

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: Cllrs R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk)
Cllr V Priestley Councillor Representative on the PDNPA. One parishioner.

44/24 Apologies: Cllr A Wheatley

45/24 No declarations

46/24 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed

47/24 Matters arising: Clerk to report the lapse of the TRO for Derwent Lane.

Although the new Labour Govt has introduced a water bill the UDVRE has not yet been signed off

48/24 Issues regarding Highways and PROWs: A sign has been erected on the Snake Road at the temporary traffic lights/landsip site advising of closure for a week in September. However, once again this closure has not been reported or notified via the official sites. Clerk to report.

Blackden Clough footpath has not yet been repaired. Clerk to check with National Trust. Pot holes are reappearing on the A57.

Cllr Priestley reported on an initiative from the PDNPA to reduce speeding and therefore prevent deaths on the A57. In 2024 so far, 13 motor bikers have lost their lives on Derbyshire roads, and three of those have been on the A57 Snake Pass. Average speed cameras installed on the A537 Cat and Fiddle have reduced the numbers of accidents and deaths and they would have the same effect if installed on the Snake Pass. Several cameras would need to be installed along the length of the Pass to ensure no speeding could take place between them. Derbyshire County Council would need to be persuaded to pay for their installation and planning permission would be required. Councillors indicated their support for this initiative and agreed to emails being sent to the MP, the Mayor, Derbyshire County Council, Highways, the Police and Crime Commissioner etc.

49/24 Correspondence and emails: all noted. Cllr Robinson to represent the Parish Council at the upcoming Hope Valley Climate Action meeting where the DCC Active Travel Master Plan will be discussed.

The Parish Council is pleased to report that due to Councillors and members of the public objecting to proposed and recommended changes in the political boundaries for our Parish and Bamford, both Parishes will now remain in the High Peak political constituency rather than become part of the Glossop political constituency. Political divisions promote effective and convenient government and Derwent, Hope Woodlands,

Bamford and Thornhill Parish Councils believe that this can be best achieved for our Parishes by remaining in the High Peak political division. Many thanks to those who wrote in to The Boundary Commission.

Cllr Priestley reported that the PDNPA and stakeholders have been meeting to discuss the Race to Zero and the implementation of a Landscape Nature Recovery Plan.

The Clerk asked for confirmation that the Runthrough event will keep to PROWs. Event organisers were unable to confirm. Clerk to ask again.

50/24 Clerk to ask Hathersage Parish Council how many people from our Parish use the Hathersage Pool.

51/24 Planning withdrawal noted. Cllr Priestley reported that there is now a full planning team in the Planning Department.

52/24 Councillors have agreed to remain with the current website provider. A document is attached to these minutes to show the decision process taken.

53/24 Finance:

Income £250.00 Belles rent

£ 303.32 credit from Bionic as a result of complaint to Energy Ombudsman

£200.00 Hall hire for General Election

Expenditure £46.15 DD Electricity July

£150.00 Caretaking

£47.08 DD Electricity August

Balance at 5th August 2024 £6106.83

54/24 Item for the next agenda – Parish Council to move to online banking.

55/24 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November 2024.

Meeting closed at 8.50PM