

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT ST HENRY'S HALL

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhead (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk), W Middleton, one member of the public.

30/20 Apologies: A Byford, Cllr J Collins

31/20 No declarations

32/20 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

Agenda suspended to allow Mr P Robinson to speak about Fast Fibre Broadband. Mr Robinson confirmed that there are no plans to join up properties along the A57. He informed Councillors about the Community Fibre Partnership which is a two-stage process. Firstly, British Telecom give an approximate cost which for Hope Woodlands is £46,000. Current grants available total £26,000 leaving £20,000 for the community to pay. Mr Robinson has found parishioners from 11 properties are interested which means on the above costs each would have to pay £1,800. The second stage would be detailed costings and reports by BT. The Parish Council would have to act as licensee to enable a contract to be signed with BT. Mr Robinson to keep us updated.

33/20 Matters arising – none

34/20 Highways and Public Rights of Way: The status of the Mottram by-pass consultation needs checking. If it goes ahead, it may increase the amount of traffic along the A57. Cracks in the road surface and areas of subsidence along The Snake Pass are becoming worse. Press Highways for repairs. Yellow lines have been painted along the A57 around the Ladybower Dam and Clearway signs removed. Cars are still being ticketed because they are parking on the verges next to the yellow lines.

35/20 Data Protection. This will no longer be a separate agenda item until further notice.

36/20 Correspondence. Cllr Robinson has confirmed that the War Memorial is adequately insured. Volunteer police patrols are currently not operating in our Parish.

37/20 Planning application for Snake Cottage has gone to appeal.

38/20 Renamed Derwent Heather Garden. £300.00 allocated to purchase 220 x one litre heather plants. Fence posts now installed ready for straining wire. Cllr Cottrill to install wire. Thanks given to Cllr Middleton for all of his hard work.

39/20 New covid regulations in force mean that St Henry's cannot be hired out because no more than six people are allowed to meet unless it is for organised sport.

40/20 Grateful thanks were given to Cllr Middleton who has spent a considerable amount of time altering the Parish Council website to comply as far as possible with the new accessibility regulations coming into force on 23rd September 2020. The PC website will therefore have a new look.

41/20 A Hope Valley Climate Action Group is now operational and which anyone can join. The group is currently looking for support for a 20mph speed limit through the villages.

42/20 Letter to be sent to our MP asking why fibre broadband is not being rolled out along the A57 which has a similar number of properties to Derwent.

43/20 Cllr A Robinson attended the Hope Valley Parishes Forum on 9th September, at which the Hope Valley Climate Action Group gave a presentation and solutions to address the impacts of increased visitor numbers were discussed.

43/20 Finance.

Expenditure: British Gas d/d £19.94
British Gas d/d £55.38
Caretaking chq £150.00

Income: Nil

Balance to 5th August 2020 £6703.68

42/20 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 4th November 2020

Meeting closed at 21:20pm

Cllr Jill Gascoigne
Clerk