

# DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 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.

01/25 Apologies: Cllrs Collins & Farrell, Jon Pearce MP

02/25 No declarations

03/25 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed

04/25 Matters Arising: the lapsed TRO on Derwent Lane reported and a new one requested.

Email sent to the East Midlands Mayor for a bus service along the A57.

05/25 Highways: The Snake Summit was down to a single lane due to double parking on the road during the recent snow. Double yellow lines not visible so drivers took advantage. Cars were also parked on the viaduct near Derwent Lane end and to the corner near the traffic lights. Report because there is a safety issue. The STW visitor manager has been replaced. PC to make contact.

06/25 Correspondence: PDNPA are once again looking at redundancies and restructuring due to financial pressures.

We have been notified that there will be a local government devolution and Hope Valley may become part of Manchester. No consultation has been planned therefore Parish Councils will have to send comments via their district and county Councillors. Jon Pearce MP has agreed to attend a PC meeting if we can change the date to a Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March: agreed. Discussion areas to be given to him in advance.

07/25 HPBC have funding for small projects. Clerk to get quotes for gravel and spreading for Derwent Lane outside St Henry's Hall. Reinstating the footpath alongside the A57 between the Derwent Lane end and Fisherman's Bridge would be outside the scope of this funding and the Parish Council. It is on STW land. STW to be approached.

08/25 Meetings: Cllr Robinson has requested that the Active Travel Master Plan boundary be extended to include the route around Ladybower Dam between the A57 and Fairholmes as a minimum. No reply received.

09/25 Finance:

The 10% increase to the precept has been approved. Total amount will be £1206.00. It was agreed that we apply for online banking with one signatory for payments. The bank would charge £20.00 per month for two signatories. Cllr Robinson to amend the Parish Council Standing Orders to ensure we have robust and accountable checks in place.

Expenditure

GDPR	£35.00	d/d
Insurance	£293.14	chq 638
Caretaking	£150.00	chq 639

Income

Cllr Gourlay	£140.00 credit for website improvement
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Balance at 03/01/2025 £5768.95

10/25 For the next meeting: Suggestions for issues to discuss with Jon Pearce MP will include Local Government devolution; landslips on, and the ongoing maintenance of the A57; the lack of public transport along the A57 especially between Glossop and Ladybower; visitor management.

11/25 Date of next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Meeting closed at 8.45PM