

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm via Zoom on Monday 12th April 2021

Present: Cllrs Dominic Swords (Chair), Stephen Barr, David Garwes, Richard Henson, Gordon Hopewell, Chris Ord, Chris Perkins, Stephen Price, Susan Worsey

In attendance: Maura Sorensen (Clerk), HPBC Cllrs Charlotte Farrell and Joanna Collins.
Members of the public: Carl Betts, Ruth Betts, Nick Faulks, Aidan Robson, John Robson

180/20 there were no apologies for absence.

181/20 variation in the order of business - discussion of the Win Hill bridleway application was brought forward.

182/20 Cllr Swords noted he lives adjacent to the proposed Win Hill bridleway.

183/20 there were no declarations of business or pecuniary Interests.

184/20 Public participation and updates from HPBC Cllrs

- 1. Win Hill bridleway application:** John and Aidan Robson (residents of Barn Brook) had shared details of their objections. Highlighted they had not received any notification of the application despite the fact their property would be directly affected. Noted a number of objections to this application had been lodged with DCC including from HwAPC; further noted the area crosses parish boundaries – enquiries to be made about objections lodged by those parish councils. It was suggested, given the strength of the objections, particularly from the landowner, the application is unlikely to be granted. Noted any further updates from DCC to be shared with all parties.
- 2. Proposal for a zebra crossing:** residents Carl and Ruth Betts outlined their concerns (*their letter had been circulated*) about pedestrian safety by the Old Hall Hotel. Noted the heavy pedestrian use at the site both for residents and visitors. Nick Faulks echoed their concerns and supported a call for an extra crossing. Cllrs noted an application would have to be submitted to the County Council; specific criteria and evidence of need has to be met – noted the Clerk was seeking advice. Cllrs were doubtful the site would meet the criteria (noted an application by Bamford PC had been turned down on the basis of poor sightlines). Cllrs suggested looking at alternatives eg traffic calming measures designed to make all road users more attentive and to slow traffic down. Referencing the May elections, suggested the views of Borough and County Council candidates on road safety, be sought. **Agreed to: get advice on the application process from DCC; further consider alternative traffic calming measures and how proposals would be flagged up with DCC; look at Borough and County Council candidates' statements relating to road safety.**
Carl and Ruth Betts left the meeting.
- 3. Update from Cllr Joanna Collins:** referencing the recent HVPF meeting and the commitment from the HPBC CEO to produce a regular newsletter addressing parish council issues, Cllr Collins asked Cllrs to flag up specifics. Cllrs referenced road safety and traffic, including the environmental impact; light pollution; biodiversity. Noted HPBC are not responsible for oversight of some of these areas or delivery of related services but it's good to ensure strategic issues are kept in mind at all levels. **To be highlighted with Kerry Towers.**
Cllr Collins noted ongoing consideration of the Hope Cement works planning application and that PDNPA are seeking an environmental impact report.
Expanding on light pollution Cllrs referenced sites where it is most apparent – the railway

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sidings; Hope Cement Works; Hope Valley College car park – also noted some streetlights on all the time. Cllr Farrell will raise light pollution with the HPBC Biodiversity working party and with PDNP. Cllr Collins will raise it with PPPF. In relation to making other representations – with a realistic chance of an outcome – suggested contacting the college to ask if they can do anything to address the car park lighting; and contacting DCC about operation of street lighting. Cllrs also queried whether there is unified national parks take on light pollution.

185/20 minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 were **approved** subject to a small amendment.

186/20 Chair's announcements

1. **May elections** – nothing specific to note.
2. **Moorland fires** – noted recent moorland fires in the Hope Valley and the differing responses of Borough, District and County Councils, and the PDNP, to the use of disposable BBQs. Cllr Collins noted PDNP are looking to strengthen the legal position through the use of a public space protection order (PSPO).
3. **Derbyshire Constabulary Independent Advisory Group** - are looking for new members – the Clerk will share further details.
4. **Arrangements for future meetings:** noted legislation to hold meetings virtually expires in May – Clerk to look at returning to the Hope Methodist Hall for face-to-face meetings, from June.
5. **Monitoring sensors** – Cllr Swords referenced his recent email outlining the data gathering possibilities. Cllrs Henson and Swords to liaise further and provide more information to Cllrs.
6. **Website:** the website has crashed for the second time in the last couple of months. Cllrs were aware the site is based on old software, is not user friendly, and is difficult to maintain. Agreed we need a new website and that the parish council are able to fund this. **Agreed that the Clerk seek three quotes for provision of a new website.**
7. **Annual Parish Meeting:** agreed that this be held (virtually) at 7pm on Monday 10 May, directly preceding the May parish council meeting

187/20 20sPlenty campaign – a presentation. Campaign member Charlotte Farrell delivered a presentation. Cllrs unanimously supported the campaign and will liaise further about endorsing and promoting campaign aims.

188/20 PDNP Area Visitor Management Working Party: Cllr Henson agreed to represent from HwAPC – Clerk to share Officer contact details.

189/20 Hope Valley Parishes Forum: a verbal report from Cllr Henson on the 3 March meeting. Noted the attendance of the CEOs, Leaders, and Cllrs from DCC and HPBC. Cllr Henson had raised his cross-Hope Valley footpaths initiative. Other issues discussed included visitor management. Cllr Henson highlighted the need to maintain focus on the bigger picture and clarity about which bodies have decision-making powers; also noted the 'gap' in pushing issues at officer / senior management / leadership level. Cllr Collins suggested HPBC seemed more open and positive about engagement than DDDC.

190/20 Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum: discussions referencing problems with mountain and trail bikes etc had been picked up earlier in the meeting.

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191/20 Highways and Rights of Way highways or footpath maintenance issues

- a) **Win Hill bridleway:** already addressed.
- b) **Footpath 1:** noted maintenance works undertaken by PDNP Officers and formal thanks expressed by the Parish Council. Also noted only part of the path has been done; PDNP have indicated they don't currently have the finances to undertake further works. **Agreed Cllrs will look into funding and completing the work – Cllr Ord to liaise with PDNP in the first instance.**
- c) **Other footpaths and bridleways:** nothing specific was raised or reported.
- d) **Townhead Bridge, broken coping stone:** noted an outstanding repair order with DCC; Cllr Jim Perkins had raised this DCC Officers; **Clerk to follow up.**
- e) **Carbolite, Parsons Lane:** Clerk noted acknowledgement of receipt by DCC of the PROW application but some further details to be supplied. Noted a meeting between Cllrs Swords and Price, and Carbolite management, to be arranged.
- f) **Road signs:** MP Robert Lorgan had agreed to represent Cllrs concerns with DCC Highways however no-one from DCC Highways had made contact. **Clerk to pursue.**

192/20 Planning: to consider and respond to any current planning applications as listed on the PDNPA planning portal and/or brought to the attention of the council by the Planning Advisory Group

- a) **[NP/HPK/0321/0326](#) 2 Railway Cottages, Station Road – dormer loft extension – there were no objections.**
- b) Townhead Bridge Barn – noted ongoing planning enforcement action.
- c) **Noted (for information only)** an application for a new street trading consent for a hot food van at the Cut Throat car park, A57.
- d) Townhead Bridge Barn – an update from the PDNPA Enforcement Officer had been circulated.
- e) Breedon Hope Cement Works planning application – no new update. Noted the application may be considered at the late April PDNP meeting. Noted HPVf comments.
- f) Concerns were raised about works being undertaken at a property in the village – suggested planning consent may be necessary. **Clerk to pursue.**

193/20 Internal Audit: agreed to ask Gillian Turner to undertake this year's audit.

194/20 Finance

- a) The NatWest account balance sheet had been shared / account balance noted.
- b) Opening an account with Unity Bank – in progress.
- c) Invoice for payment - £60.00 – to Gillian Glen for provision of plants in the community gardens.
- d) To confirm accounts for payment:
 - Clerks wages and expenses – £245.60 (5 weeks)
 - HMRC - £163.85 (February and March payments and a previous outstanding amount of £55.45)
 - Gillian Glen - £60.00

195/20 Clerk's report/correspondence: nothing additional to what had been shared in the course of the meeting.

196/20 Information Items: Cllr Perkins referenced the Breedon consultation liaison meeting and the longer-term quarrying ambitions – noted PDNP permission 'not a given'. Suggested Breedon were not fully reporting traffic data.

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197/20 items for the next meeting: suggested Cllrs compile a list of their priority issues – to be shared among all Cllrs and a list of three-five priorities to be agreed. Reflecting on discussions, suggested these are likely to be footpaths; roads/traffic; light pollution; Breedon. Cllrs can then draft an action plan and can share the priorities more widely / find common ground with neighbouring parishes and statutory bodies. Also suggested using a more action-focused agenda/minutes; looking to ensure a new website is fit for purpose and supports better information sharing and promotion of the parish council's work.

Noted the next meeting will be held on the *second* Monday in May – 10th May – the first Monday is a Bank Holiday.

Meeting ended 9.45pm