

STANTON in PEAK

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7:30pm
in Stanton in Peak Village Hall

**Attendance: Paul Morris - Chair and 5 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

none

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th March 2016

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept for 2016/17

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 increase in precept seen in the Council Tax bills is due to the number of properties paying council tax decreasing and accordingly increasing everyone else's share increasing. Council has left its £6300 precept unaltered for several years.

5. Chair's Report

- As always this has been another busy year for all members of the Stanton in Peak Parish Council. Thanks should be extended to all councillors for their time and support throughout. This year we have been fortunate to be constantly quorate this has been helped by the welcome adoption of Ros Griffith to council, however there remain spare seats. Unfortunately Noel Warr feels he has to resign as he is moving from the village and we thank Noel for his support. The time burden on those attending meetings, site visits, planning meetings, liaison groups, etc. is high and often conflicts with working hours, school times etc. so skews the effort to those who can make it. Particularly this year I would like to thank Sue Fogg for her outstanding efforts in both attending and providing excellent reports of meetings/events, and taking action to fill in the gaps in cover when both the Clerk and myself have been unavailable. Council remains representative of both sides of the hill but a Warren Carr councillor would still be most welcome.

In no particular order the main issues covered include:-

Quarries. There has been much change over the last year

Council continues to be represented at the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group. This group has enabled council, resident pressure groups, quarry operators and the Peak Park Authority to exchange information. Early and helpful notification of relevant information has resulted.

Stanton Moor Quarry(SMQ)/New Pilough Quarry(NPQ). At last after many years we can report that the future of Stanton Moor Quarry has been determined. There will be no quarrying at SMQ, however a deal has been done to allow an equitable quantity of block to be removed from New Pilough Quarry. This 50,000 tons is significantly less than originally requested and is seen by all parties as being the best option. It means that quarrying at NPQ will cease and restoration completed by 2023 and the moor is safe from quarrying activity at SMQ.

Dale View Quarry. Discussions on restoration continue with both DVQ and NPQ restorations providing opportunities for wildlife habitat and a safe environment for the future.

Planning general.

Council continues to review notified planning applications, including those from outside the Parish which might have an effect on us. Our thanks to all for being vigilant here and reporting views on developments.

Highways

HGV misrouting. This is mostly caused by incorrect use of Sat Nav equipment. Actions to force Sat Nav providers to change map inputs are being taken by the users but this requires positive inputs from witnesses to aid the case. Thus any lorry seen on an incorrect route (either over 7.5 tons or 39' 4" / 12m) should be reported to the Police on their 101 number at the time of the incident, noting the registration number.

The Police have prosecuted a number of drivers following the destruction caused particularly on Congreave bends. Whilst this does not solve the problem immediately word will circulate to the drivers not to follow their Sat Nav in this area.

The review of signage for HGVs on the A6 is taking an extraordinary and most frustrating amount of time to produce results. Enthovens remain committed to fund some signage to their works from both Bakewell and Matlock directions and to find a solution to the HGV problem.

With the impending closure of Darley Bridge from the 12th April 2017 for approx 2 weeks HGV wrong routing could increase. Enthovens will be in shutdown for most of the period.

Noise

Enthovens continues to produce a heavy burden of noise, despite having actively pursued a noise abatement programme. Overall the number of quiet days has increased but the use of commercial road sweepers causes considerable discomfort, and the chimney roar continues unabated when in use. The permitting authority the EA have agreed a Noise Management Plan which is in effect a self regulation

reporting plan - this is seen as most ineffective. Other than this involvement the EA are seen as a spent force that have brushed the problem aside.

Noticeboards. These have been in a poor state of repair for some time and are being progressively replaced. Stanton Lees board is the current project; for which some help will be needed for installation.

Precept

Your PC has yet again kept the precept at the same level, without reducing services. Council has supported the village hall as well as the church mowing contract and the friends of the Peak District. The mild weather and salt stockpile has continued to save money.

Web Site. Council obtained funding for it's website and this has been in the advanced stages of production as have we migrated towards its use through the year. This funding was separate from the Precept.

Finally my thanks must go to all your Parish Councillors for their efforts throughout the year, and of course thanks to our Clerk. He gives us timely considered advice, writing our letters and creating order from our deliberations in the form of meeting minutes. Thank you Matthew.

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

Thanks were expressed from the floor for the well written and structured reports and letters produced by Council to the Peak Park and other bodies.

There being no other matters raised the meeting closed at 7:50 pm

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