

Stanton in Peak Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Zoom due to Lockdown

16th March 2021 – 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

No Apologies were received

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th March 2020

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

Last year I started by saying "It has been an unusual end to this year 2020." Well it has been altogether stranger in 2020/21. We all I am sure look forward to some sort of normality once all injections are completed and the lockdown lifted. Will it be 21 June? Who knows - but just as long as it is safe preferably for all of any age or infirmity. Spare a thought also for our poor poultry that have had to endure their own lockdown due to Avian Flu.

It has been yet another busy year for all members of the Stanton in Peak Parish Council; we look forward to welcoming a new parish councillor - Mark Hopkinson - a Stanton Lees resident. He will be co-opted at the meeting straight after this one. Once again, we would benefit significantly from a full set of councillors especially representatives from Warren Carr and now from Stanton in Peak. However we have been consistently quorate and representative of both sides of the hill.

On behalf of the Parish I wish to thank all councillors for their time and support throughout the year. This year especially has been a challenge as meetings have generally been virtual Zoom meetings; including Parish, Peak Park, District and

County meetings. Councillors have also attended meetings with our MP - Sarah Dines. During the brief respite last summer some of the meetings were face to face. On behalf of the whole parish I would like to thank all the councillors for the time and effort they have given to the many issues affecting the Parish.

The issues:

HGV traffic over Darley Bridge and misrouted by Sat Navs continue to plague the area. Despite a number of successful prosecutions events still occur the latest being just this week. There is no news on the proposed traffic light system on Darley Bridge. A recent appeal hearing with regard to the tonnage input to Enthoven has yet to report. We must hope that the appeal is dismissed and the EA "maximum" tonnage of input is upheld. This would mean that any future increase in tonnage would reflect in the number of HGVs required to move it and would have to go to planning and hence highways. Tonnages have gone unchecked from EA permit 2006 (100,000 tonnes) to a current estimate in excess of 150,000 tonnes. The attendant mess of all varieties has increased in line with these numbers. One success is the provision by Enthoven of porta loos at the lorry park area.

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 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. Highways have been approached to ensure that they survey quarry traffic road damage and seek reparations in line with imposed planning conditions.

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.

Enthoven continues to produce unnecessary noise and light pollution the general feeling is that it is reducing but recently the road sweeper noise has increased significantly. The last time this was reported a fault was discovered in the machine. The perimeter intruder alarm seems to have bedded in; giving fewer false alarms and being reset quicker.

Real concern has grown over the years, especially since the advent of social media, over the Solstice gatherings round the nine ladies. The potential for damage to the Scheduled Ancient Monument and its surroundings is huge. Camping and

fires are not permitted yet continue unabated. Drug equipment, human waste and toilet paper plus mounds of litter are left behind each year. Going along with this is poor parking and blocking of primary emergency vehicle routes. Your feedback to the Parish Council is that this should be stopped. The PC is doing all that it can to help but without specific actions from the landowner, the police can do little. Any provision of facilities / car parks / official rubbish points etc. condones the event and it would thus grow. Alternatives are being discussed and will be published as soon as resolved.

On a happier note we have this year replaced village notice boards. 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.

No matters raised

The meeting closed at 7:42