

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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7:30pm Tuesday 26 January 2021, online meeting using Zoom.

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

In Attendance: Cllr Peter O'Brien, DDDC
Members of the public: Linda Berry, Martin Bloor, Simon Cowling, Liz Dalton, Wendy Louise, Julian Sorrell
Maura Sorensen (Assistant Clerk)

067/20 There were no apologies.

068/20 **Variation in the order of business:** members of the public were in attendance for items 6 and 6.1 – it was agreed to take these items first.

069/20 **Declaration of interests:** in relation to the TRO (item 6) Cllr Rowland noted he is a resident of Fellview Close; Cllr Turner noted he is a resident on Back Lane.

070/20 **Public participation:** all members of the public in attendance – Linda Berry, Martin Bloor, Simon Cowling, Liz Dalton, Wendy Louise and Julian Sorrell – were attending in relation to items 6 and 6.1.

The Chair invited comment on the TRO proposals in relation to the top end of Back Lane, first. A DCC Officer had noted that, at the top end of Back Lane - at the junction with Crossland Road/Sheffield Road – the turn was tight for vehicles, particularly when other vehicles are parked there - Julian Sorrell referred to a recent incident with a HGV. The DCC proposal was to extend the existing yellow lines by roughly 5-10 metres, opposite house numbers 1-6. Mr Sorrell had liaised with neighbours/residents. They were of the opinion that those measures, making the lane more accessible, may increase HGV usage (and other traffic). They were also concerned about the loss of parking, both for residents and their visitors. Overall, residents did not support the DCC proposal. Residents had considered alternative measures – shared with DCC. These included making Back Lane a no access/through route – with appropriate signage – or imposing a vehicle weight restriction (with appropriate signage). Mr Sorrell noted a lack of support from the DCC Officer who had cited the difficulties of enforcing these measures. Wendy Louise echoed the points raised by Mr Sorrell. Cllrs noted residents' comments. Cllrs also noted, in a broader context, the importance of considering the impact of introducing individual measures which contribute to an increase in traffic and/or parking problems elsewhere. Cllr Turner suggested the two main concerns for Back Lane were slowing traffic down; and ensuring inappropriately large vehicles don't use the Lane (citing instances of damage).

The Chair invited Heathers Edge residents to comment on the TRO proposals. Linda Berry expressed her approval and support, noting the measures would remedy the situation by removing the the yellow lines at Heathers Edge (as indicated on the plan supplied by DCC) to which the majority of the residents were opposed.

The Chair invited residents of Jagers Lane to outline their parking concerns. Photographs illustrating the problem had been circulated (and were shared onscreen). The Chair noted she had undertaken a site visit. Martin Bloor noted residents impacted had discussed the problem, and possible solutions, and had agreed that Mr Bloor represent their concerns. Mr Bloor outlined the problems residents are experiencing. The part of Jagers Lane beyond where the yellow lines currently end, and motorists now park, doesn't have any footpaths for pedestrians to use; as the lane is quite narrow in parts this presents a safety issue for pedestrians walking past parked vehicles, and between oncoming traffic. There have been instances where cars are parking partly on the ends of residents' gardens - or the cobblestoned area directly outside houses - causing damage. A number of residents have had to have damaged cobblestones reset. Parked cars have also affected some residents

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access/egress from their driveways – blocking them in or impeding them driving in/out, safely. Mr Bloor noted the problems mainly occur with visitors, at weekends. A solution would be to extend the double yellow lines on both sides of the road around 50 meters further along Jagers Lane, to the end of Kenwood Cottage. Mr Bloor noted liaison with the police who had indicated support for this proposal. Simon Cowling echoed the points Mr Bloor had raised. He further noted residents had tried measures to deter parking including placing boulders on garden verges – they had been moved – or placing planters, which had been damaged. Cllrs noted residents' comments and the strong points made which link to parking/traffic issues experienced elsewhere, in the village. Cllr Turner shared a Google Maps image of the area, onscreen, to clarify the exact area residents had identified for extension of yellow lines.

Mr Cowling referred to another traffic hazard – outside the Old School House, on the turning into Jagers Lane from the A6187. A Google Maps image was shared onscreen – illustrating the overgrowth of the hedge impacting motorists' sightline. Chair to inspect further; the Parish Council may need to liaise with the resident about cutting it back.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and noted that the period for public participation in the meeting was now closed but that everyone was welcome to remain and observe the rest of the meeting.

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Traffic Regulation Order (TRO): Councillors had already had an opportunity to examine the proposals from DCC, which have been based on Parish Council recommendations; Cllrs had shared comments/responses. Cllrs considered each proposal:

1. **Station Approach / Fellview Close / Ladybower Drive:** Cllrs have discussed these proposals with the residents affected and Cllrs **agreed** the DCC proposals and recommend them to the Parish Council for approval.
2. **Back Lane (lower end as per the initial proposals):** Cllrs **agreed** the DCC proposals, which exactly concur with what Cllrs had suggested, and recommend them to the Parish Council for approval.
Back Lane (top end): Cllrs support residents' views that extending yellow lines will not resolve the issues and may exacerbate them – Cllrs **do not support** the DCC proposal. Cllrs also support looking at alternative solutions, as per resident suggestions. Cllr Rodgers suggested incorporating a one-way system may be a solution.
3. **Coggers Lane:** Cllrs **agreed** the DCC proposals and recommend them to the Parish Council for approval.
4. **Moorland Road:** Cllrs **agreed** the DCC proposals and recommend them to the Parish Council for approval.
5. **Heathers Edge:** Cllrs **agreed** the DCC proposals and recommend them to the Parish Council for approval.
6. **Dore Lane:** Cllrs expressed disappointment that the DCC Officer did not support the measures proposed by the Parish Council noting that, in earlier conversations with another DCC Officer, support had been indicated. Cllrs proposed scheduling a site visit with DCC Officer Philip Braisby (*Assistant Clerk to arrange/convene*) – an opportunity for Cllrs to highlight the exact nature of the issue, and possible solutions. Cllrs noted the farmer impacted by the issues – parked cars impeding access to his fields and livestock – had expressed significant disappointment in the DCC stance.
7. **Jagers Lane:** Cllrs had heard from Jagers Lane residents earlier in the meeting. The Chair referred to her site visit, confirming she had witnessed/observed the problems outlined by residents. Cllrs **agreed** proposals for extending yellow lines on Jagers Lane (*area to be lined to be clarified with DCC*) be included in the TRO and will recommend this to full Council for approval.
8. **Barnfields:** this had not been considered in the original TRO proposal but issues with visibility/safety had been brought to the Chair's attention. A photograph illustrating the problem was shared. Cllrs noted the proposal was for the extension/continuation

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of yellow lines to increase visibility for traffic coming from the Bamford direction - noting when cars are parked there, motorists' sightline is impacted and it is a danger to motorists and pedestrians. Cllrs **agreed** to request inclusion of this proposal in the TRO and to recommend this to full Council, for approval.

- .1 **Jaggers Lane and parking issues:** noted this had been addressed under minute 071/20, above.

072/20 Minutes of the meeting of 24 November 2020 were **agreed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.

073/20 **Transport / Traffic Survey:** a draft survey questionnaire (produced by Cllrs W Hanley and T Hill) had been circulated. Cllrs Hanley and Hill noted they had sought to ensure questions were quite open at this stage, and not leading or solution-focused. Cllr O'Brien raised the issue of residents parking schemes, noting a number of residents had raised it with him. He suggested residents' thoughts on a parking scheme be sought, in the survey – this was agreed. Cllrs noted variations in parking schemes – some operating seasonally or weekends only. Noted that, for Hathersage residents, the main parking issues relate to the number of visitors' cars. Cllrs further noted the need for clarity that introduction of any residents parking schemes will be a cost, to residents.

Commenting more broadly on the survey, Cllrs had a number of suggestions around the length, and wording. Examples of other surveys were cited. It was **agreed** that all comments, suggestions and examples be shared with Cllrs Hanley and Hill – by Tuesday 9 February. Cllrs Hanley and Hill will then produce a further draft and circulate it to Transport Committee members, for comment.

074/20 **Road Safety:** a recent statement from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to a speed limit enforcement campaign had been shared. Cllrs noted the statement demonstrated Derbyshire-wide concerns about speeding.

075/20 **Bus shelter:** proposals from DCC for provision of a new bus shelter (opposite the George Hotel) had been shared. Noted DCC were proposing to fully fund the shelter and wanted to allocate funding in this financial year; DCC were seeking timely approval of the proposals from the Parish Council. Cllr Rodgers highlighted there would be costs to the Parish Council - in relation to a regular cleaning regime; and potentially significant costs in relation to cleaning of graffiti and general maintenance/repairs. Shelter specifications had been shared – Cllr Rodgers asked for further detail about the materials. DCC Officer Alex Sidebottom had highlighted the new shelter would be fully compliant with the latest accessibility regulations – this was welcomed by Cllrs. Noted the extra width proposed would benefit pedestrians but some concern was expressed on the potential impact on traffic flow. Cllrs supported the proposal in principle but wanted to explore issues/concerns highlighted with DCC Officer Alex Sidebottom before making a recommendation to full Council – possibly adjusting elements of the proposal, as appropriate. Assistant Clerk to arrange a site visit between Cllrs and Alex Sidebottom.

076/20 **Cycling – safety issues; and maintenance of cycle lanes:** noted discussions related to safety, and cycle lane maintenance, had been discussed at full Council on 5 January. Noted that some cyclists choose not to use the dedicated cycle lanes, in part because of poor maintenance. Cyclists are entitled to use the road, even where a cycle lane is provided. In relation to cycle lane maintenance, Cllr Marsden referred to liaison with DCC Officer Kate Siddons. Cllr Turner asked if details of the DCC maintenance scheme could be requested; Cllr Marsden agreed to liaise further with Ms Siddons.

077/20 **Electric Vehicle Charging (ECV) Points:** Cllr Hill had previously shared information about issues related to provision of ECV points. Prior to the meeting an update had been provided from DDDC Officer Vikki Hatfield. Ms Hatfield noted DDDC are working with BP Chargemaster, looking at possible locations for ECV points which meet the criteria for funding from the Office for Low Emissions (OLEV). Car parks in Hathersage are being considered in the BP Chargemaster feasibility study; consideration will be given to installation costs and catchment area. Ms Hatfield had provided further detail and had extended an invitation to meet (online) with Cllrs to discuss the issues in greater depth. Cllrs Hill, Marsden and Rodgers expressed interest – Assistant Clerk to liaise with Ms Hatfield to arrange a meeting.

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- 078/20 **Railway**
- .1 **Temporary/emergency closure of Footpath No 50, 16- 24 January** (by railway bridge below Millstones pub): noted the closure period had expired.
- .2 **Station car park:** noted that Northern Rail (NR) are undertaking a review of their car park tariffs/policy, and that account will be taken of concerns raised by the Parish Council, with NR Officer Simon Ashworth, at the 24 November meeting of this committee. Outcomes of the review (*scheduled to be undertaken by the end of March*) to be shared with the Parish Council.
- 079/20 **Covid safety measures:** DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien noted there is still some money in the Reopening High Streets Safely (RHSS) funding allocated for Covid signage in Hathersage. He suggested DDDC use this funding to provide a temporary framed planter spring bulb display – to reinforce safe social distancing, and to bring some cheer after so many difficult months. Noted that DDDC would take full responsibility for provision and maintenance. Cllrs supported and **agreed** the proposal. Cllr O'Brien to confirm Parish Council approval with DDDC, and the Assistant Clerk will forward a copy of the relevant minute. It was further agreed the Heart of Hathersage would be the best site. Cllr Rodgers will liaise with the relevant DDDC Officer about the design, and exact placement.
- 080/20 **Clerk's Report / Correspondence:** the following had been circulated to Cllrs, and was noted.
- High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership – recent newsletters and updates
 - Hope Valley Climate Action Group (HVCAG) – link provided to online newsletter
 - PDNP Parishes Bulletin – noted inclusion of references to transport, travel and Covid measures
- 081/20 **Next meeting** – noted the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7.30pm – agreed that, if necessary and particularly if any aspects of the TRO need addressing, a meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February, 7.30pm

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