

**Minutes of Outseats Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25 February 2013 in the
Hathersage Methodist Church Lounge at 7.30pm**

Present:	Councillor Jane Marsden– Chairman	<u>In attendance</u>
	Councillor Bill Gordon	District Councillor Jean Monks
	Councillor Pauline Whitney	Councillor Rosie Olle (Hathersage PC)
	Councillor Jean Hodgkinson	PC Ian Ricahrdson
	Councillor Bill Hanley	Clerk: David Palmer

One member of the public was present.

18/13 Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Anne Claxton (on holiday) and Simon Taylor (working away from home).

19/13 Variations in Order of Business

There were no variations in the Order of Business.

20/13 Declaration of Members' Interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

21/13 Public Speaking

1. The member of the public present spoke on the footpath crossing the railway line between Jagers Lane and the Castleton Road. He noted that the ladder stiles on each side of the railway were very steep and that it was difficult for older walkers to cross at this point. In particular, it was difficult for dog walkers to cross and he suggested that "dog gates" be put in the fence to help with this. It was noted that this matter had been discussed by the Council in November (minute 154/12) when it has been agreed that the current stiles were a good safety measure, as they slowed walkers (and especially children) down, giving them time to hear and look for trains. Furthermore, the field had to be livestock-proof. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the local PDNPA Area Ranger to see if he had any suggestions regarding this issue, but safety had to remain paramount.
2. The member of the public also raised the issue of hedges being allowed to grow over roads and footpaths. He noted that many people did not cut back the full growth each year, so the hedges slowly grow out more and more and cause an obstruction. It was highlighted that the Council ask in the Summer Newsletter every year that overgrowing hedges be cut back and that most residents do this; however, it was also agreed that often residents do not cut back the full growth, but merely "tidy up" their hedge. It was agreed that a request would be made in the Summer Newsletter this year, specifically asking that growth be cut back hard where it creates an obstruction. It was also noted that nothing could be done in the near term, as "bird nesting season" was from 1 March to 31 July, when it is recommended that hedges are not cut, to avoid anxiety to any birds nesting in them.
3. PC Ian Richardson spoke briefly on the need for a new CCTV system in the village and agreed to discuss this matter with Sgt Andrew Wordsworth (see minute 26/13).
4. District Councillor Jean Monks gave an update on the recent DDDC Local Forum. She also mentioned that DCC have funding available for "building community" and that this might offer a useful source of funds for the swimming pool, skate park, village centre, etc.

22/13 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

It was resolved to confirm as a correct record minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2013.

23/13 Footpaths

1. It was resolved to note a notice received from Derbyshire County Council advising of the temporary closure of Long Causeway from 4 March to 3 September.
2. The Council considered a notice received from Derbyshire County Council regarding proposed diversions of Public Footpaths 37 and 39 around Cow Close Farm. It was resolved that the Council did not wish to comment.

24/13 Finance

1. It was resolved to note the Statement of Accounts as at 31 January 2013.

2. It was resolved that the Council would like to make the following donations in 2012/13:
 - Hathersage Parochial Church Council (re churchyard) - £260
 - Hathersage Luncheon Centre - £50
 - Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport (includes Hope Valley Social Car Scheme) - £400

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Victim Support in Derbyshire, asking for a donation. It was resolved that he should send them an "Application for Financial Assistance" form, so their request could be considered in more detail.

3. It was resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment (total sum £234.62):

Clerk	salary, office allowance and expenses for Feb	£207.62
Peak Advertiser	advertisement for job vacancy	£27.00

25/13 Staff Matters

The Clerk reported that 10 applications had been received for the vacant role of Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. He handed copies of all the applications to each Councillor and it was resolved that they would each consider the applications and advise the Clerk and Chairman of their preferred candidates for interview by Friday 1 March. It was agreed that any additional discussion regarding this would be at a meeting to be held on 7 March. The actual Councillors who would interview candidates on 12 March and the format for these interviews would also be agreed at the meeting on 7 March.

26/13 CCTV System in Hathersage

PC Ian Richardson had given the Council a brief explanation regarding the need for a new CCTV system in village (the old system was broken). Councillor Gordon noted that there was little point in buying a cheap system that would not be able to supply images that were useful to the Police, the only satisfactory solution would be to buy a good quality system and this would cost far more than the parish councils could afford. PC Richardson agreed to discuss this matter with Sgt Andrew Wordsworth, who was investigating whether there were any funds available to help with this purchase.

27/13 Items for Information

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

Sent by email:

Derbys Assoc Local Cncls	Circular 3.13 and 4.13, Email re Derbyshire Lives through the World Wars
Hathersage PC	Agenda 5/2/13, Minutes 5/2/13
Hathersage School	Update on process to appoint a new Head
Memorial Hall	Agenda 4/3/13, Minutes 7/1/13
DDDC	artsMATTERS Spring 2013
Drbys Dales Ccl for Vol Serv	Email re membership
Rural Action Derbys	RURALmatters Feb 2013
HV Rail Users Group	Report on visit to Dept for Transport
Peak Park Parishes Forum	Email re broadband service in Derbyshire
Bill Newton Dunn MEP	Report from local MEP
Rural Services Network	Weekly information emails

In the Correspondence File:

PDNPA	Letter re Introduction of a Pre-Planning Application Advice Service
Derbyshire County Council	Countryside Events 2013
Walk For All	Letter re Jane Tomlinson Peak District Walk
Hope Valley College	Newsletter February 2013

28/13 Committee Reports

1. Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) – The minutes of the last meeting of HPC had been circulated. It was resolved that Councillor Gordon would attend the meeting of HPC on 5/3/13.
2. Swimming Pool Committee – Councillor Whitney reported that replacement of the boiler was being hurried along, as the new boiler had to be ready (and the water already heated) in time for the opening of the season on 23 March. Activities were being organised for the Opening Day and publicity for the Pool was being circulated as widely as possible. Local schools in the Valley were also being contacted to find out if they would like to use the Pool.
3. Leisure Committee – Councillor Hodgkinson reported that there would be a Public Consultation in the Memorial Hall on 9 March regarding the proposed skate park. All residents living near to the proposed site would be sent a letter about this and the event would also be publicised around the village. It was noted that the Council had not seen the Terms of Reference for the Leisure Committee, so it was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Clerk of Hathersage Parish Council to obtain a copy.

4. Joint Transport Committee – Councillor Marsden reported that a meeting with DCC had been arranged for Thursday 28 February, to discuss parking issues and the need for double yellow lines at various sites around the village.
5. Burial Ground – Councillor Marsden reported that an extension of the burial ground was being arranged. A plan was to be sent to the Bishop so that he can consecrate it.
6. Stanage Forum – Councillor Hodgkinson reported that an inaugural meeting of the new Stanage Forum had been held and a constitution had been agreed. The next meeting was on 11 March.

29/13 Parish Matters and Items for Next Agenda

1. The Clerk reported that a new planning application had been received regarding Cow Close Farm (application number NP/DDD/0213/0087). It was agreed that a separate Planning Meeting would be needed to consider this and it was resolved that this meeting would be held on 7 March at 7pm at Thorpe Farm Bunkhouse.
2. The Clerk reported that Councillor Anne Claxton had decided to resign from the Council. The Council expressed their regret at her decision and thanked her for all the good work that she had done during her time as a Councillor. It was hoped that she could attend a future meeting so that the Council could express their thanks face to face.

Dates of Next Two Meetings

The next two meetings will be on 25 March and 22 April at 7.30pm in the Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.