

Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22 February 2010 in the Hathersage Methodist Church Lounge at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Mrs J Marsden – Chairman
Councillor Mrs J Hodgkinson
Councillor Mrs P Whitney
Councillor Mr B Gordon
Councillor Mrs A Claxton
Councillor Mr S Taylor
Councillor Mr G Markham

In attendance
Councillor Chris Cartledge (Hathersage PC)
PCSO Anthony Boswell

Clerk: Mr D Palmer

No members of the public were present.

13/10 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

14/10 Variations in Order of Business

There were no variations in the Order of Business.

15/10 Declaration of Members' Interests

No Councillors declared an interest.

16/10 Public Speaking

1. PCSO Anthony Boswell said there had been an incident on Hill Lane where 4 persons had attacked a man outside his house and stolen his car and wallet. The car had later been found burnt out in Rotherham. The man attacked was recovering well and PCSO Boswell explained the extra measures that the police had taken as a result of this incident – these included door to door enquiries in the immediate area of the attack, more frequent and longer police patrols at night and increased car checks of suspicious vehicles. Councillors expressed how grateful they were for the police's efforts.

In addition, PCSO Boswell said there had been a burglary on Moorland Road while the residents were on holiday, an assault during a fight on Main Road, a non-local car had been stopped on the Castleton Road and found to have a small amount of cannabis and there had been a theft from a shop in the village.

2. There were no representatives of the County or District Councils present.

17/10 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

It was resolved to confirm as a correct record minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010.

18/10 Highways

Councillor Gordon had investigated the possibility of obtaining a quantity of grit in sacks, so that the Council would have a supply in case of emergencies – for example, over the Christmas and New Year period when Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had failed to refill the empty grit bins. He had found that local suppliers could do this for approximately £250 a tonne, although he had also been told the price would be cheaper in the Summer. Other Councillors felt that they may be able to obtain supplies more cheaply, so it was resolved that they would investigate this and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Requests for new grit bins had been received from residents on Cliffe Lane and Ranmoor Hill. The Council could understand these needs, but were concerned at the excessive DCC charges for new grit bins and the continuing costs of having to refill them – while DCC fill their own bins with grit salt for free, they charge to refill bins requested by the Council. The Council wondered, if a supply of grit salt could be obtained, whether alternative ways of storing it might be more cost effective, especially if the grit were already in smaller sacks? It was resolved that further investigations should be made and then the matter discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk detailed his exchange of correspondence with DCC on their failures to clear the roads and supply grit in the recent months; a full review by DCC was planned for the Spring, although they had already mentioned a lack of budget to make changes. County Councillor Hart had been helpful in her replies, but no other County Councillor had even replied to the Council's letter. Councillor Marsden noted that the Joint Transport Committee had also sent a letter to DCC complaining about the poor gritting of the Sheffield Road.

19/10 Footpaths

Councillor Gordon said the meeting planned between DCC and Sheffield City Council to discuss the Long Causeway had been cancelled. However, he had been contacted by Edale Parish Council, who were trying to form a group of councils that had unclassified highways in their parishes, to try to increase momentum in resolving the issues created by 4x4s and other vehicles. He agreed to send contact details to the Clerk, so that he could investigate this for discussion at the next meeting.

20/10 Finance

1. It was resolved to note the Statement of Accounts for January 2010.
2. It was resolved that the Council would make the following donations:
 - Hope Valley Social Car Scheme: £210
 - Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport: £180
 - Careline in Hathersage: £100
 - Hathersage Parochial Church Council (for churchyard): £260.

3. It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment (total sum £287.44):

	£	Chq No.
Mr DE Palmer	Salary, allowance & expenses for Feb 10	273.94 481
Derbys Assoc of Local Councils	Annual subs for Local Council Review	13.50 482

21/10 Correspondence for Decision

1. It was resolved that no Councillor was able to represent the Council at the Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference meeting on 13/3/2010.
2. It was resolved that Councillors Marsden, Claxton and Whitney and the Clerk would represent the Council at a joint meeting with Hathersage Parish Council and the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) on 1 March 2010. It was resolved that the following should be topics for discussion:
 - Planning – to mention Council's disappointment that PDNPA had not approved the vehicle activated sign on Castleton Road; to highlight that the perception is that the PDNPA seem to focus on minor planning issues, but often miss major issues; to note the Council's dissatisfaction that PDNPA often fail to inform the Council of key developments in planning applications and decisions in the Parish
 - Long Causeway – to highlight the lack of momentum towards resolution and to ask that PDNPA and DCC work together to get this fixed
 - Availability of parking in the village – to highlight the lack of parking spaces, especially in the summer and the weekends throughout the year and its effects on local residents
 - North Lees – a long lease with the Vivat Trust should have been completed 4 years ago, but it has still not been resolved. The state of some of the buildings (especially the Cruck Barn) and the Farmhouse (empty since 2001) is of concern and the sale of the lease was to ensure their future maintenance
 - The PDNPA and its officers often look at Hathersage and Outseats as two different settlements, whereas in reality they are one and they should be treated this way. Also, correspondence was sometimes only sent to Hathersage Parish, when Outseats should be consulted too
 - If Councillors thought of any other issues, they should tell the Clerk before the meeting.
3. It was resolved that the Council would write to the PDNPA to confirm that it had replied to an earlier consultation on Peak District National Park Core Strategy. Furthermore, the letter should confirm that the Council agreed with the comments submitted on the Core Strategy by the Peak Park Parishes Forum. In addition, this letter should highlight the Council's earlier comments – namely that Hathersage and Outseats parishes should not be treated separately, but as one settlement for planning and other matters, as this more accurately reflected the reality. It was resolved that the Clerk should write a draft letter that would then be sent to Councillors for their comments.
4. It was resolved that the Council would not send a letter regarding Matlock Bath Pavilion Arts Centre Campaign.
5. It was resolved that Councillor Marsden would represent the Council at Derbyshire Dales District Council's Area Community Forum in Bakewell on 8 March.
6. It was resolved that the Council would not be represented at the Anti Social Behaviour Event at Pride Park, Derby on 5 March.

22/10 Consultation Documents

Not all the Councillors had had the opportunity to review the "Big Choices for Waste Management" consultation from DCC, so it was resolved that the Council's response would be discussed at the next meeting.

23/10 Items for Information

It was resolved that the following items for information should be received:

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars 05/10 – 10/10
Hathersage Parish Council Agenda 2/2/10; Minutes 2/2/10
Recreation Committee Agenda 9/2/10; Minutes 19/1/10, 9/2/10; Pool Action Plans 19/1/10, 9/2/10
Allotments Group Minutes 9/2/10
DCC Correspondence between Clerk and DCC/ County Councillor Hart regarding gritting of roads; Safer
Derbyshire magazine Winter 2010, Countryside Events 2010
Derbyshire Constabulary “Have Your Say” Report June-Sept 2009
Rural Action Derbyshire The Playing Field Winter 2010
Archaeology & Conservation in Derbyshire acid magazine January 2010
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education Sacre Annual Report 2008/9
Hope Valley College Newsletter February 2010
NSPCC Correspondence re NSPCC Helpline
RoSPA Leaflet re Inspection of areas where children play

24/10 Committee Reports

1. Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) – Councillor Whitney reported that the Memorial Garden planned for the graveyard will take some time to organise. HPC had also been having issues with the supply of grit from DCC. It was resolved that Councillor Gordon would attend the next meeting of HPC on 2/3/2010.
2. Website Committee – The Clerk reported that the website is now fully live (www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk). Council agendas, minutes and newsletters had all been uploaded and some What's On items had also been added.
3. Derbyshire Dales Community Volunteer Service (CVS) – Councillor Marsden had opened the networking meeting of community groups in Hathersage and its environs, but Councillor Whitney reported it had not been well attended. Nevertheless, she had had a useful discussion with the Chairman of CVS concerning the funding of the swimming pool.

25/10 Parish Matters and Items for Next Agenda

1. It was noted that Councillors Claxton, Gordon and Taylor had still to attend Power of Well Being training. It was resolved that they would try to attend the training provided by DALC on 29/3/10.
2. The Council agreed that there may be interest within the local community to group together to obtain renewable energy sources. It was resolved that the Clerk and Councillor Claxton should contact a specialist from PDNPA in the first instance, to see if he was willing to take part in a wider meeting to discuss possibilities for taking this forward.
3. The Clerk had obtained a brochure that illustrated an alternative to playbark for the playing field. It was resolved that this should be discussed at the Recreation Committee and Councillor Whitney agreed to present this to their next meeting.
4. Councillor Marsden had noticed a press release on PDNPA's website that had been posted on 15/2/10 regarding the Riverside Herb and Garden Centre. This stated that the PDNPA's Planning Committee had recommended that Riverside's retrospective planning application should be approved; but, because it was against PDNPA's policies, a final decision would be made by a Full Authority Meeting on 26/3/10.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 22 March 2010 at 7.30pm in Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.