

STANTON IN PEAK

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on

Wednesday 15th March 2018 at 7:30pm in Stanton in Peak Village Hall

**Attendance: Paul Morris - Chair and 5 other electors of the parish
and 1 member of the public**

1. Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting.

The meeting appointed the Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell to take the minutes

2. Apologies

Jo Wild

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th March 2017

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept for 2018

The parish clerk noted that the parish finances are within budget for this year and reserves are adequate for a parish of our size. The draft accounts will be presented to the Council meeting for approval. No increase in precept was recommended to Council.

5. Chair's Report

Yet again a busy year for all members of the Stanton in Peak Parish Council. On behalf of the Parish I wish to thank all councillors for their time and support throughout the year. We have been constantly quorate and representative of both sides of the hill, however there remain spare seats and the need for representation from Warren Carr is a concern. The time burden on those attending meetings, site visits, planning meetings, liaison groups, etc. is high and often conflicts with working hours, school times etc. so skews the effort to those who can make it. Once again I would like to thank Sue Fogg for her outstanding efforts in both attending and providing excellent reports of meetings/events, and taking action to fill in the gaps in cover by both the Clerk, myself and other members of council being unavailable.

In no particular order the main issues covered include:-

- Quarries. There has been much change over the last year

Council continues to be represented at the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group. This group has enabled council, residents pressure groups, quarry operators and the peak park authority to exchange information. Early and helpful notification of relevant information has resulted. Stanton Moor Quarry/New Pilhough Quarry. The determination of the future of Stanton Moor Quarry has precipitated some further actions. Firstly some restoration work at SMQ mainly to remove unwanted vegetation/trees this work has been reported to council and relayed to the parish. The work involved some vehicular access to place burning trays and to remove the resultant ash. This work was done avoiding the bird nesting season. Secondly extraction rates/totals at NPQ are reported to council for monitoring purposes to ensure agreement levels are adhered to.

Dale View Quarry. Can no longer export stone via the wood yard in Rowsley this was the subject of an enforcement action by PDNPA. However it is of concern that stone has been

removed to Grindleford to use wire saws there that have now been refused planning permission. This is a live issue which council is closely monitoring from the extraction and transportation perspective. The wire saw issue is for Grindleford to progress, but their actions will be supported by the Parish Council.

- Planning general.

Council continues to review notified planning applications, including those from outside the Parish which might have an effect on us. Our thanks to all for being vigilant here and reporting views on developments. It is both worrying and frankly remarkable how much time is taken up in chasing enforcement actions often repeatedly for the same site. Others where despite enforcement action having been taken nothing happens.

- Highways

HGV misrouting. I reported last year that this is mostly caused by incorrect use of Sat Nav equipment. Actions to force Sat Nav providers to change map inputs are being taken by the users but this requires positive inputs from witnesses to aid the case. Thus any lorry seen on an incorrect route (either over 7.5 tons or 39' 4"/ 12m) should be reported to the Police on their 101 number at the time of the incident, noting registration number. The correction will not be quick as many users will continue with old sat navs and cheaper versions meant for cars not trucks.

The review of signage for HGVs on the A6 took an extraordinary and most frustrating amount of time to produce results. However the signs are in place and were funded by Enthovens. Lorries still come round the wrong way but incidents reported have reduced.

- Noise

Enthovens continues to produce a heavy burden of noise, despite having actively pursued a noise abatement programme. Overall the number of quiet days has increased but the use of commercial road sweepers causes considerable discomfort, and the chimney roar continues unabated when in use. The permitting authority the EA have agreed a Noise Management Plan which is in effect a self-regulation reporting plan - this is seen as most ineffective. Other than this involvement the EA are seen as a spent force that have brushed the problem aside.

- Precept

your PC has yet again kept the precept at the same level, without reducing services. Council has supported the village hall and Snail as well as the church mowing contract and the friends of the Peak District. The recent severe weather depleted grit stocks both from last year and this year further stock will be needed before next winter.

• Web Site.

The council website is up and running though some areas still need to be populated.

Finally my thanks must go to all your Parish Councillors for their efforts throughout the year, and of course thanks to our Clerk. He gives us timely considered advice, writing our letters and creating order from our deliberations in the form of meeting minutes. Thank you Matthew.

6. To consider any other Parish matter that may be brought forward by the Council or local government electors: NO matters raised

There being no other matters raised the meeting closed at 7: 40 pm

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