

# HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Hathersage Parish Council Transport Committee held on Tuesday 22 August 2023, 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Sampson Room)

**Present:** Cllrs Jane Marsden (meeting Chair); Martin Bloor; Tim Hill; Pete Rowland; Nick Williams (*part*)

- 017/23 Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllrs Rosie Olle; Heather Rodgers; James Shuttleworth. Cllr Bill Hanley was not in attendance.
- 018/23 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.
- 019/23 Declaration of interests – none.
- 020/23 Public participation – an opportunity for members of the public to make any representation to the Transport Committee in respect of items on this agenda – no members of the public were in attendance.
- 021/23 Minutes of the meetings of the meeting of 30 May 2023 were **agreed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 022/23 **Parish Council pedestrian crossing proposal and DCC response:** to **consider** any further response to DCC Highways including on alternative safety measures. Acknowledged agreement with the reasons shared by DCC on why the proposal would not be taken forward. Acknowledged that, overall, a pedestrian crossing at the proposed site would be detrimental to the village. Agreed not to pursue the matter any further.
- 023/23 **Liaison with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton:** **noted** outcomes from the 25 July transport-focused meeting with Cllr Sutton.
- 024/23 **TRO:** no recent communications from DCC Highways. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with DCC Highways.**
- 025/23 **Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA)**
- .1 **HVCA Travel and Transport Project - Parish Council draft position statement shared at the May 2023 meeting:** Cllr Hill expanded on discussions at the virtual 21 August HVCA meeting. He flagged the lack of progress on HVCA initiatives over the last 12-18 months. Suggested – and **agreed** – there was no need, at this time, to take a formal Parish Council position on the HVCA Travel and Transport Project. Cllr Hill referenced HVCA initiatives – ‘Use the Bus’ campaign; the travel and transport survey; Hope Transport Hub; engagement with other initiatives (BSIP); and HVCA engagement with DCC and other service providers. Cllr Hill suggested HVCA lacked detailed knowledge on challenges faced by bus operators, and on bus operational issues.
  - .2 **HVCA Commonplace Travel and Transport Survey:** **noted** the ongoing survey with outcomes to be published in September. Cllr Hill had reviewed some of the (online) published results. Cllr Hill flagged some survey shortcomings including the number of questions/length of the survey. Suggested HPC look to establish a bus user group - initially focused on Hathersage provision possibly looking to broaden the focus to encompass wider Hope Valley provision. Cllr Hill suggested looking to clearly gauge whether, if bus services were improved, residents would make greater use of buses. Cllr Hill referenced sharing ideas around potential improvements to bus services with DCC Cllr Sutton. Noted historical discussions about provision of an ‘on-demand’ bus service however it was also noted it was unlikely to be implemented due to costs and other practicalities. Noted trials of hydrogen-powered buses.
  - .3 **Recent HVCA updates; outcomes from recent HVCA meetings:** **noted.**
- 026/23 **Parking:** **noted** queries about land ownership of potential sites. It had been proposed a land registry search be undertaken however it was suggested this was unnecessary as the land was almost certainly owned by DCC.

Cllr Marsden suggested the Parish Council put forward a planning application to formalise parking on the section of the B6001 verge where people already regularly park. **ACTION: seek support of the Parish Council to pursue this initiative.**

Referencing the Dore Lane site, it was agreed to explore, with DDDC, provision of some electrical vehicle charging (EVC) points at that site. **ACTION: Cllr Hill to liaise with DDDC.**

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### **Speed reduction initiatives**

.1 **Community Speed Watch (CSW):** noted cancellation of a July training session due to low numbers. Also noted interest from a neighbouring parish council – Baslow and Bubnell - in a joint CSW. Noted significant time and resource had been expended on trying to get a CSW up and running but it was unlikely there would be sufficient volunteers with the time and commitment to make it viable. Agreed not to further pursue setting up a CSW at this time. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with relevant parties.**

.2 **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

- **Noted** DCC Highways capital funding bid for a vehicle activated sign (VAS) at the A6187 railway bridge (bid outcomes unlikely to be confirmed before April 2024). **ACTION: seek full Council support.** Cllr Hill suggested the greater need was for signage as motorists leave the village, travelling towards Hope/Castleton.
- **Updates** from other villages where SIDs are in use – Cllr Hill referenced SIDs in Uttoxeter.
- **Other potential sites for SIDs in Hathersage village:** on Station Road; and by the bus stop on the A6187 between Crossland Road Junction and School Lane. **ACTION: look into relevant permissions (DCC Highways); and funding.**

.3 **Alternative measures including banners or signage:** to consider – noted there was little space for large scale banners or signs but acknowledged a banner/sign could be posted on the large verge at the corner of School Lane - potentially a project for St Michael's School pupils. **ACTION: further consideration to be given.**

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**Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC):** there had been no further updates from DDDC; Cllr Hill will liaise about provision of EVCs on land at Dore Lane.

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### **Public Transport**

.1 **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP):** any reports or updates. Cllr Hill referenced a recent meeting where discussions had included references to changes to bus timetables. Cllr Hill noted an overall lack of engagement from the stakeholders. Reaffirmed that the BSIP does not include any funding for new buses. Cllr Hill to continue to attend BSIP meetings.

.2 **Other public transport initiatives (PDNPA; other):** there were no additional reports or updates.

.3 **Bus services:** Cllr Hill referenced ongoing liaison with bus operators, and with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton.

.4 **Hope Valley Bus User Group:**

- (a) **noted** further consideration to be given once the HVCA Commonplace survey outcomes have been published.
- (b) **Residents' Bus Survey** – to consider carrying out a survey to assess usage and potential demand (once the HVCA survey has been published). Cllr Hill flagged that a full, comprehensive survey would involve a significant amount of time and resource; he suggested looking at undertaking a pilot with a smaller number of residents. Cllr Marsden suggested a university student might be interested in undertaking the survey (in line with their studies).
- (c) **Rail services and passenger numbers** – Cllr Hill referenced the increase in passenger numbers, and overcrowded trains, particularly at the weekends. In relation to visitor numbers, Cllr Marsden asked whether provision of additional visitor signage – including a Hathersage QR code – should be considered.

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**Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme:** there were no updates.

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**Clerk's Report / Correspondence including updates on any ongoing initiatives:** Cllrs referenced the recent theft of a parking meter.

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**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28 November, 7.30pm.**

Meeting ended at 9pm

Signed:

Date: