BT (received via a forwarded email) suggests booster stations would be needed to extend broadband into our parishes and that extra costs would have to be borne by the Parish/householder.

60/17 St Henry's Hall: Parish Councillors met Matthew Pocock and rangers to discuss how NT wish to make better use of the hall. PC is to retain control and keep the diary; NT will use the disabled entrance, upgrade the ramp and the toilet area so that rangers can store boots and hang coats; NT will share the storage space next to the kitchen and will put up shelves/cupboards as needed; in the kitchen NT will have the bar removed so that they can install desks along that wall. When not in use all computers etc will be locked away; NT may purchase stand alone heaters for kitchen and toilet areas which would be more economical than heating the whole building; rangers will maintain the current high standard of cleanliness in the Hall; NT will no longer pay any hire charges but will pay for the use of heating and electricity so that PC will not incur any extra costs; Cllr Robinson will check with the insurers to see if our premium will be affected; Cllr Robinson will liaise with rangers to ensure that there are no clashes of use; dialogue must be maintained between PC and NT to ensure that the relationship works smoothly.

61/17 DPFR National Relays: only one reply received from parishioners to attend the open meeting. Representatives from DPFR and NT will be attending. Reminder email to be sent. The agenda will be simply a welcome, the DPFR address and then questions from the floor.

62/17 Finance: 2 minor comments received from the auditors which have been dealt with.

The PC website is closed at the time of this meeting because no invoice was received from LCN to pay the domain and hosting renewal. Agreed unanimously to pay for five years in advance because this is the cheapest option. LCN will not accept cheques or bank transfers as payment. Agreed unanimously that Cllr Gascoigne will make the payment of £221.90 plus VAT from her bank account and PC will reimburse her the same amount by cheque which will be signed by Cllr R Cottrill and Cllr A Robinson. Receipt to be signed by Cllr Gascoigne and endorsed with the Minutes reference (62/17).

AON no longer insuring village halls therefore Cllr Robinson will obtain new quotes.

Payments: Gas cylinders d/d £244.65
Cleaning chq 535 £87.50

Receipts: Nat Trust hire £100.00
HPBC Gen Election £150.00

Balance at 4th August 2017 £5945.00

63/17 Next meeting 6th December 2017 19.30 pm Ladybower Inn

64/17 Meeting closed at 20.05pm