

DERWENT AND HOPE WOODLANDS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024 AT ST HENRY'S HALL DERWENT

Present: R Cottrill (Chair), G Woodhouse (Vice Chair), A Robinson (RFO), J Gascoigne (Clerk), A Wheatley and one parishioner

1/24 Apologies received from S Helliwell

2/24 No declarations

3/24 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

4/24 Matters Arising: repeated flooding on Ladybower viaducts. STW have advised that DCC Highways are responsible. To be reported. NT to repair Blackden Clough footpath.

5/24 Highways and PROWs: Potholes on A57 from Strines Road end to Ladybower to be reported again. The road at Skew Bridge and in front of the dam wall needs clearing of mud and leaves. Follow up on the pot holes at Mill Bridge and replacement of Fairholmes gate. Chase up DCC on repair of A57 road slip. Report water running on A57 west of Snake Inn due to blocked drains.

6/24 Correspondence and emails: email sent objecting to HPBC consultation on street trader being sited on the side of the A57 at Ladybower. Notices of temporary footpath closures sent round to parishioners. Limestone rubble has been deposited on the side of Derwent Lane by STW to facilitate treeworks. Check whether this will be removed on completion of works.

7/24 Planning; PDNPA will no longer be sending out decision notices to consultees who will now have to check periodically on progress of planning applications. Current relevant applications are E-communications mast on Snake Summit 0423/0366; spreading of silt on hay meadow Snake Road 10233/1241; replacement of air quality housing unit Lockerbrook 1123/1316.

8/24 Finance Meeting held on 17/01/2024. The Parish Precept to increase by 15% per household which is an average of £3.00 extra per household per annum. This gives the Parish Council an extra £143.00. The total annual precept for 2024/2025 to be received by the Parish Council will be £1097.00. The 2024/2025 budget and risk assessments were all approved. For the financial year 2023/2024 The Parish Council broke even thanks to a generous donation by The Belles of St Henry's. The increase in the precept will leave the Parish Council with a small deficit unless there are any other unforeseen expenditures or receipts.