

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Next meetings: 23 Jan, 27 Feb,

26 Mar, 30 Apr. All 7.30pm in

Sampson Room, Memorial Hall.

Peak District National Park

Authority (PDNPA)

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www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Mobile Library

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2011/12

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Use of Motorised Vehicles on Long Causeway

Outseats Parish Council remain very concerned by the use of 4x4s, trail bikes and other motorised vehicles on Long Causeway. What was built to take a horse and cart in 1770 is now being made virtually impassable by the use of very powerful vehicles, with archaeology being lost forever. Some vehicles have been seen driving off the track and onto open moorland, which has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest under UK law and a Special Protected Area under European legislation.

The Council have questioned whether the route can really be considered "a byway open to all traffic". The loose surface created by the disintegration of the route means that there is virtually no horse use any longer; it is regarded as dangerous for horses' hooves and

there is too great a risk of falls. Furthermore, there is evidence that mountain bikers are using the route to a lesser extent for the same reason. Walkers are also using the route less than in the past, both because the loose surface is difficult to walk on and because motorised users make it unpleasant and perhaps even dangerous to use the route at the same time. So, rather than it being a "byway open to all traffic", it is becoming a "byway open only to motorised traffic".

The Council are pleased to note that Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) have reviewed their policy on 4x4 usage in the Park. The new policy has been welcomed by many who were previously critical of PDNPA's stance on this issue and it is seen as being more sympathetic to those with concerns regarding conservation. Nevertheless, the time for Long Causeway is running out: a

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bulge has formed in the stone revetment and concerns have been voiced that it may collapse under the weight of so much heavy traffic. Therefore, the Council have written to Tony Favell, the new Chairman of PDNPA, to ask that he give urgent consideration to placing a Traffic Restriction Order on the route.

Snow/Ice Clearance by DCC

The Council have continued to correspond with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) about the gritting and snow-ploughing of the main routes in and out of the village. DCC have assured us that the following roads are "primary gritting routes":

- A6187 Castleton Road from Bamford, continuing as Main Road and then up to Fox House and beyond to Sheffield
- B6001 towards Grindleford and onwards towards Calver

A map showing all the gritting routes can be found on the DCC website at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow

DCC have confirmed that all primary gritting routes will be treated during the day and night and will be pre-treated before bad weather hits. Gritting will then continue 24 hours a day, if necessary. If any resident becomes aware that this clearance has not taken place at the appropriate times, please will they advise the Clerk or a Councillor.

Snow/Ice Clearance in the Parish

Our last newsletter, delivered in September/October, detailed the Council's actions and advice regarding snow/ice clearance in the Parish. This newsletter, plus other information on this topic, are available

on the village website or by contacting the Clerk. The Council advise anyone considering undertaking snow/ice clearance to review this in advance.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Council have agreed to arrange a beacon to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will be one of a series of 2012 beacons that will be lit across the UK on Monday 4 June. Other events are also planned for the Jubilee Weekend, please mark your diaries! A public meeting will be held in the Lounge of the Methodist Church at 7.30pm on 9 February to discuss the celebrations further and to look for volunteers to help.

New Train Service

The Council would like to congratulate Hope Valley Rail Users' Group on their success in arranging a new evening rush hour train each way from Manchester and Sheffield from December 2011. This was the result on many years of effort by many volunteers and is thought to be the first change to the timetable for over 20 years.

Planning

Since the last newsletter, Council have received notifications from PDNPA of planning applications for 3 Park Edge and Tower Lodge, Tower Lane. Both were recommended for approval and have subsequently been approved by PDNPA. The Council have also recommended for approval an application to replace a garage on Cannonfields. PDNPA are also considering a further planning application for Upper Hurst on Gatehouse Lane.

Finances

Since the last newsletter, the Council's principal expenditure, other than the Clerk's salary and expenses, have been the costs of grass cutting, footpath clearance, etc in the Parish, totalling £763, audit charges totalling £216, the costs of the uncontested election in May of £219, purchase of grit salt for £288, annual subscriptions of £122 and room hire of £115.

Budget and Precept for 2012/13

The Council have recently agreed their budget and precept for the next financial year. It has been possible to keep the increase in line with inflation, at 5.2%, with no major changes in expenditure anticipated.

Discussions with HPC

Discussions have recently been held with Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) because Outseats Parish Council (OPC) are concerned to ensure that the funds they charge from Parish residents are properly monitored by their elected representatives. Not unsurprisingly, in a community such as Hathersage, where 2 parish councils cover the village, many of the facilities and amenities are joint. All these facilities are in the centre of the village, which means that they fall within the Parish of Hathersage. This means that almost half the budget of OPC is paid directly to HPC, for the upkeep of these joint facilities. OPC have been working with HPC to ensure that there is sufficient representation on joint committees to enable OPC to demonstrate that they are properly monitoring and influencing the expenditure of their electors' funds.

Gamekeeper's Cottage

The Council have been in contact with PDNPA's Historic Buildings Adviser regarding Gamekeeper's Cottage, which is a listed building on the Brookfield Manor Estate. We understand that a site meeting with architects is planned.

Requests for a Scooter/Skate Park

The Council have received a second request from a young person in Outseats, this time for a scooter/skate park to be built on the Playing Field in the village. This request has been sent to Hathersage Parish Council's Recreation Committee, as they are already discussing the first petition for a skate park with interested residents.

Burial Ground

The burial ground in the churchyard is filling up, so an area that was originally left unconsecrated may now be consecrated to resolve this. The area in the churchyard for plaques that commemorate cremations is also almost full, so a new area for this is being identified.

Village Website

The Village Website can be accessed at www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk. As well as offering information on the village and services available, the website also has agendas, minutes and other notices posted by the Council. It even includes back-copies of this newsletter.

Parish Council Meetings

The dates and locations of the next Parish Council meetings can be found overleaf and are also on the village website. We welcome attendance by all our residents.