**HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Transport Committee of Hathersage Parish Council

7:30pm Tuesday 25 August 2020, online meeting using Zoom.

Present: Councillors Rosie Olle (Chair), Bill Hanley, Jane Marsden, Peter Rowland, Heather Rodgers, James Shuttleworth

In Attendance: Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

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| 015/20 |  | Apologies for absence – Cllrs T Hill and S Turner |
| 016/20 |  | Any variation in the order of business – there was no variation |
| 017/20 |  | Declaration of interests – there were no declarations of interest |
| 018/20 |  | Public participation – no members of the public attended |
| 019/20 |  | The minutes of the previous meeting of 28 July 2020 were **approved**. Matters arising from the minutes were noted:**006/20**: social distancing highways works and DCC consideration of enforcement options to ensure that Peak Fruits do not cause any obstruction on the footway with their fruit and veg displays - Cllr Olle agreed to liaise with the owner of Peak Fruits.**007/20.2**: Dore Lane land ownership – noted that enquiries were ongoing into ownership of the parcel of land identified as a possible site for dedicated resident parking.**007/20.4**: Cllr Rowland expanded on the parking issues on Fellview Close. |
| 020/20 |  | **DCC funding for social distancing highways works and safely reopening high streets**: outcomes from the meeting of 14 August - attended by Cllr Rodgers and the Clerk, and DCC and DDDC officers and Councillors - had been circulated. Cllrs also noted actions arising from a recent inspection and review of safety measures by a DCC Officer including:* arrangements to be made for a “New Road Layout Ahead” sign to be erected on the downhill approach to the new Give Way markings (by Chemist) – Cllrs noted the new measures and signage was a positive development in relation to a problem residents had been flagging up for years;
* barriers installed outside Bank House have been rearranged and a “Keep right” arrow installed;
* signing and markings for the advisory one-way system on Station Road need some attention - some improvements will be made there;
* enforcement measures re Peak Fruits obstructing the footway *Cllr Olle agreed to have a conversation with the owners of Peak Fruits*

Cllrs noted that DDDC Councillor Peter O’Brien is taking the lead on sourcing Covid distancing signs – pavement decals and signs for lighting columns and telegraph poles – liaison with DCC and DDDC is ongoing.Cllr Hanley suggested consideration be given to installing bollards outside the hairdressers to protect pedestrians. Other Cllrs disagreed noting why this measure could cause further problems with traffic management and noting the extent of current Covid measures throughout the village. Cllrs noted where measures were working well including the give-way measures by the Chemist, and the measures to protect the bus-stop opposite the George Hotel.  |
| 021/20 |  | **Residents’ parking issues; and Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**  |
|  | .1 | **Heathers Edge** **and TRO** – the lack of response from DCC despite repeated requests, was noted. It was agreed that Cllr Marsden will liaise with DCC Cllr Judith Twigg to make representations on behalf of the Council and to try to resolve the matter as quickly as possible. |
|  | .2 | **New TRO to address other parking/traffic issues in the village – Back Lane and Fellview Close**:as with Heathers Edge, there has been no response from DCC to a request for a new TRO. It was noted that the Council will continue to pursue this but that resolving the issues at Heathers Edge is the priority. Cllr Marsden referred to placement of speed limit signage near to the railway bridge going towards Grindleford – it had been suggested that some signage could be better placed to ensure traffic slowed down appropriately, or that traffic did not speed up on the transition from a 30 to 50mph zone. It was **agreed**  to return to this at a future meeting, to consider the detail. Cllr Marsden also referred to consideration of an area – between Station Approach and Cricket Field – where extra visitor parking might be possible, relieving parking issues in the village. It was **agreed**  to return to this at a future meeting, to consider the detail.  |
|  | .3 | **Pavement parking** – ongoing issues were noted. Photographs of motorbikes parked outside the Heart of Hathersage (HoH) had been shared. It was noted that the ‘no parking’ pyramid signs have now been placed. Following liaison with the police it had been clarified that pavement parking is classed as obstruction; parking on solid yellow lines is not enforced by police – this comes under civilian enforcement (DCC). It was noted the police had recently issued tickets to vehicles parking on, and obstructing, the pavement. Cllrs discussed the anomalies around when a vehicle can be considered to be an obstruction, and the lack of timely action either by the police or DCC. Cllrs also discussed how to create a culture of respectful and lawful parking by visitors. It was **agreed** to write to the owners of the fish and chip shop; Sangams; and Bank House asking them to politely remind their customers to park respectfully and lawfully; it was noted that Bank House already posts a notice to this effect. Discussion of parking issues led Cllrs to consider the numbers of visitors (and the associated issues) to Hathersage and other areas throughout the Hope Valley and Peak Park, over the last few months. Cllrs suggested that PDNPA have a duty of responsibility to residents throughout Peak Park, as well as focusing on visitors and tourism. Cllrs noted that PDNPA should focus on visitor management, rather than visitor numbers. It was **agreed** to write to the Chair and Chief Executive of PDNPA to this effect. Cllr Marsden noted a forthcoming meeting which the PDNPA Chair will attend, and noted she will take the opportunity to raise Cllrs concerns. |
| 022/20 |  | **Pedestrian Safety** |
|  | .1 | **Overgrown hedges impeding pedestrians** – in relation to Mayfield Terrace, Cllrs noted that the Assistant Clerk had not received a response from the Pharmacy to a letter highlighting that pedestrian access on Mayfield Terrace was being impeded because of the overgrowth from the Pharmacy rear garden; the Assistant Clerk had subsequently highlighted the matter with DDDC. It was noted that Cllrs Hanley and Hill had conducted a survey of Station Road and identified other properties where overgrown hedges were impeding pedestrian access. The Assistant Clerk will write to residents – suggestions were made with regards to wording of the letters. Cllr Hanley noted that overgrown hedges was just one aspect of pedestrian impediments. He highlighted that, along Station Road, the pavement is excessively narrow in parts – and there is no pavement in some places. He suggested that broader consideration be given to other approaches, used elsewhere, such as a shared pedestrian/motorist space with appropriate traffic calming measures. |
| 023/20 |  | **Other parking issues/considerations**   |
|  | .1 | **Northern Rail** – car park and access for DDDC permit holders – Assistant Clerk to liaise with the Northern Rail Officer.  |
| 024/20 |  | **Transport: Public**  |
|  | .1 | **Railway – pedestrian crossings including footbridges –** Cllr Shuttleworth noted the longer-term plans for improvements and changes. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda and that the Council will respond to any specific plans or proposals, as appropriate. |
| 025/20 |  | Clerk’s Report / Correspondence – Cllrs noted the following:* **Overnight parking of camper van** at Hooks Carr and evidence of area being used as toilet – the Clerk has reported this to PDNPA
* **Safe Roads, Green Villages** – an online meeting facilitated by Hope Valley Climate Action Group (HVCAG) on Monday 24 August – Cllr Olle noted she had received notes from the meeting – to be shared with all members
* **Climate Emergency Survey** (SurveyMonkey), circulated by DALC – Cllr Olle will complete a draft response and share with all Cllrs before submitting a final response
* **20mph speed limits** – noted that DfT research findings had been shared by HVCAG – agreed this will be an item for a future meeting
* **Road closure** – The Dale, 21/09 to 09/10, for essential works - noted
* **Weed spraying** – DDDC consultation on changes to numbers of treatments per year and/or treatment locations – noted that this will be on the agenda for September full Council
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| 026/20 |  | To identify items for the next meeting agenda:* 20mph speed limits (and DfT research)
* 30/50mph signage in parts of the village – possible changes to placement of signage)
* Extra parking provision – consideration of the suitability of the area between Station Approach and Cricket Field
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| 027/20 |  | To agree a date for the next meeting – Tuesday 22 September 2020, 7.30pm (to be confirmed) |