

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Hathersage Parish Council Transport Committee held on Tuesday 24 January 2023, 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Sampson Room)

**Present:** Cllrs Rosie Olle (Chair), Martin Bloor, W Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Heather Rodgers, Stuart Turner and James Shuttleworth

**In attendance:** Maura Sorensen (Clerk); Kathryn Fraser (Assistant Clerk); Marianne Quick, Hope Valley Climate Action Travelling Light Project Officer

### MINUTES

- 048/22 Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Pete Rowland and Nick Williams.
- 049/22 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.
- 050/22 Declaration of interests – Cllr Jane Marsden re agenda item 14/minute item 061/22 (Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme).
- 051/22 Public participation – an opportunity for members of the public to make any representation to the Transport Committee in respect of items on the agenda – there were no members of the public in attendance.
- 052/22 Minutes of the meeting of 25 October 2022 were **agreed** subject to an amendment to the list of Cllrs declaring interest (should be Nick Williams, not Nick Shuttleworth); actions arising were **noted**.
- 053/22 **Hope Valley Climate Action – Travelling Light Project:** a presentation from Project Officer Marianne Quick. Ms Quick was welcomed to the meeting. She expanded on Travelling Light (TL) initiatives including the **Use the Bus campaign** – a two-week campaign covering the Derbyshire and Sheffield schools Spring half-term. Ms Quick referenced promotion of the current £2.00 cap on bus tickets; liaison with Hope Valley businesses re offering discounts on production of a bus ticket; and promotion of the campaign in the local press and community social media. Approaches had been made to a few Hathersage businesses; Cllrs suggested others. Cllrs also suggested cyclists should benefit from discounts. Ms Quick expanded on gathering data from the campaign; Cllrs suggested taking account of weather as a factor in numbers of passengers/visitors.
- Bus services:** Ms Quick referenced the need for improvements in bus services and the ongoing DCC-led Bus Service Improvement Partnership (BSIP).
- 20s Plenty:** also referenced the 20s Plenty speed limit campaign and an online meeting on 8 February with the national campaign co-ordinator *Ms Quick to share the link*.
- Electric Vehicle Chargers (EVCs):** HVCA guidance had been shared. Ms Quick referenced provision in the Hope Valley including at the Angler's Rest in Bamford (for Bamford residents, and visitors). Also referenced ongoing DCC, DDDC and PDNPA EVC initiatives. Cllrs queried whether it is feasible to meet government targets (on electric vehicles); and to meet public demand. Acknowledged providers/facilitators of EVCs need to consider short, medium and long-term needs and objectives.
- Some detail was shared on how provision of EVCs by local authorities would be managed (via an App) and how parish councils could facilitate EVC provision, with the potential for some income generation – noted Parish Council-owned land where provision may be feasible. Ms Quick referenced other potential sources of provision e.g. Airbnbs including whether Airbnb EVCs could be made available more widely (to members of the public) when properties were empty.
- Cllrs noted a question mark over whether the electricity supply to Hathersage is sufficient to meet EVC demand. Cllrs also referenced EVC provision to households, acknowledging the challenges.
- Some Cllrs reiterated doubts about EVC policy (central and local government) and the legitimacy of current government targets.

Ms Quick referenced a forthcoming trial project (facilitated by EVC providers) in the Hope Valley including workshops and exploring the potential for provision of a community car club and lift shares.

**New HVCA post:** Ms Quick referenced plans to create a new role for an Integrated Transport Officer with a focus on improvements to cross country rail services provision.

**Other initiatives:** promotion of walking routes – Ms Quick referenced development of a walking trail aligned to the Sheffield to Manchester railway line. She also commented that part of her role was linking with and coordinating provision from different groups including walking groups. Flagged ongoing work relating to development of the Hope Transport Hub. Ms Quick also referenced a D2N2 consultation on local cycling and walking infrastructure *Ms Quick to share the link, and the HVCA consultation response.*

Cllrs asked Ms Quick to share links to HVCA social media including their Facebook page.

Cllrs noted thanks to Ms Quick who left the meeting.

Cllrs referenced previous discussions around taking a formal Parish Council position in relation to aspects of the TL project *March Transport Committee agenda item.*

054/22 **Meeting with PDNPA Transport Policy Officer Tim Nicholson: received** notes from the meeting of 25 November 2022; **noted** matters discussed. Cllr Hill referenced ongoing liaison with Mr Nicholson re the PDNPA position on EVCs in Peak District car parks. Cllr W Hanley queried whether the Parish Council had formally responded to the PDNPA proposals on Peak District car park charging *Clerk to check.* Flagged current PDNPA car park planning applications *to be shared with all Cllrs; HPC response to be considered by the Planning Committee.*

055/22 **Meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton: received** notes from the meeting of 16 December 2022 and **noted** matters discussed. Queried whether Heathers Edge residents had been informed that they wouldn't be penalised for parking on the yellow lines *Clerk to check.* Noted there had been correspondence with the Housing Association, to that end.

056/22 **TRO:** noted, as discussed at the December meeting with DCC Cllr Sutton, it was anticipated lining on Jagers Lane would be undertaken before too long; also noted the appointment of additional staff in the Highways Department may mean work on the next stage of the TRO will move ahead in 2023.

057/22 **Parking matters**

- .1 Feedback from discussions with PDNPA Officer Tim Nicholson and DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton were noted.  
Cllr Hill referenced ongoing 'informal parking' on the B6001, and related damage to the verge. Cllr Shuttleworth referenced parking on School Lane (by the gate entrance) and measures to stop it *Clerk to liaise with the St Michael's School Headteacher about an appeal to parents not to park there (pointing out it is illegal).* Noted also visitors park there at weekends. Cllrs discussed deterrent measures including temporary posts. Referenced similar problems at other verges and damage to planting where cars park or drive across the verge; discussed using similar deterrent measures, and signage.
- .2 New Year Bank Holiday parking issues – noted the response from the police – suggested sharing the reporting links provided by the police *Clerk to post links on community social media.*
- .3 Ongoing measures to flag parking violations with DCC, the police and any other stakeholders; Cllrs acknowledged the need to continue to collect and share photographic evidence of illegal and inconsiderate parking.

058/22 **Speed reduction initiatives**

- .1 **Community Speed Watch:** noted the late cancellation of the meeting scheduled for 19 January; Clerk liaising with the CSW team to arrange another meeting.
- .2 **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** Cllr Hill suggested, if there was no progress with the CSW, further consideration be given to SIDs. The Clerk is chasing a response from DCC Highways re the whereabouts of the mobile SIDs used pre-Covid.

059/22 **Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC)**

- .1 Update from DDDC on provision of EVCs in Oddfellows Road Car Park **noted.**

- .2 **Parish Council facilitation/provision of EVCs: noted** discussions at the January Parish Council meeting including allocation of £5K funding. Also **noted** NALC advice on parish council powers to fund and provide EVCs; and information/guidance shared by HVCA. Cllr Hill referenced ongoing liaison with PDNPA. Regarding HPC consideration of facilitating EVC provision, noted a detailed breakdown of costs, and other data, would be needed before any recommendation or decision could be made.

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**Public Transport**

- .1 **Bus services:** Cllr Hill had shared a report; also **noted** discussions and actions from the December meeting with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton. Concerns about the safety of some bus services had been shared with the BSIP Officer and the County Bus Team. Noted an option to take it further included raising concerns with the Traffic Commissioner. Agreed it was up to individuals (including individual Cllrs) to flag concerns with the Traffic Commissioner.
- .2 **PDNPA seasonal bus service:** referenced in notes of the November meeting with PDNPA Officer Tim Nicholson. It was hoped the service will be offered again.
- .3 **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP):** Cllr Hill had shared a report. He had attended two meetings; next meeting is March 2023. He noted the meeting focus was strategic, high-level but he would flag/report any relevant operational/other issues. Noted there was no money for new buses. Further reference made to the HVCA 'Use the Bus' campaign.
- .4 **Trains: noted** the removal of the 8.09am Sheffield service. Cllr Olle flagged complaints from residents; Cllrs noted the impact on those travelling to Sheffield for work, school, college or university. Cllr Shuttleworth commended the achievement, after long negotiations, in securing a clockface hourly timetable. He referenced the ongoing ambition for a half-hourly peak time service but also noted the obstacles. **Agreed** to share Parish Council concerns about the loss of the 8.09 service with Northern Rail *Clerk/Cllr Olle to liaise on a response.*
- .5 **Trains: noted** an update on the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

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**Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme:** noted the newly installed footbridge – highlighted the steps were set 'in wrong direction'. Noted the Scheme is approximately a year behind schedule and referenced some specific issues causing further delays. Cllrs commented on the poor rail replacement bus service.

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**Clerk's Report / Correspondence including updates on any ongoing initiatives** – none.

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**Next meeting – Tuesday 28 March 2023.**

Meeting ended 21.10pm