

Stanton in Peak Annual Parish Meeting

Held in Stanton Lees Chapel

22nd March 2022 – 7.30 pm

Attendance: 4 parishioners and 3 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 County Councillor Sue Hobson, PDNPA Member Kath Potter, Cllr Mark Hopkinson, R. Ashton and P. Lloyd

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th March 2021

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 to £6998 in April to cover for the parish wide help telephone and defibrillator maintenance systems. This amounts to £2.42 per household increase for the year.

5. Chairman's Report

Before I start my report, it seems most appropriate that we spare a few moments to think of all those suffering in the conflict in Ukraine and the relief efforts both in the surrounding countries and beyond. My household will be taking in up to 5 refugees (women and children) for as long as is needed to keep them safe.

Chairman's Report 2022.

It seems incredible that for the third year running I start by saying it has been an unusual year or a strange year; well, 2021/22 tops them all. Safety from Covid is still not fully achieved [and probably never will be] so living with it will become the norm now that restrictions have been lifted. For yet another winter the poultry have

had to endure their own lockdown due to Avian Flu. However, all of this pales compared with the conflicts in Ukraine, Yemen and Afghanistan.

Stanton in Peak Parish Council has been as busy as ever. Mark Hopkinson is a welcome addition and has fitted in well. Unfortunately, Ros Griffith felt she had to resign in order to concentrate on the ongoing Enthoven situation [more of that later] Thank you Ros for your hard work on our behalf researching, paperwork and attending outside meetings. We still need more councillors, especially for Warren Carr and Stanton itself could do with another councillor to help Ian Mortimore out. 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.

Yet again I must report that HGV traffic over Darley Bridge and misrouted HGV by Sat Navs continue to plague the area. Despite a number of successful prosecutions events still occur the latest being in Congreave. There is no news on the proposed traffic light system on Darley Bridge though some preliminary work seems to have been completed. The recent reversion of Forticrete to more normal working hours has slightly reduced the number of HGVs.

Enthovens has, as always, featured large this year and in no particular order matters included:-

1. A planning application to extend the height of a recently approved building was challenged - the PC along with a local group SAFER fought this and achieved a delay of over 6 months while further consultations were conducted by DDDC. These consultations are seen as wholly unsatisfactory, not transparent and limited by the various Agencies not working together in the public interest.
2. Extensive tree felling round the site. There is an approved woodland management plan for this felling; when asked for sight of the plan - Enthovens response was 'it will be too complicated for you to understand!' I am sure that the locals affected would disagree. (at least 10 PhD, MSc or BSc between us!!)
3. The factory continues to produce unnecessary noise, light pollution, and acrid smells. All of which should be solved - but again the Councils and Agencies seems incapable of working together in the public's interest.
4. It has been suggested that resolution of these issues could be via formalising the liaison group chaired by South Darley Parish Council. This PC will attend but the meeting will be a dead duck if the EA, and DCC don't attend. [DDDC have said they will - hopefully the right officer or officers]. Next meeting is expected in April.
5. Enthovens have changed their name to ECOBAT and their documentation to delivery/collection HGV firms shows this; so all public road signs to Enthovens need changing. We understand that the site signs will be changed.

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. The next meeting is early in April.

The PC was excluded from discussions about the control arrangements for solstice gatherings round the nine ladies. This resulted in very strange road restrictions being installed, primarily on the wrong road. What is more the restrictions were unenforceable in many cases, with fines being refunded.

On a happier note, the PC has obtained Lottery funding to install the fitness equipment on the Green, many thanks to the Clerk for his work on this.

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 7:41