

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

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

***10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 7.30 pm***

Attendance: 3 parishioners and 3 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 Cllr Andy Mellor

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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, still 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 we have been excluded from 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 Birchover village. The ticketing of cars on the Clearway but not of the cars completely blocking Lees Road continues to confuse Council, but we will keep pushing for the concerns, feelings, and local knowledge of parishioners to be taken seriously. The HGV, vehicle activated, traffic light system at Darley Bridge is proving to be unfit for purpose. Wrong reports or no reports of lorries entering the system are causing regular users to ignore the signage. Unfortunately, the lack of flood warnings and the inability to record the number of HGV's passing through the system only adds to the frustration. Ecobat is under new ownership and has returned to the name Enthoven, making our presence at the Liaison meetings feel even more important. Thank you to Councillors Fogg and Mellor for attending these. The numerous planning applications appear to have subsided for the moment and, although we have seen some slow positive progress, Council continues to be frustrated by the disconnect with the agencies empowered to monitor this site. HGV increases, excessive noise, lighting, and acrid smells from this site remain unacceptable to us, as is the lack of resident input into the woodland management plan. 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 these matters is most helpful.

New Pilhough Quarry appears to have finished its restoration of both the quarry, and the full haulage track and Dale View Quarry plans to stop moving stone and start restoration at the end of the year. With the National Park's policy to prohibit new or extended mineral extraction this should bring an end to quarrying in Stanton Parish. 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 officers' policies and advice.

Lees Road remains closed due to the landslip and Derbyshire County Council does not believe there is a way to bring it back into safe use as a vehicular public highway. In previous meetings Council has supported the view of most local residents to keeping it open for bicycles, horses, and pedestrians

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 (thank you Councillor Morris), grass cutting, repairs to gates and walls, and the chasing of repairs to potholes. The pothole on Main Road has finally been repaired after a whole year of chasing, but only due to parishioners shaming the Highways department with birthday balloons and an article in the Derbyshire Times.

The maintaining and replacing, when necessary, of the 3 Parish Defibrillators is proving expensive so Council has added a small increase the precept to fairly spread this cost to all parishioners.

Jo Wild has stepped down from the role of editor of SNAIL. 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 Matthew Porter and I wish him all the best with this.

I would like to thank both our District Councillor Laura Mellstrom 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: 37 pm