

STANTON – IN – PEAK PARISH COUNCIL: Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th September 2019
at 7:30pm in Stanton Lees Chapel

PRESENT: Cllr S Fogg, Cllr R Griffith, Cllr P Morris and Cllr I Mortimore
In attendance: 7 members of the public

Cooption of Councillors: as advertised on all parish noticeboards this second opportunity was sadly declined and 3 vacancies remain.

1612 **To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies necessary

1613 **Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for inclusion of Time Constrained items**

No variations required. Council agreed to the inclusion of the Planning Application for the School due to time limits on comments.

1614 **Declarations of Members Interests**

No declarations were required in respect of this meeting.

1615 **Public Speaking**

a) Members of the public – the applicant and architect for the School planning application with a potential user briefed Council on the desire for a significant change to pupil play quality by changing a 1 in10 football chase into a self-draining level area. The area has been chosen to minimise the effect on the landscape with only one ash tree needing removal and the site remaining heavily screened by the remaining mature trees. A tree survey and bat survey have already been carried out and findings incorporated into the application. Councillors asked how fund raising was going and understand that about half of the envisaged sum has been raised but that awareness will be raised if the application is successful to obtain match funding and further donations.

A member of the public reported that the 2 bright white rooves on the new development at Enthoven are a complete contrast to the remainder of the site being highly visible from the Peak Park and reflecting sunlight and a Stanton Lees group is to be formed to collate a unified response from villagers.

A member of the public raised the quarry aspirations for the land between and altered timetable and it was noted that the 18 years debate that lead to the swap gave a generous tonnage to the quarry operator for what had been passed and this should not be exceeded as well as noting the Peak Park winning an award for the Stanton Principles that was in danger of being eroded by these aspirations.

b) County Councillor Jason Aitken, PDNPA member Kath Potter and PCSO A Boswell sent apologies.

District Councillor Matthew Buckler apologised for not progressing the total lack of response from DDDC Planners over all the issues with Ecobat and Enthoven. He had been trying to get the minutes from the liaison meetings to familiarise himself with the background. Councillors noted that the minutes that arise give little background and often omit questions and answers given to/from the floor during the session. He promised to get together with the planners shortly. Council noted the play off between Environment Agency and Environmental Health that also needed clear lines setting as there are areas distinctly in the bounds of each that have become muddied.

1616 **To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

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1617 **To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded:** no items

1618 **Planning Applications** – due to the 28-day return deadline, Council will discuss any applications received between publication of the agenda and the meeting date at this meeting.

i) **Decisions received – None**

ii) **Applications for Decision** – NP/DDD/0519/0546 Stanton in Peak CE (Controlled) Primary School – Levelling a 22.75m x 10.25m section of the existing playing field, by cut and fill, and laying an all-purpose playing surface covered with a Notts Sport Childsplay 1300 surface. The associated erection of 2.4m high chain link fencing to the boundary of the lower portion of the area

Council fully supports this application as providing significant pupil quality improvement for play. It was impressed by the detail of the application noting the ecological report suggestions for bat boxes as an educational as well as wildlife conservation move and the minimal disruption to the ash trees which grow prolifically on this hillside – the site is still heavily screened even with one tree being removed. It fully supports the change from a 1 in 10 muddy play ball chase into an all-purpose surface and welcomes the desire by the school to make this available as a community resource outside school hours to benefit the whole community.

iii) Pre-application comment requested by PDNPA under a 14 day deadline in August – response sent as follows:

Stanton in Peak Parish Council comments on the Pre application submission for a 10 year extension of time at New Pilhough Quarry

After more than 18 years of wrangling to find an agreeable solution for all parties regarding the existing old mineral permission at Stanton Moor Quarry, which resulted in an equitable swap for block at New Pilhough Quarry, with the planning consent only approved in June 2017 - we now have a move to extend the life of quarrying on and around Stanton Moor for a further 10 years. Not only would this draw out an agreed timetable of extraction and removal, it would also delay restoration of an important area of the National Park.

For Blockstone to be seeking a time extension of this magnitude, rather suggests that when they signed up to the permission, they had not formulated their business requirements. The submission says 'the quarry is a very strategically important site for the company' however, they clearly have no market for the product as their submission also says their holding facility at Cadeby Quarry is 'full to capacity with a large volume of New Pilhough sandstone' they perhaps need to source additional holding facilities, if as they state, New Pilhough block is so 'prestigious' and can then work to the agreed permission timeline.

The granted permission was for removal of block, stipulated annual maximum tonnage, vehicle movement control to the agreed end date of 2022 with full restoration completed in 2023. These timescales and volumes were agreed to ensure the local community did not have quarrying in the area any longer than necessary and to fulfil the old mineral permissions granted many years ago.

In 2018 the quarry operated for longer than the 1 month as stated, tonnage figures are supplied to both NP Mineral Officers and Stanton-in-Peak Parish Council.

If long term storage of block sandstone is not suitable for the reasons submitted in this pre application submission, then the stock they hold at Cadeby Quarry would be subject to the same weathering aspects as any further stock held, that hasn't stopped the company from

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holding stock and is if correct, a consequence of quarrying to agreed, consented planning, something that any business should build into their plans.

The agreed 2017 permission was hard fought for by the community of Stanton-in-Peak and the surrounding areas. Those who regard Stanton Moor and its environs as a unique part of the Peak District National Park wish to see the commercial erosion of the landscape come to an end - that was the agreed position of the various parties who engaged in long discussions on quarrying in and around Stanton Moor.

With only 14 days to respond, the Parish Council have not been able to communicate directly with their parishioners and further afield, however, as we understand and represent our community in regards to the impact of quarrying in the area, we are certain that any proposed extension on time for any of the quarrying activities in this area would find few supporters and would prompt significant local opposition.

The National Park Mineral Policy is for the reduction of quarrying within the Park. Extending timescales, even within the permitted tonnage, would be viewed as a negative and retrograde step by residents of the National Park.

The local community would be directly impacted by any delays in the cessation of quarrying at New Pilhough Quarry by the agreed end date of 2022, their views of course will be clearly represented by council and individual comment should this application proceed any further

iv) Planning updates/issues:

Tonnage – loads ceased after week 17 – return to activities in possibly 6 weeks time.

Items for clarification with PDNPA:

12 issues with Planning Enforcement Officers for this parish now reduced to 10. Clerk noted that with 600 cases over 125 parishes updates could not be regularly expected for cases not directly brought to council as most are technical matters and is advised that we continue as do other parish councils, to just report on ones brought to our direct attention. Council agreed to return to our and advised standard practice for the future but noted the 12 as:

Holly House Stanton-in-the-Peak - LISTED BUILDING. Unauthorised alterations LBC granted NP/DDD/0908/0847 & 0848 - Works TBC

Pilhough Farm Pilhough Rowsley - LISTED BUILDING. Various unauthorised works, including timber panelling LBC Enforcement Notice ISSUED 23/05/2007 - Compliance outstanding. Agreed to defer until property is sold

Stanton Old Hall Congreave Stanton-in-the-Peak - LISTED BUILDING. Works within the curtilage, comprising part demolition of curtilage wall, deposit of soil for landscaping, excavations in advance of gaining planning permission

Stanton Hall Main Road Stanton-In-The-Peak - Demolition of Grade II listed terrace

Birds Natural Stone yard, Brook near Stanton Mill Quarry B5056 - Operation of a stone processing/dressing yard beyond temporary PP.

The Cottage Congreave Stanton-In-The-Peak - Breach of conditions on planning applications NP/DDD/0216/0119 and NMA/1116/1120 relating to detailing. Works to detailing now carried out.

Brambledene Stanton Lees Stanton -Installation of biomass boiler (class E building) to the side of a dwelling

Church cottage Stanton-in-the peak - LISTED BUILDING. Removal of part of staircase partition.

Rock House Main Road Stanton In Peak - Installation of Air source heat pump not PD under Part 14 Class G - requires PP.

1 Church View Cottage Main Road Stanton-In-The-Peak - LISTED BUILDING. Unauthorised internal works to listed building. Removal of all internal fixtures, finishes, partitions and flooring. Listed building consent application just received but not yet validated.

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Cheese Press Cottage Stanton in the Peak - Height of ridge on extension higher than approved plans. NP/DDD/0817/0887. S73 application now granted with conditions.

Stable Gate Cottage Park Lane Stanton In Peak DE42LU - LISTED BUILDING - internal alterations comprising new range, fire place, underfloor insulation. New inappropriate windows.

Garage internal conversion query – strict clauses on use are not now common and if sufficient alternate spaces are available and the garage capable of being easily reverted, no action is likely to be taken.

Items for clarification with DDDC:

Ecobat – on all night external lighting and change of use from residential – no direct update

Enthoven – non-permission external lighting query – no direct update – with DDDCouncillor

1619 Footpaths and Highways

DCC apology received for not informing us of the July Enthoven road closure - only Darley Dale was sent the notice and neither South Darley or ourselves due to an administration error.

Black Box Monitoring – these all arrived after road closures came into effect and disappeared shortly before they opened but were for traffic quantity and speed rather than HGV monitoring. One has since reappeared now the roads are open.

Pilhough Crossroads – Clerk to chase the diverted flow on the second anniversary of this being reported as autumn rains are upon us and the officer report to install kerbing still awaits action.

Grit – noted that with the Lees Road route over the top from Stanton Lees Chapel to Birchover being closed the ambulance / fire winter route is now using Lees Road past the quarries and this alternative route needs the allocated grit.

30 mph sign move and missing village sign on Stanton Hill outstanding.

The closed Lees Road has had the overhanging trees removed – still due to reopen 4/2020

1620 Reports

i. The Green / Parish assets

The Green – no matters. Grit bin ordered to replace destroyed one. A tonne of grit is to be obtained from our supplier to refill the bin and as reserves for this winter.

The Soldier will be placed outside the church for the month of November each year.

ii. Church and VH signs – VH sign erected yesterday but one of the posts to the churchyard sign has broken since quoted. Council to ask Church/Estate to obtain and fit replacement for the new 1150mm wide sign.

iii. HGV infringements

Trading standards has notified us that 3 HGVs reported by councillors are being prosecuted shortly along with one other from a villager. Whilst it takes time to process it is worthwhile taking photographs and giving dates and times as prosecutions will be pursued.

iv. Stanton Moor Solstice

The autumn solstice approaches. A weekend report of a large camp fire by a concerned walker phoning the clerk was noted to be either cause for phoning the fire brigade if the moor is in danger or obtaining numbers for the on-duty Rangers to pass on to.

v. Stanton Minerals Liaison Committee

Meets on 13th November – Councillor Fogg will represent Council.

vi. Enthoven Liaison meeting

Still no date forthcoming for the next meeting. An unattended perimeter alarm is the latest noise nuisance.

1621 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)

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DALC Circulars 10, Clerks and Councils Direct, PDNPA Parishes Day 12th October Cllrs Morris and Fogg to attend – the discussion topics will be circulated as to which of the four our two councillors should attend.

An enquiry as to the exact location of the Stanton searchlight position in WWII is to be advertised in Snail

1622 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment	Payee net	vat
	Cheque No		
	UB HM Lovell (Sept salary)	£242.50	
	Ddr NEST	£17.94	
	UBdr Bank service charge	£18.00	
	Ub HM Lovell (expenses)	£22.36	
	Ub Painted Projects	(net £890.00)	
	UB Stanton PCC Mowing Grant	£650.00	
	UB HM Lovell (Oct salary)	£242.50	
	Ddr NEST	£17.94	
	Ddr Kingfisher Direct – grit bin	£96.99	£19.40
	Ddr Haddon Landscapes	£150.00	
	Ddr DDDC non election costs	£240.83	
	(b) Income – nil		
	c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment balance after above	£8515.37	

Unity Bank removal of ex-councillor signed – End of August system error noted for late payments
EON direct debit forms signed for monthly in full variable amounts

1623 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th November at Stanton in Peak Village Hall
at 7:30pm
22 Jan SiPVH, 17 March SLC+apm, 22 May SiPVH

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

To move the following resolution - "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw." none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10 pm