

OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26 April 2010 at 7.15pm in the Sampson Room at Hathersage Memorial Hall

Present: Councillor Jane Marsden – Chairman
Councillor Pauline Whitney
Councillor Jean Hodgkinson
Councillor Bill Gordon
Councillor Simon Taylor

In attendance
Councillor Chris Cartledge (Hathersage PC)

Clerk: David Palmer

One member of the public was present.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Markham (on holiday) and Anne Claxton (on holiday).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of Outseats Parish.

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

The Chairman read her Report for the year 2009-2010. Council approved the report, which will be incorporated in a Newsletter and distributed to all households within the Parish.

The meeting received the Council's Audited Accounts for the year 2008-2009.

The member of the public present raised an issue regarding the time that the Peak District National Park allow local councils to review important policy documents. Nominally consultation documents provide 2 months for review, but in reality only 4/5 weeks were really given, which was not long to review complex documents of many pages. He suggested 14 weeks or more would be a more practical length of time for a good substantive review. Councillors present said that they hadn't found this to be a major issue, but it was resolved that the Clerk should add this matter to the next meeting of Outseats Parish Council to allow Councillors to reflect on this matter and decide if further action is necessary.

The member of the public present also raised the issue of gritting of roads. He had been in contact with Derbyshire County Council about this and they had told him that they were looking for ways to help local councils help themselves – for example, could a local contractor be found to help clear snow in the area? The Clerk and some Councillors present had also discussed this with DCC and highlighted that DCC were not offering budget for this; any extra cost would have to be added to the precept charged to local residents. It was also advised that the Council were already investigating ways to improve the clearing of roads if we suffered another bad winter and DCC failed to be able to assist the Parish.

The meeting closed at 8pm.