

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Transport Committee of Hathersage Parish Council

7:30pm Tuesday 28 July 2020, online meeting using Zoom.

Present: Councillors Rosie Olle (Chair), Bill Hanley, Tim Hill, Heather Rogers.

In Attendance: Linda Berry (for agenda item 7.1)

Gordon Wordsworth (for agenda item 6)

Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

001/20	Apologies were received from Cllrs Jane Marsden and James Shuttleworth
002/20	To decide any variation in the order of business: it was agreed, as members of the public were attending specifically for items 6 and 7.1, to address those items first.
003/20	Declaration of interests: there were no declarations of interest.
004/20	Public participation: Gordon Wordsworth spoke to item 6 and Linda Berry to item 7.1
005/20	To agree minutes of the previous meeting of 30 June 2020: the minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising from the minutes.
006/20	<p>DCC funding for social distancing highways works and safely reopening high streets, and an associated 20 mph speed limit in the village:</p> <p>Gordon Wordsworth voiced his concerns about the safety of residents and visitors in the village.. He suggested a clear message was needed to remind visitors to be respectful of residents in terms of adhering to speed limits. He also referred to measures introduced in Castleton in relation to a 20mph speed limit and asked about the progress on introducing measures in Hathersage. Cllrs thanked Mr Wordsworth for his input and noted that the Council is working towards this but the short-term priorities are the introduction of road and pedestrian safety and social distancing measures.</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council (DCC) plans to introduce specific road and pedestrian safety and social distancing measures, later this week, were noted (the plan was shared onscreen). Cllrs commented that not all of the proposals would be universally welcomed by residents. Cllr Rogers highlighted that the proposed give way measures and signage for the pinch point by the Pharmacy would have a negative impact, with queuing uphill traffic, including buses and heavy vehicles, and resultant noise and pollution, however this could be remedied by changing the signage so that the 'give way to oncoming vehicles' sign was placed at the upper end. It was agreed to urgently respond to the DCC Officer and request the plan/signage by the Pharmacy pinch point be amended accordingly.</p> <p>Other measures in the plans were discussed including the pros and cons of the proposed changes to the bus stop, and the loss of parking spaces outside Bank House. Cllr Hill referred to the impact on pedestrians – including the need to step into the road - of the pavement displays of fruit and veg outside Peak Fruits. Cllrs noted that Peak Fruit was a well-established, much used and much appreciated village business. Cllr Olle reported that the DCC Officer responsible for oversight of the funding for social distancing highways works had also commented on the impact, of the pavement displays, on pedestrians. It was agreed that, in accordance with DCC-funded highways measures, it would be a DCC decision to write to Peak Fruit with any concerns or directives about the pavement displays – and that the Council would not make an approach.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that many of the DCC measures introduced in relation to social distancing highways works were not necessarily going to be long-term, however they should be seen as positive initial steps to improve overall safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, both for village residents, and for visitors. It was suggested the Council should look to build on these measures, looking to retain those that prove most useful, and to keep focus on further measures previously discussed</p>

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		such as a 20mph speed limit through the village. It was agreed that it was important not to lose sight of medium to longer term safety improvements – including the medium to longer term safety improvement objectives of DCC and Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) – and that the social distancing highways works should be viewed as part of the larger, longer term planning for road safety improvements in and around the village. Cllr Olle agreed to draft correspondence to the DCC Executive Director for the Economy, Transport and the Environment highlighting the Council’s discussions and concerns.
007/20		Residents’ parking issues; Traffic Regulation Order (TRO):
	.1	<p>Heathers Edge – TRO and liaison with DCC:</p> <p>Linda Berry, a Heathers Edge resident, referred to discrepancies around the DCC consultation with Heathers Edge residents, and also referred to a conversation with a DCC Officer about the consultation process. Ms Berry noted that, with reference to regulations covering government, including local government, consultation and notification, it would seem that procedures had not been properly followed and that, as a result, the measures at Heathers Edge – the unwelcome introduction of yellow lines – may not be enforceable. Ms Berry agreed to share the detail of the relevant regulations with Councillors via email. Councillors thanked Ms Berry for her input.</p> <p>Cllr Olle referred to the background and chronology of the TRO. She referred to discussions with the DCC Officer and noted the proposal/consideration of a new TRO - which would address the issues that have arisen at Heathers Edge but would also cover proposals for other areas in the village including Back Lane, Dore Lane and Fellview Close.</p> <p>Reference was made to the previous correspondence with DCC about Heathers Edge and the TRO. In light of the issues raised around resident consultation, the DCC Officer had asked that a survey of Heathers Edge residents be undertaken. Residents had done this themselves, with a simple survey question sent to all households asking if they wanted the yellow lines removed or wanted to retain the lines. The overwhelming majority noted that they did not want the yellow lines. Outcomes of the survey have been shared with the relevant DCC Officer and with DCC Cllr Judith Twigg.</p> <p>Councillors noted their support for Heathers Edge residents. Cllr Olle informed the meeting that the best way forward would be to work with DCC on a new TRO to address the issues that have arisen at Heathers Edge, and to include proposals for other areas in the village, where problems have been identified.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would write to DCC to request a new TRO as soon as possible.</p>
007/20	.2	<p>Dore Lane - parking issues– noted that confirmation is needed of land ownership of the area identified as a potential site for designated parking for residents – Assistant Clerk to undertake a Land Registry search.</p>
007/20	.3	<p>Back Lane - parking issues – noted that, as well as the parking issues, a resident had contacted the Council to highlight the issue of HGVs using the lane and a recent incident where a vehicle had become stuck with resultant damage to a garden gate at the top end of Back Lane. Cllrs noted the linked but separate issues of parking and of unsuitably large vehicles on the lane. In relation to the latter, Cllrs discussed possible solutions, including the introduction of weight/width limits on the top end of the lane, and parking restrictions at the bottom end of the lane.</p> <p>Cllr Hanley suggested that the issues on Back Lane, along with other parking and safety issues raised at this and other meetings, needs a better overview of those issues, possibly necessitating some public meetings and consultation on a range of transport-related items. It was also suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) may help to address the bigger picture although it was noted that NPs are more focused on housing than transport and parking, and that the NP process is quite arduous. Nonetheless it was agreed to recommend to full Council that consideration be given to the pursuit of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

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007/20	.4	Fellview Close - parking issues - it was noted that Cllr Rowland would have spoken to this item – Cllr Rowland’s input will be sought particularly with reference to the inclusion of Fellview Close in any future TRO.
007/20	.5	Pavement parking – ongoing issues at Heart of Hathersage and elsewhere: it was noted that barriers have been erected at HoH and that signage will be posted shortly. Signage will also ask motorbike drivers not to park alongside the barriers. The Clerk had liaised with business owners nearby asking them to remind their clients about parking in appropriate, designated spaces and that any delivery vehicles should not obstruct the pavement, or obstruct traffic.
008/20		Pedestrian Safety
008/20	.1	Crossland Road - overgrown hedges impeding pedestrians – Cllr Rogers noted she would share details of the relevant households with the Assistant Clerk – Assistant Clerk to write to the residents. to consider/note actions.
008/20	.2	Other areas of concern: noted overgrown hedges on some sites/properties on Station Road – Cllrs Hanley and Hill to survey and to pass details to the Assistant Clerk. Cllr Hill also drew attention to the absence of a pavement on the west side of Station Road - from opposite Oddfellows Road - for some distance towards Moorland Road.
009/20		Other parking issues/considerations
009/20	.1	Northern Rail – car park and access for DDDC permit holders – the Assistant Clerk noted that she had liaised with the NR Stakeholder Manager about convening a meeting – he is currently on annual leave – the Assistant Clerk will follow up on the initial request, on his return.
009/20	.2	Provision of additional summer parking: the Assistant Clerk confirmed that she had a response from the landowner (of the field identified as a potential parking site) and that he declined the Council’s request noting issues with access and egress, that the ground is frequently very wet, even through the summer, and that, legally, the field has a farm grazing tenancy attached.
010/20		Transport: Public
010/20	.1	Railway and noise from trains: Cllr Hill noted that further examination of the case originally brought to the Committee (noise from train horns as trains approach Hathersage East foot crossing) revealed a lack of supporting evidence. Cllr Hill suggested that, in the absence of further noise complaints, no further action be taken at this time.
010/20	.2	Railway and closure of footbridge: it was noted that this related to the footbridge intended to replace the present Hathersage West (Jaggers Lane) foot crossing . Cllr Shuttleworth had liaised with Network Rail and some clarification had been provided on future plans: <i>No plans for change until the improvement scheme is implemented (likely to be 2022 at the earliest), when it will be closed and replaced with a footbridge. The concerns of the Council, and Hathersage residents, about the design of the footbridge had been shared with Network Rail along with a suggestion that, whilst diversion would be preferable, due consideration be given to a more appropriate footbridge design.</i> It was further noted that the Council needs to keep up-to-date with progress and ensure further input on plans, as appropriate. Hathersage East (Harper Lees) crossing will be upgraded to have a red/green (stop/go) light indicator for pedestrians - because of concerns about sight-lines both for users and train drivers - work should be completed by the end of the year. Cllr Hill also referred to concerns about the safety of users on the crossing - arising out of short sighting distances for train drivers, and for crossing users, and the steep slope up onto the crossing from the south (river) side.
011/20		Road surfacing
011/20	.1	Road surface condition on Station Approach/Ladybower Drive: noted that a resident had raised concerns and that details had been registered with DCC.
012/20		Clerk’s Report / Correspondence: the closure of the B6001 Hathersage/Grindleford Road for retaining wall repairs (Monday 27 to Friday 31 July, 8am to 4pm) was noted.

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013/20	To identify items for the next meeting agenda – items from this agenda to form the basis of the agenda for the next meeting.
014/20	Next meeting – Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm

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