

Stanton in Peak Annual Parish Meeting

Held in Stanton Lees Chapel

11th March 2025 – 7.30 pm

Attendance: 5 parishioners and 2 non-parishioners

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 PDNPA Member Kath Potter and District Cllr Sue Hobson

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th March 2024

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would also like to thank all Councillors for their continued time and enthusiasm, keeping us quorate, attending liaison meetings, planning meetings, etc, throughout the year. Unfortunately, Councillor Griffith stepped down in September last year and I would like to thank her for her valued input as a Councillor. This does mean that only 4 of our 7 seats are filled. This continues to put added pressure on the available Councillors and we would hope to gain more members in the future.

Stanton Moor continues to play a part in our time. Once again, any local input regarding Summer Solstice was ignored by the County Council Highways officer and the Multi-Agency Planning Group. Their Clearway on Birchover Road caused Lees Road to become quickly blocked and, at the other end, pushed parking back into the bends in Birchover, creating a difficult pinch point. Council will continue to push for the concerns, feelings, and local knowledge of parishioners to be taken seriously.

The HGV, vehicle activated, traffic light system at Darley Bridge has finally been installed. Although there are many negative accounts, it is still too early to know if this will be effective regarding safety and congestion but we shall monitor its progress. Unfortunately, the system having the ability to record the number of HGV's passing through the new system, as requested by us and the Ecobat Liaison Committee, was overturned by Highways officers without explanation.

Although Ecobat's numerous planning applications appear to have subsided for the moment Council continues to be frustrated by the disconnect with the agencies empowered to monitor this site. Our presence at the Ecobat Liaison meetings has seen

some positive progress regarding this matter but it is both frustrating and slow. HGV increases, excessive noise, lighting, and acrid smells from this site remain unacceptable to us and our representatives will do what they can to forward the concerns of residents. The information provided to us by the campaign group SAFER regarding their progress in Ecobat matters is most helpful.

At the beginning of the year New Pilhough Quarry finished its operations. We are told that restoration of both the quarry, and the full haulage track, has already started and should be completed before the end of the year.

With the massive reduction of funding over many years to the country's National Parks, it is more important than ever that the Parish Council continues to review and comment on planning applications in our parish. We do this in line with Peak Park and County Council planning advice.

Lees Road remains closed due to the landslip and it appears it will remain that way. HGV infringements in the Parish have remained low and we will continue to report any when we can.

We have also continued with the everyday Parish work like filling grit bins, grass cutting, repairs to gates and walls, and the chasing of repairs to potholes. The maintaining and replacing, when necessary, of the 3 Parish Defibrillators is proving expensive and I would like to thank our County Councillor, Ecobat, and Stanton Shindig for their generous contributions towards this.

After 7 years editing SNAIL, Julie Bircher stepped down from the role. I would like to thank her for her hard work keeping the village up to date with the goings on throughout the parish. She handed the reins to Jo Wild and I wish her all the best in the future.

I would like to thank our District Councillor Laura Mellstrom, PDNPA Member Kath Potter and County Councillor Sue Hobson for taking the time to attend our meetings and for any help they have given us throughout the year.

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 7:51 pm