

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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7:30pm Tuesday 23 March 2021, online meeting using Zoom.

Present: Councillors James Shuttlesworth (meeting Chair), Sara Furness, Bill Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers, Stuart Turner

In Attendance: Members of the public: Martin Bloor, Charlotte Farrell, Alan Peel
Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

082/20 Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Rowland.

083/20 **Variation in the order of business:** it was agreed to take agenda item 10 as the first substantial item.

084/20 **Declaration of interests:** none.

085/20 **Public participation:** Alan Peel raised concerns about speeding traffic on the A6187 Bamford straight, referencing a recent incident where a car had overturned. Other incidents in recent years – accidents and near misses - were cited. Noted there has been liaison with DCC Highways over the last couple of years but no action has been taken/measures put in place. There was some discussion about highways, traffic and health and safety regulations including criteria to be met to trigger action. The extent to which DCC Cllrs can direct DCC Highways Officers to take a specific action/enact measures was also discussed. Mr Peel noted a group of residents were looking to start a campaign to address concerns and get appropriate measures in place – and were seeking the support of the parish council. The Chair acknowledged residents' concerns, shared by the parish council. Reference was made to the wider issue of speeding across the Hope Valley. Noted speed monitoring is undertaken on the Sheffield Road and suggested monitoring should be regularly undertaken on roads in, around and through the Hope Valley. Mr Peel referenced next steps in coordinating a campaign, noting he will share details with the parish council. Noted the issue is also being considered by Bamford Parish Council; **Clerk to liaise with Bamford Parish Council Clerk**. Cllr Rodgers suggested writing to DCC Highways Officers asking them to undertake a weekend visit in and around Hathersage to witness the extent of residents' concerns about traffic, and speeding. The Chair thanked Mr Peel for his contribution and noted the period for public participation in the meeting was now closed but he was welcome to remain and observe the rest of the meeting however he left the meeting at this point.

086/20 **Road Safety and the 20sPlenty campaign:** Charlotte Farrell, from the 20sPlenty campaign group, shared a presentation. Noted 20s Plenty For Us is a national campaign. The presentation included data on pedestrian casualties and the decrease in casualties at lower speed limits; the wider benefits of a 20mph limit; the increasing use of 20mph limits across the UK; and growing public support for appropriate 20mph limits. Ms Farrell clarified the difference between 20mph limits and 20mph zones – noted zones include specific measures e.g. humps and are much more costly. There was some further discussion about the extent to which DCC Cllrs can direct DCC Highways Officers to take a specific action/enact measures. Noted the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner support for the campaign. Some concerns were raised that a 20mph limit through Hathersage would result in long traffic queues through the village and a related increase in pollution levels. Concerns were also expressed that drivers would look for alternative routes leading to increased traffic, and speeding, on back roads. Questions raised included whether any of the national parks had introduced speed limits in designated areas – no-one was aware of specific national park initiatives. Cllrs noted it would be helpful if some more detailed data could be provided on the proportion of rural areas with 20mph limits, and more detail on cost/benefits analyses.

There was a suggestion that there is a need for greater safety education across the board - for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Noted it has been evidenced that children under 12 cannot estimate speed correctly – and the under 12s are the biggest casualties of RTAs. Some

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Cllrs were strongly in favour of supporting the campaign. It was suggested those residents most impacted by traffic, and traffic travelling at speed, were not sufficiently represented on or by the parish council. Referencing the current parish council traffic survey, it was hoped outcomes would provide a clearer picture of residents' concerns, and attitudes to, traffic including speed limits and other measures. Noted that, related to survey outcomes, the parish council will need to agree a clear approach to traffic management. Charlotte Farrell concluded her presentation and left the meeting; the Chair thanked her for her time and input.

Cllrs discussed next steps/further action. Suggested that, aligned with outcomes of the traffic survey, the issue be further discussed at the next meeting, aiming to come up with a clear plan including how the 20sPlenty principles could be applied in Hathersage. Suggested further research be undertaken on the approach taken across the country and particularly to those centres similar to Hathersage. **Agenda item for the next meeting; some research to be undertaken beforehand.**

- 087/20 The minutes of the meeting of 26 January 2021 were **agreed**; there were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 088/20 **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO):** an update from DCC Highways had been circulated and is attached to these minutes. **Clerk to share the update with residents of the areas impacted.**
- 089/20 **Transport / Traffic Survey:** Cllrs Bill Hanley and Tim Hill provided an update. Noted 900 forms had been circulated. Cllrs Hanley and Hill referenced analysis of the hard copies, and electronic returns, received so far. Noted significant support for more/increased parking provision; noted low commitment to investment in electric vehicles (EVs) and low confidence in EV infrastructure. Cllrs thanked and commended Cllrs Hanley and Hill for their work on this initiative. Noted the positive engagement by residents and suggested this had proved a good opportunity to promote the parish council more widely.
- 090/20 **Bus shelter opposite the George Hotel:** noted it was hoped that work to complete the bus shelter would be completed in early April.
- 091/20 **Station parking:** Cllrs had been informed in February of the Northern Rail decision to remove parking tariffs at Hathersage station for the time being. Noted some confusion with a further sign erected – in error – relating to the use of a dedicated parking app to park at the station. Suggested the situation be kept under review and, if necessary, a further approach made to Northern Rail, for clarity.
- 092/20 **Electric Vehicle Charging (ECV) Points:** Cllr Marsden summarised outcomes from a recent meeting with a DDDC Officer. Noted DDDC are looking only at potential for provision in Derbyshire-owned car parks, including Oddfellows Road; on-street parking is the remit of DCC. Noted EVC-related questions in the traffic survey – outcomes to be shared with DDDC. Reiterated that initial survey analysis indicates low levels of commitment to investment in EVs and low confidence in EV infrastructure. Noted a further update from DDDC is anticipated after Easter. Agreed to consider this item again at the next meeting, in light of a DDDC update and full outcomes from the parish council survey. **Agenda item for next meeting.**
- 093/20 **Traffic incident Coggers Lane/Cannonfields:** Cllrs noted the accident last month, in icy weather, where a van had lost control and crashed into a property, causing damage. Noted there had been similar incidents previously. An approach had been made to DCC about introducing appropriate safety measures. The DCC response – noting the onus on motorists to drive with care, particularly in bad weather - had been shared with Cllrs. Cllrs discussed possible measures, again referencing criteria to be met. Cllrs referenced relevant signage, citing examples elsewhere, including at a similar site in Bakewell. Other measures suggested included alterations to the road surface and reducing the speed limit at the site. **Agreed that the Clerk will liaise further with DCC about possible measures outlined by Cllrs.**
- 094/20 **Grit and salt bins:** Cllr Marsden proposed an item be included in the forthcoming annual report – encouraging residents to act as snow wardens, clarifying snow warden responsibilities, and detailing parish council support. **It was agreed to include an item in the forthcoming annual report.**
- 095/20 **Covid safety measures:** Cllrs discussed whether current Covid highways measures should be retained, and to what extent. Suggested that, in anticipation of a rise in visitor numbers, measures be retained for the time being. Cllrs referenced specific measures needing some

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adjustments. Suggested the pavement outside the fruit shop is too narrow and causes congestion – and that removal of one of the parking spaces would help address the issue. Cllrs queried whether barriers outside Bank House were still necessary/useful. Cllrs also referenced traffic management measures by the Chemist pinch point. Noted the original proposal to give priority to traffic travelling uphill had not been put in place leading to traffic build-up, and pollution. Suggested DCC Highways be asked to review the position. Also suggested DCC Highways be asked to repaint the Give Way signs on the road. Cllr Marsden highlighted that DCC Highways had agreed to place some of the red and white barriers under the Dore Lane railway bridge – this has not been actioned. Suggested that, with the anticipated increase in visitor numbers, there is an urgent need for measures to deter parking under the bridge. ***Clerk to liaise with DCC Highways on the items/actions highlighted.***

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Clerk's Report/Correspondence: none.

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Next meeting – noted the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7.30pm. Agreed to continue with bimonthly meetings for the time being but noted the need to review traffic survey outcomes in the interim. **Agreed** that Cllrs Bill Hanley and Tim Hill be invited to present survey outcomes as an addendum to the agenda for the 13 April meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committees.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

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