

STANTON IN PEAK

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **TUESDAY 4th March 2014 at 7pm**
in Stanton in Peak Village Hall

**Attendance: Hilary Campbell - Chair and 15 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

Councillor Jo Wild

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th March 2013

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept for 2014/15

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 draft accounts will be presented to the Council meeting for approval. The Council banks with the Co-op Bank.

5. Chair's Report

The Parish Council has met on 6 occasions in the past 12 months, with 3 meetings held in Stanton Village Hall, 1 in Stanton School and 2 in Stanton Lees Chapel, according to availability.

Membership:

During the year Councillor Wilkins resigned from the Parish Council, and Councillor Mortimore was co-opted. Councillor Shimwell was automatically disqualified from the Council during the year, having not attended for more than 6 months.

Planning applications:

The Council has focussed much discussion on matters relating to quarrying, responding to several applications from Blockstone and Stancliffe.

The determination of proposed conditions at Stanton Moor Quarry has been on the Council's agenda for several meetings. In May 2013, Council raised a number of concerns about SMQ Environmental Statement relating to tipping and heaping, infringement on the boundaries of the scheduled ancient monument, and the width of the quarry face. In July 2013 Council again urged the PDNPA to pursue a Prohibition Order as is its legal obligation, quoting Treasury Solicitors Department advice, which states that "there are unlikely to be many cases in which, after 2 year's suspension, a Mineral's Planning Authority would be acting rationally in not finding or assuming working had permanently ceased". Councillor Eccleston attended the Planning Committee meeting in November, and Council was extremely concerned at the outcome, which was to allow Blockstone a further 4 months to produce missing information for the ROMP. Council has a very real fear that SMQ

could be reopened and is committed to holding a further meeting with the PDNPA and public to raise concerns.

Council in November responded to 3 applications from Stancliffe, firstly to erect a wire saw, (Council objected on grounds of noise levels), to relocate a workshop (no objections but would have preferred to visit first to get a better impression of impact on surroundings), and amended phased restoration (Council wanted assurances about the stability of the slope especially after previous over-tipping). In December, 5 Councillors undertook a site visit and at the January meeting, it expressed serious concerns about the fact that the quarry company had relocated the workshop ahead of any determination by the PDNPA on the matter. Council repeated its objections to the wire saw and the cumulative effects of increased commercial activity. Council urged the PDNPA to deal robustly with minerals applications, and to operate in a clear and consistent manner.

Council has responded to a number of domestic planning applications during the year to extend or change residential properties, and in September commented on an application to remove trees in Stanton Lees to assist transport movements, raising some concerns that were successfully addressed in the permission.

Precept:

The Council decided to leave the level of precept unchanged to the previous year at its January meeting by tightening up on cost centres. The tax base set by DDDC means, however, that a slight increase of 0.6% will be levied.

Footpaths and Highways:

Council has been pressing Stanton Estate to cut back trees alongside the upper boundary, and the response has been that this will be done at the end of the season but is a costly exercise. Several incidents of lorries and a coach following Satnavs in Stanton Lees, beyond the "No HGV" sign, have been reported to Highways and to the police with a request for further warning signs. This was turned down. Problems of parking in front of the War Memorial have been reported to Highways, and Council is seeking permission from Stanton Estates to put up a polite No Parking notice. A repair to the verge on the B5056 is being pursued.

Village Green:

Council planted a Jubilee flowering cherry tree in the summer, and a commemorative stone plaque is in order (Sadly this tree has recently been damaged by the winds and a fallen tree). A recycled bench and picnic table were purchased and installed on the Green during the year. The play area was sprayed by a contractor in July and the grass cut regularly. Items from the Play Inspection report are being addressed.

Grit Bins:

Council has monitored grit levels, and made sure that bins are filled for the winter. Councillor Morris is thanked for his ongoing offer to refill the bins.

Stanton Lees Matters:

Council has welcomed Councillor Morris's newsletters for the ward. Councillor Morris has attended meetings to consider Darley Bridge proposals and kept Council informed of discussions. He has also attended Enthoven Liaison meetings, and reported in detail about noise and light pollution concerns, and lorry movements.

Stanton Moor Liaison meeting:

Council has been represented at this 6 monthly meeting by Councillor Day who has reported back. The regular summer solstice event is monitored by the Police and PDNPA, and a report presented. An orienteering event on the moor was authorised by the landowner, and following this Council resolved to assess the impact of future events on an event by event basis, including the impact of traffic, recognising that the moor should remain a place for quiet recreation.

Finally, thanks go to all the members of the Council for their service to the community, giving their time voluntarily and conscientiously and turning up for meetings. Special thanks to Councillor Eccleston for two years service as Chair of the Council until May 2013, and to Councillor Morris for his support as Vice Chair. The Council is indebted to Matthew Lovell, our clerk, who has quietly and diligently supported and advised the Council during the past year. And last but not least, thanks to members of the public who have attended council meetings and raised matters of concern.

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

A query was raised as to whether the haulage operator had changed for Stancliffe Stone as the lorries are different - a lot older and some noted not to be high sided and there have been at least 2 incidents of overshooting and due to their loaded weight being unable to reverse giving rise to concerns that drivers have changed and are unfamiliar with the route. Concerns were also noted that the drivers ignore the give way signs at Pilhough crossroads. A significant increase in damage to the verges has been noted in the last ten days with oil and mud on the roads. It was noted that the police need to be notified and suggest VOSA attend to check vehicles and of greatest concern was the inability of lorries to stop giving worries for walkers, horses and visitors not being aware of local problems.

Council noted that a liaison group proposed by the Minerals Team at the Park between all the quarries and local groups cannot start soon enough. Highways do not appear to show concern whenever asked for planning comment and perhaps a "Stop" sign is needed at Pilhough.

There being no other matters raised the meeting closed at 7.30pm