

# ***Stanton in Peak Annual Parish Meeting***

## ***Held in Stanton Lees Chapel***

***12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 7.30 pm***

Attendance: 8 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 Cllr Paul Morris and District Cllr Laura Mellstrom

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would like to welcome Andy Mellor, who joined the Parish Council last year. His input, understanding and aerial photographs have been much appreciated. I would also like to thank all Councillors for their continued time and enthusiasm, keeping us quorate, attending liaison meetings, planning meetings, throughout the year. Unfortunately, we have spent the last year with only 5 of our 7 seats filled. This continues to put added pressure on the available Councillors and we would hope to gain more members in the future.

I would to congratulate Laura Mellstrom on becoming our member on the District Council. She has very quickly got involved in some of the more challenging areas of our parish and is proving to be very helpful.

Stanton Moor continues to play a part in our time. So far, the Public Space Protection Order has made little difference and, as far as we know, the District Council and the police have shown no enthusiasm to enforce it. The council would encourage parishioners to report any signs of fires to the District Council. This should help to build a portfolio of evidence which we hope will prove the need for policing by all the authorities with the power to do so.

Summer Solstice. Once again, our local input was not called upon until the control plan for the solstice event was already in place. Hopefully our continued attendance at the Stanton Moor Liaison meeting will help give us some input this year.

Ecobat's numerous planning applications are a constant concern. They generally have scant detail, often leading to unexpected consequences that greatly affect our

parishioners. Council continues to be frustrated by the disconnect with the agencies empowered to monitor this site. The continued expansion applications, intensification of industrial processes, HGV increases, and excessive noise and lighting on this site remain unacceptable to us. Hopefully the move, regarding planning applications, from District to County Council will help to get them taken more seriously. The recent engagement with the results of a lighting survey could be promising but we await any real progress in this area. I would like to thank the campaign group SAFER for their updates to us regarding their progress in Ecobat matters. Work on the HGV traffic light system at Darley Bridge continues to be no further forward. We appreciate the pressure for updates and information from County Councillor Sue Hobson regarding when it will be operational and how it will work. HGV infringements in the Parish have remained low and we will continue to report any when we can.

Council continues to review planning applications in our parish. We try to do this in line with Peak Park and County planning advice. In November the application for a time extension, until December 2024, for New Pilhough Quarry finally went to a planning committee. Although this time extension was approved, Council did manage to get over the frustration of parishioners to this never-ending saga and, also, get the FULL haulage track restoration returned to the planning extension conditions.

After concern from parishioners regarding the recently closed footpath from Coach Lane to the cottages on Congreave Lane, an application to amend the definitive map for it to be re-opened has been submitted to DCC Rights of Way. Any decision is likely to be a slow process.

Regarding Highways. The 30-mph sign on Coach Lane, Main Rd junction was finally moved back along Coach Lane, beyond the houses, to a more logical position. Lees Road remains closed due to the landslip and will probably remain that way, and the constant chasing of repairs to potholes throughout the parish will, no doubt, carry on into the summer.

We have also continued with the everyday Parish work like filling grit bins, maintaining the 3 Parish Defibrillators, repairs to gates and walls, and grass cutting.

I would like to thank Julie Bircher for her continued work with SNAIL, keeping the village up to date with the goings on throughout the parish.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank our Clerk Matthew Lovell for making sense of our meetings, writing letters and giving, often much needed, advice.

Ian Mortimore, Chair

5. 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: 38pm