

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2020 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

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

Members of the public were asked not to attend on this occasion so that social distancing could be observed. Comments and queries were sent by email/phone.

15/20 No apologies

16/20 No declarations

17/20 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

18/20 Matters arising: new bridge at Millbrook not yet installed; fibre optic broadband has now reached Derwent Village and Derwent Dam east tower but will not be extended any further under current plans; the two large bins in Derwent Village which are solely for use of residents for their normal refuse disposal are being left unlocked and are now full of other rubbish, email residents asking them to keep the bins locked; donation agreed for Hope Woodlands Chapel which must be for something specific.

19/20 Highways and footpaths:

Viaducts on the A57 at Ladybower are now flooding whenever there is rain; email Highways. More cracks have appeared on the A57 as the road continues to slip; Highways aware. New gate installed by STW at Ashop Ford which will prevent cars parking and also driving onto the land. Measures now required to prevent parking along the road side.

An increase in numbers of people wild camping observed over the lockdown period. Continue reporting to authorities.

An increase in the numbers of cars and motor bikes speeding along the A57 during the lockdown period.

Also an increase in the number of cars and motor bikes with 'straight through exhausts – identified by constant backfiring and louder engines. A pilot scheme has been undertaken in Britain with a 'Noise monitor/camera' – Cllr Robinson to email our MP asking for further information. Continue reporting to police.

Traffic wardens have been ticketing regularly where cars are parking along the clearway. The clearway requires better marking. Report to Highways.

20/20 Data Protection – no updates

21/20 Correspondence:

E-telecommunications update from MP Robert Largon – the Government has announced a shared rural network roll out for 95% UK coverage, but there are no exact details yet and we don't know if our area is included.

Peak District Proud campaign – it is now clear that the litter problem must be addressed urgently with clear messages to the general public to take their litter home. It is hoped that the huge amounts of litter left in the countryside and public places during lockdown has been an eye opener for the authorities. A letter to be sent to PDNPA supporting clear, simple, direct messaging to the public about litter.

Councillors thanked Cllr Middleton for spending many hours changing the Parish Council website to comply with the new accessibility for all regulations that come into force in September.

22/20 Planning. Snake Cottage extension refused.

23/20 Coronavirus Pandemic – our Parish has been inundated with visitors and traffic and all the problems that we normally see have been exacerbated. Regular emails have been sent to our MP, HPBC, Peak Park, National Trust, STW etc. to keep them informed. Adam Marsden,STW, and Fairholme rangers have worked hard throughout trying to manage visitors but National Trust have furloughed many of their staff.

24/20 The Parish Council has set up a new email which will serve as a log for parishioners to notify us of incidences and this is being used. We will then collate the information to send to the relevant authorities.

25/20 Fairholmes Traffic Island – soil has been replaced and fence stakes made. Email sent to DCC to gain final approval at the beginning of March but no response received despite chasing up.

26/20 Reports – Hope Valley Parishes Forum; closed public toilets have created a problem in the Hope Valley although toilets at Fairholmes and Bradwell have been open. The problem has been largely due to the huge amount of visitors. Extra traffic, parking and speeding have also caused issues in the Hope Valley. The focus going forward will be on traffic calming measures, more space for pedestrians and cycling and litter. And just as importantly – how to communicate messages to the visiting public.

Derbyshire Climate Action – each Council should identify what they could do to help combat climate change such as house insulation and double glazing, cycle networks, prioritizing pedestrians over cars, encouraging people to buy products with no packaging etc. The idea is

that if every council helped parishioners make changes and /or funded such changes, this would start to make a real difference. To be discussed more fully at our next meeting.

27/20 Finance

Expenditure:

DALC membership	chq 574	£68.34
PP Forum	chq 573	£6.00
M Sowerby	chq 576	£1680.00
Cllr Middleton	chq 575	£27.34
Brit Gas	D/d	£23.08
Brit Gas	D/d	£20.20

Income:

HPBC Precept		£920.00
VAT 2018-2019		£64.95
Bal at 05/06/20		£6928.90

The Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance view was signed

The Annual Governance Statement was signed

The Accounting Statement was signed

From Monday 22nd June 2020 for 30 working days, the public can exercise their rights to see and question the accounts

28/20 Agenda item for next meeting: Climate Change - the way forward

29/20 Date of next meeting is Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Meeting closed at 21.05pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne

Clerk

