

STANTON IN PEAK

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on TUESDAY 19th March 2013 at 7pm

Attendance: Hilary Campbell - Vice-Chair and 8 other electors of the parish and 1 member of the public

1. Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting.

The meeting appointed the Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell to take the minutes

2. Apologies

Roger Eccleston (Chair) and Darrell Shimwell

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2012

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept for 2013/14

The parish clerk noted that the parish finances are within budget for this year and reserves are adequate for a parish of our size. The precept for the coming year has been kept to the same level as this, however Central Government has changed the basis on which it is calculated and consequently parishioners will see a small increase in their bills to cover for this.

5. Chairman's Report (read on behalf of Roger Eccleston, Chair)

I would like to start by offering my thanks to my fellow councillors, who have continued to work diligently and collaboratively, and particularly the Clerk who has once again provided the Parish Council with excellent support.

It is also appropriate to thank members of the public who attend council meetings to raise issues and offer views.

Membership: Steven Shimwell resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council is grateful for Steve's contribution. Councillor Paul Morris joined the Parish Council in November.

Budget: The Parish Council decided to reduce the precept for the 2012/13 session. We have been able to operate within the budget and been able to build up a surplus that will provide a contingency for the next election and/or unforeseen requirements.

The Parish Council has taken a similar approach for the 2013/14 precept.

Planning: The Parish Council considered a number of straightforward planning applications as detailed in the minutes.

The application for the continued extraction of stone and extension of an area of stone extraction at New Pilhough Quarry was the focus of a considerable attention. The original application was rejected by the Peak District National Park (PDNPA) in May. This was followed by consultation between the Parish Council (represented by Councillor Campbell and the Clerk), SADE, CPRE and the PDNPA about the Stanton Moor Principles. The Parish Council requested that the principles were reviewed.

In response to correspondence from the PDNPA, at the July meeting, the Parish Council requested that the Stanton Moor Principles be discontinued.

The New Pilhough application was resubmitted in January. Representatives from Blockstone attended the September meeting, along with members of the public. The Parish Council again objected to the application. A further appeal was lodged in early November. The Parish Council did not modify its position.

In January the Parish Council considered new material received from Blockstone and objected once again.

The rationale for these decisions is contained in the relevant minutes which are published on the village website.

Footpaths and Highways: A range of issues were regularly discussed at Parish Council meetings, usually regarding signage, the state of the roads or verges etc. and these were dealt with by the Clerk writing to the appropriate authorities. The movement of heavy lorries through Stanton Lees was discussed regularly and some progress was made with the installation of signage. The movement of quarry lorries through Stanton in Peak has also been discussed and is yet to be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council supported the proposal to switch off most of the street lights in Stanton in Peak between midnight and 5:00am.

The Parish Council has resolved to contribute to a tree and bench on Stanton in Peak Village Green to commemorate HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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6. To consider any other Parish matter that may be brought forward by the Council or local government electors:

No matters were raised