

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Transport Committee  
held on Tuesday 28 June 2022, 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Stanage Hall)

**Present:** Cllrs Rosie Olle (Chair), Martin Bloor, Bill Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Heather Rodgers, Peter Rowland and James Shuttleworth

**In attendance:** Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

## MINUTES

- 001/22 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Nick Williams.
- 002/22 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-23: Cllr Olle was unanimously elected as Chair and Cllr Shuttleworth as Vice Chair.
- 003/22 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.
- 004/22 Declaration of interests - none.
- 005/22 Public participation – there were no members of the public in attendance.
- 006/22 Minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2022 were **agreed**. Matter arising - bike rack for the Heart of Hathersage. The Clerk reported on delays with delivery and correspondence with the Bike Storage Company. Noted delivery had been promised w/c Monday 4 July; if delivery is not made the Parish Council will look to cancel the order and seek a refund.
- 007/22 **TRO:** update including further concerns raised by residents, DCC response, and consideration of any interim measures that could be proposed pending the next stage of the TRO process. Cllrs agreed the response from DCC Highways to a Hathersage resident had been unsatisfactory. Cllr Rowland referenced discussions with the resident. Noting the length of time taken to process the TRO, and with no timescale for the next stages, Cllr Marsden referenced other measures which might be introduced more quickly and could mitigate some of the problems e.g. 'keep clear' signage on the road, or hatched lines. Cllr Bloor shared details of ongoing parking issues on Jagers Lane. He had spoken with DCC Highways Officers in 2021; Officers had agreed the need to introduce measures but no action had been taken. Cllrs discussed broader issues in relation to increasing visitor numbers, traffic, parking and capacity - not just in Hathersage but across the Hope Valley and the Peak Park, suggesting consideration needs to be given to introducing controlled parking zones or alternative solutions including looking at measures used in other areas of the UK with high visitor numbers. Acknowledged, also, the need to protect/support residents, and local businesses. Suggested PDNPA have a responsibility to lead on this issue and come up with some proposals. Noted previous PDNPA estimates around parking capacity may need to be revised e.g. to take into account households with two or more cars. Noted PDNPA are seeking the views of parish councils on the Local Plan; suggested the parish councils survey is an opportunity to raise concerns, and suggested measures, on parking. Also suggested asking for parking to be included as an agenda item at the autumn PDNPA Parishes Day event. Cllr Marsden referenced DCC Cllr Sutton's suggestion of producing a village plan in which issues around parking, and housing, could be addressed. Cllr Hanley suggested HVCA could be a useful ally in pushing for better measures around parking.

## ACTIONS:

1. Cllr Hanley to produce a report setting out the Parish Council position on parking, and proposals around measures, for consideration at the next meeting of the Transport Committee.
2. **Noted a meeting has been arranged with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton. Issues discussed to be flagged with Cllr Sutton so he can make representations to DCC**

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	<b>Highways:</b> lack of progress with the TRO and looking at alternative measures – on Back Lane and Jaggers Lane in particular - that could be introduced more quickly.
008/22	<b>Parking – funding for proposals and DCC response:</b> noted the Parish Council had approached DCC Highways about proposed parking measures on the B6001 verge including an offer of support by Hope Cement Works; despite following up on the initial enquiry no response had been received. <b>Agreed to ask DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton to make representations to DCC Highways Officers on behalf of the Parish Council.</b>
009/22	<b>Electrical Vehicle Charging:</b> an update from DDDC had been shared including reference to proposals for EVCs at Oddfellows Road car park. Noted DDDC proposals only relate to DDDC land. Cllrs acknowledged the associated challenges and queried whether there is sufficient demand for EVCs and how beneficial the scheme will be in the short to medium term. Further progress updates awaited from DDDC.
010/22	<b>Give-way signage A6187:</b> considered a query raised by DCC Highways. A query had been raised with DCC Highways about safety measures suggesting a need for additional signage on the lefthand side of the road travelling downhill towards the Chemist (noting where vehicles are parked at the give way markings, road markings are covered, and drivers have to navigate around parked vehicles where there could be oncoming vehicles). Cllrs agreed this is a concern and that additional signage <i>is</i> required. Cllrs suggested it would be helpful to meet with the Highways Officer, at the site, to discuss appropriate signage <b>Clerk to liaise with the Highways Officer.</b>
011/22	<b>Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):</b> Cllrs considered a report. Acknowledged the challenges, and the bureaucracy, in pursuing the scheme. Also acknowledged there is a need for 'slow down' signage at sites in/around the village including on Castleton Road in the vicinity of the railway bridge. <b>ACTION:</b> Cllrs Hanley and Hill to look at the detail of the scheme – application process, costs, longer-term implications for Parish Council management of the devices; a report, and any proposals, to be circulated and considered at the next meeting of the Transport Committee. <b>Also suggested discussing this with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.</b> Cllr Hanley referenced a recent police survey including questions relating to concerns about speeding; suggested there would be police support for signage encouraging drivers to slow down. Referenced a police/parish councils' event on 5 July to which all DDDC parish councillors had been invited; an opportunity to raise concerns about speeding.
012/22	<b>Public Transport:</b> 1 <b>Bus services in the Hope Valley:</b> reports circulated including reference to the HVCA 2030 Transport Objectives, outcomes of the HVCA 'Use the Bus' campaign, and the DCC bus subsidy policy; Cllrs were asked to consider a Parish Council position on bus services. Cllr Hill noted new Hope Valley bus services had very low passenger numbers. He referenced liaison with Hulleys Bus Company, and with HCVA. Referencing the HCVA position on public transport, Cllr Hill suggested the group had not looked in any depth at the market for public transport, and public attitudes. He referenced research/surveys elsewhere indicating a generally negative opinion of bus services, and the related struggle to get people out of cars and onto public transport. Noted, also, the need for reliable and regular services, to encourage use. Cllr Hill referenced the HCVA position on discouraging private car use, and lack of consideration of the potential damage to Hope Valley businesses. <b>Proposed</b> the Parish Council agree and adopt a position on public transport, and share this with HCVA. <b>ACTION:</b> Cllr Hill to produce a report setting out HPC concerns - to share with HCVA; report to be circulated and considered at the next meeting of the Transport Committee. Cllrs further discussed tensions between the HCVA position on car use, and public transport, and the potential negative impact on residents and local businesses. Cllr Hill highlighted an issue impacting bus journeys suggesting cyclists, particularly on the narrower Hope Valley roads, impede buses in adhering to their timetables; he shared details of recent incidents. Cllr Hanley reiterated the need to work with HCVA to address parking issues which, in turn, could promote public transport usage. TH reiterated the need to assess the market, address attitudes to public transport, and the need for reliable services.

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	Referencing current rising fuel costs Cllrs noted an impact on visitor numbers. Also noted there have been increases in numbers of Hope Valley rail users.
2	<b>Bus stand, Main Road:</b> acknowledged there isn't anything further HPC can do in terms of relocating the bus stand. Also acknowledged very few buses currently actually use the stand. Cllr Olle suggested the recently painted yellow lining was not the standard shade; <b>suggested flagging this with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.</b> Cllrs Hill and Olle noted they felt misled by DCC Officer Alex Sidebottom regarding location of the stand.
013/22	<b>Smart Trails</b> (Hope with Aston Parish Council-led Hope Valley initiative): a report was received. Noted the lack of support from landowners on converting footpaths to bridleways. Cllrs also noted their lack of support. Cllr Marsden referenced her experience via Stanage Forum in dealing with footpaths/bridleways and tensions between walkers and cyclists. <b>Agreed</b> Cllrs Hill and Marsden to arrange to meet with Hope with Aston Parish Councillors <b>Clerk to arrange a meeting.</b> Reference made to DCC cycleways schemes, whether plans are ongoing, and whether funding is still available. Acknowledged the need for safer cycle routes across the Hope Valley.
014/22	<b>Jaggers Lane water leak:</b> noted a long-standing issue with a water leak across a steep part of the Lane and on to the main road and concern about the length of time taken by Severn Trent to fully address the fault. Queried whether it is the responsibility of Severn Trent <b>Clerk to follow up.</b>
015/22	<b>Mytham Bridge and roadworks:</b> noted that, following damage to the road, measures currently in place are single-way, light-controlled traffic. It is understood repairs are planned in the winter when the road will be closed with likely diversions through Hathersage. Noted diversions are being planned now and the Parish Council needs to make a timely response. <b>Agreed to raise the matter with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.</b>
016/22	<b>Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme:</b> there had been no further updates from VolkerRailStory. Details of changes to timetables and station closures previously circulated; noted trains will run Hope-Manchester-Hope. Cllr Shuttleworth referenced an App detailing closures. Suggested closures be shared with the local community via Facebook <b>Clerk to action.</b>
017/22	<b>Clerk's Report / Correspondence including updates on any ongoing initiatives:</b> referenced the meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton on Wednesday 6 July, 11am, at the Heart of Hathersage; details of issues/items raised at this meeting to be discussed. Cllr Rodgers noted apologies for this meeting.
018/22	<b>Next meeting</b> – Thursday 30 August, 7.30pm, at Hathersage Memorial Hall (Stanage Hall). <b>Items for the August meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes of discussions with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton</li> <li>• Report (Cllr Hanley) on the HPC position on parking, and proposals around measures</li> <li>• SIDS – report from Cllrs Hanley and Hill</li> <li>• Public Transport – report from Cllr Hill setting out concerns about current and future bus service provision and proposing a clear HPC position on bus services (to be shared with HVCA and others)</li> </ul>

*Meeting ended 9.10pm.*

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