

STANTON – IN – PEAK PARISH COUNCIL: Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2022

At 7:30 pm in Stanton Lees Chapel

PRESENT: Cllr S Fogg, Cllr P Morris and Cllr I Mortimore (Chair)
In attendance: Parish Clerk and 8 members of the public

1816 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from – Cllr Ros Griffith

1817 **Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for inclusion of Time Constrained items**

No variations required.

1818 **Declarations of Members Interests**

No declarations were required in respect of this meeting.

1819 **Public Speaking**

Briefing by Police and Highways on Stanton Moor Solstice

Chief Inspector Stephen Johnson, Sergeant C Wilkinson, Vikki Hatfield DDDC, James Adams DCC Highways, Andy Farmer PDNPA joined the meeting for a debrief on the Solstice and to look at better local communications.

It was noted that this year probably only saw 250 for the solstice, but being a week day this does not give cause to be lax as the event has seen 1000+ at weekends and Fridays surrounding and 60 cars were counted parked up on Lees Road though for the first year in many Dale View stone lorries were able to get up to the quarry using the return route for access and return. Damages were reported to New Pilhough Quarry haul road gates as one of 4 service call police reports. 30 cars were ticketed by DCC. Stanton Estate, Rangers and locals along with the druids were thanked for the clean up efforts though many nitrous oxide cannisters were reported including commercial scale bottles.

The main failure this year was the total lack of local communication prior to the event to enable council to hand deliver letters to the community to inform of the plans. This was due to the Multi-Authority Emergency Planning meeting failing to consult locally and only by being copied in late by PDNPA were council aware of plans but too late to inform residents. DCC explained, for the first time in public, that the emergency routes agreed are for access to villages from the main arteries and not between villages – which differs from the rest of year route over the top as an emergency route. The Police helpfully explained that the clearway on Birchover Road is put in place to create a sterile area to enable a major event team to converge which would involve many emergency vehicles should it be necessary and its distance assessed based on their needs balanced with displacing parking to try to minimise disruption in Birchover and Stanton in Peak. PDNPA noted that their remit for conservation and protection of the ancient monument with the 3 to 4 times a year hosted meetings for local interested parties is not really geared to the levels of illegal activities at gatherings on the moor – and not just at summer solstice any more but several times a year. The scale of the gatherings has greatly increased in the last ten years and social media advertising a main adversary. Councillors noted that “wild camping” takes place most weekends without the respect for monument or for the country code. Locals regularly remove stone fire rings to discourage open fires and it was hoped that the PSPO would stop this. The Rangers and Druids have in the past tried to educate gatherers to bring portable fire pits – which whilst still illegal at least minimise the damage. DDDC informed the meeting that whilst they readily approved the PSPO campaigned for by locals, the enforcement of it was now a headache that they needed to address and were discussing options with the police on this possibly including targeted days/weekends. They are finalising the signs for all the access points with the landowner currently.

For the future the police agreed to send an officer to March and July meetings to consult before the multi-agency meeting and debrief council. Council noted its mission is to reduce the perception that the moor is prioritised over the emergency needs of the villages and protection of the ancient monument for all to enjoy is something locals are passionate to preserve and good communication is key to this.

Officers from all the authorities were thanked for giving their time to attend the meeting.

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a) Members of the public –

With officers present the opportunity was taken to discuss the road closures and lack of precise information on lengths of closure versus traffic lights especially as one network has today removed the landslip on B5056 completely from its system. James Adams promised to look into this and come back with an update. He noted that DCC are in discussions with SatNav providers on a better algorithm for alternatives but this often pushes users to local roads not fit for heavier traffic that local knowledge is essential for for safer awareness. The extremely narrow road through Congreave was noted for lack of passing and severe bends and needs signage to minimise use when closures occur nearby due to the number of stuck long vehicles and the major use by DofE groups at this time of year who cannot get out of the way due to the sheer sides.

A parishioner commented on the double standards of allowing buses through the road closure whilst cycling to work was not allowed despite the dangers of using the crowded minor road alternatives.

A parishioner raised the growth of saplings in the uncut highway verges and dying trees that are reported on the DCC system. Discussion ensued as once registered the work has been set to completed before any has been carried out leading to dangerous branches unattended until re-reported. DCC are good at getting landowners to remove their overhanging vegetation but concerns have been noted for several years on highway verge problems in several parishes in the area.

A parishioner complimented SEG on Open Gardens event which saw the largest number of gardens open and a great success raising several thousand pounds for future events and charities.

b) DCCllr Sue Hobson had been on the more and liaised with DDDC to ensure the roadside collections took place. On the query as to the VAS works on Darley Bridge not having started, she promised to forward an update she'd just received – the equipment was originally ordered from a Ukrainian supplier. She was hopeful that new structure to the Ecobat liaison would prove productive. She thanked Highways for moving the closure in B5056 to lights for the Stanton Gardens and asked that reference numbers for online reports to highways are copied to her where work is not timely carried out.

PDNPA Parish Member Kath Potter informed the meeting of her high hopes for Patrick Brady who has been appointed as the Chair of Planning Committee at PDNPA

DDDCllr Matt Buckler did not attend.

PCSO B Morris sent apologies

1820 **To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2022 were signed by the Chair.

1821 **To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded:** none

1822 **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** – NP/DDD/0122/0068 – Swallow End – Proposed extension – Granted conditionally

Applications returned due to time constraints: none

ii) **for Decision** – none

iii) **Planning updates/issues:**

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Tonnage sheets have been received for loads out meeting movement conditions.
Items for clarification with PDNPA: an update on outstanding cases awaited.
Items for clarification with DDDC: Ecobat – Frost Lighting glare not yet commented on.

1823 Footpaths and Highways

Crossroads – awaiting works. The Stand – no news. Highways – 30-mph move and village sign still await action. The Lees Road closure above the chapel is noted to be closed until December 2023 but urgently needs a review of the safety and signage with more robust barriers. The road collapse outside the chapel needs attending – the gulley is washing out the road and a gulley also needs clearing at a low point on the Lees – Pilhough road as this floods in the rain. These are being reported on DCC online.

1824 Reports and Decisions

- i. The Green / Parish assets
The Green –Fisher German have yet to come back following acceptance of our requirement for continued use. The new noticeboard for Stanton in Peak is to be installed shortly by a local contractor. Mowing contractor thanked for ensuring a cut was rescheduled to before Open Gardens. Swings and Fitness equipment have received many compliments.
- ii. Defibrillator update and CHT. Pilhough Kiosk – renovation complete but awaiting electrical reconnection by Western Power which may take a couple of months. The defib signs have therefore not been put up and the defibrillator has not arrived as there is a national backlog due to microprocessor shortages. CHT have been part paid for 8th year on maintenance before handover of the contract to us. Clerk is seeking clarification as if this doesn't cover a replacement defibrillator at end of life then it is not cost effective as both pads and battery were recently replaced.
- iii. Stanton Moor Solstice and PSPO
Stanton Solstice – see public speaking above. Council looks forward to a better liaison next year.
- iv. PDNPA Minerals Meeting
Date awaited. No pre-planning extension letter has been received by residents yet.
- v. Ecobat Resources Liaison meeting
A planning application for a sound enclosure around the oxygenator to suppress noise is expected. Councillors found the meeting more positive but are cautious for the future. The EA needs to be asked to inform us when they make a Permit Variation for the balance of lead waste vs batteries as the increase in waste will increase tonnage. The practical reason for the change is due to more batteries being received without casings.
- vi. HGV infringements – one fortunately turned back in Warren Carr.

1825 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)

DALC Circulars/briefings; PDNPA – Local Plan Review comments to be collated and submitted before 31st August deadline

1826 Finance

Resolved to authorise the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Net	Vat
UB HM Lovell (July salary)	£253.71	

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Ddr NEST (July)	£18.78	
Ub HM Lovell (expenses July)	£24.66	
UB EON green electricity	£12.49	£0.62
UB HM Lovell (Aug salary)	£253.71	
Ddr NEST (Aug)	£18.78	
Ddr J Aston 6mth Website	£84.00	

(b) Income – DDDC grant £250.00 Interest £5.19

c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Current balance at 30 th June	£3865.41
Savings Account at 30 th June	£6016.52

1827 Date of next meeting –. Tuesday 20th September Stanton in Peak Village Hall at 7:30pm

2022 Dates: 22nd November SLC 2023: 17th January SiPVH, 21st March (+APM) SLC, elections 4th May, 1st New Council Meeting 23rd May SiPVH, 4th July SLC, 19th September SiPVH

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

none

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:36 pm