

Stanton in Peak Annual Parish Meeting

Stanton in Peak Village Hall

17th March 2020 – 7.30 pm

Attendance: 6 parishioners and 1 non-parishioner

Minutes

1. Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Matt Buckler - DDDC. Jason Atkin – DCC, PCSO - A. Boswell and one parishioner

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th March 2019

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept

The accounts are within budgets set for the precept and will be presented to council for submission to the Internal Auditor at the next council meeting. The precept is being increased for the first time in 9 years by 2.5% to £6458 in April.

5. Chairman's Report

It has been an unusual end to this year. The ongoing concern and the uncertainty caused by the pandemic has and will continue to affect us all for some time yet. As a Parish council we are obviously concerned for our village folk who might need help; indeed, there is an initiative which we will discuss as an emergency item in our PC meeting following this APM. We ask all to take note of the advice given by central Government so that the overall load on the NHS is manageable and to ensure that those ill but not affected by the virus are not also put in harm's way.

Away from this dominating issue it has been yet another busy year for all members of the Stanton in Peak Parish Council; we would benefit significantly from a full set of councillors for the parish. On behalf of the Parish I wish to thank all councillors for their time and support throughout the year. Again we have been constantly quorate and representative of both sides of the hill; the need for representation from Warren Carr remains as a major concern.

Apart from the time burden on those attending meetings, site visits, planning meetings, liaison groups, etc. the democratic representation of the hamlet is

important. Again 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 by both the Clerk and myself being unavailable.

Council continues to chase issues which affect the Parish scoring success in many areas; however, some developments are less happy.

The tragic death of a pedestrian on Darley Bridge has galvanised the County Council Highways department into action - with them proposing to take forward the vehicle activated warning system, which should prevent HGV's meeting on the bridge. The effects of this or any other system continue to be followed by council to ensure all of us affected are aware of the consequences of any Darley Bridge solution; a bypass seems highly unlikely on cost grounds alone.

Elsewhere HGV misrouting seems to be down, partially due to Lees Road to Birchover being closed, but more likely due to successful prosecutions by Trading Standards using information provided to them by your Parish Council.

The Parish Council continues to be represented at the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group. This group has enabled council, residents pressure groups, quarry operators and the Peak District National Park Authority to exchange information. Recent moves by the quarry companies to either extend extraction dates or change the extraction allowances have been challenged and resisted.

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. A register of planning issues is kept and reviewed at each council meeting. Representations have been made to both DDDC and the PDNPA. The approval of a misguided planning application, from Enthoven, by DDDC has produced significant distress to residents. Remedial action by Enthoven to replace white roofed buildings has now been agreed.

It is with considerable regret that I report that responses from DCC Highways is at best tardy and at worst non-existent. Council will continue to apply pressure to resolve issues but a response is needed to do this.

Enthoven continue to produce a heavy (though slightly reduced) burden of noise, despite having actively pursued a noise abatement programme. Overall the number of quiet days has increased but the chimney roar continues unabated when in use. A recent additional perimeter intruder alarm has had significant teething troubles and has proved very irritating to residents, the company is aware and taking remedial steps. Changes to the onsite lighting have had a significant effect on the light levels in Stanton Lees. When this issue was raised with the EA we were told it was a DDDC issue – when DDDC were approached they said it was an EA issue - this ping pong impasse is yet to be resolved.

On a happier note we have this year replaced both the village hall sign and the Village sign on the church lawn. Council are pleased to support the SNAIL which is going from strength to strength under Julie Bircher's excellent editorship.

As always, my thanks must go to all our 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.

Paul Morris Chairman

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

Thanks were mentioned to a Stanton Lees Resident for clearing litter and recovering cones thrown down the landslip.

The meeting closed at 7:46