

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Hathersage Parish Council Transport Committee held on Tuesday 28 November 2023, 7.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Sampson Room)

Present: Cllrs Rosie Olle (meeting Chair); Martin Bloor; Tim Hill; Jane Marsden; Heather Rodgers; Nick Williams

- 033/23 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Bill Hanley; Pete Rowland; James Shuttleworth.
- 034/23 To decide any variation in the order of business – none.
- 035/23 Declaration of interests – Cllr Bloor in relation to any detailed discussions on Jagers Lane parking.
- 036/23 Public participation – an opportunity for members of the public to make any representation to the Transport Committee in respect of items on this agenda – there were no members of the public in attendance.
- 037/23 Minutes of the meeting of 22 August 2023 were **agreed** and actions arising from the minutes **noted**.
- 038/23 **Liaison with DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton: noted** outcomes from discussions on transport-focused meetings with Cllr Sutton. Noting her reference, at the meeting, to the recent PDNPA appointment of a Sustainable Travel Officer, the Transport Committee Chair confirmed the Officer's name – Matthew Eglin – and his remit to lead on development and implementation of the PDNPA sustainable transport project and the PDNPA sustainable transport framework. **ACTION - Transport Committee Chair to share Mr Eglin's contact details with the Clerk and Clerk to make contact.**
- 039/23 **TRO:** the Clerk had asked DCC Highways Officer for an update but there had been no response. **ACTION – ask DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton to enquire on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- 040/23 **Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA)**
- .1 **HVCA Commonplace Travel and Transport Survey: noted** survey outcomes. Cllr Hill commented that the questions posed in the survey and the outcomes 'were not particularly helpful'. Referencing the HVCA focus on increasing bus services Cllr Hill suggested 'this was pointless unless current bus services could be improved significantly'. Cllr Hill also referenced plans for a travel and transport survey in Bamford.
 - .2 **Any other recent HVCA updates – none.**
- 041/23 **Parking**
- .1 **B6001 and planning permission for verge parking – any update.** Noted that, at the August meeting, it was suggested a land registry search was unnecessary as the land was almost certainly owned by DCC. **Agreed, however, to pursue a land registry search – and to also undertake a land registry search on land identified on Dore Lane for potential parking development ACTION for the Clerk (land registry searches).** Also noted that the Clerk had approached Highways Officers about the process for making an application for parking at this site but there had been no response. **ACTION – ask DCC Cllr Alasdair Sutton to enquire on behalf of the Parish Council.**
Suggested the Parish Council should set aside reserves for potential development at both sites - **ACTION – Clerk to flag with RFO.**
 - .2 **Castleton Road –noted** issues flagged by a resident – difficulties accessing and exiting their drive - related to parking on Castleton Road (top of Barnfields). Transport Committee Chair queried whether Barnfields had been included in the latest iteration of the TRO shared with DCC Highways – **ACTION – Clerk to check – and to resend the latest TRO iteration agreed with DCC Highways to all members.**
 - .3 **Jagers Lane – residents' difficulties accessing and exiting their drives on Jagers Lane (opposite the Bund Wall).** Cllrs sympathised but noted there was little the Parish Council

could do in this instance. **ACTION – Clerk to inform the resident that it was not within the remit of the Parish Council to make any highways changes and to share contact details for DCC Highways.**

042/23 **Speed reduction initiatives**

- .1 **Community Speed Watch (CSW):** noted the 28 November CSW training session, organised by the Police CSW team.
- .2 **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** any **update** on funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a peripatetic SIDS sign. The Clerk had shared the PCC application form with Cllr Hill - **ACTION – Cllr Hill to look over the application form/process and share thoughts and comments with committee members.** A site/s for the SIDS would need to be agreed. Suggested some other speed reduction measures including signage may be equally useful.
- .3 **Alternative measures including banners or signage:** to further **consider** commissioning appropriate banners or signage for the School Lane/Main Road verge. Transport Committee Chair commented that any form of signage would need advertisement consent and it was doubtful that it would be approved. **Agreed not to proceed with this initiative at this time.**

043/23 **Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC):** an **update.** Cllr Hill expanded on Oddfellows Road car park proposals and any associated changes to the car park layout including a single entrance and exit. Transport Committee Chair referenced a previous layout plan shared with members **ACTION – Chair to share it with members again.** Suggested footway access from the Methodist Church Drive through the car park to Oddfellows Road should be included. Noted DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien had already raised the issue of putting in additional lighting on the footpath from the car park through the Methodist Church Drive while the work to the car park layout, and installation of EVCs, was being undertaken. Discussed inclusion of spaces to accommodate coaches noting current spaces were not large enough. Suggested there should be at least one space for a large coach – noted the monthly visit by the library bus.

044/23 **Public Transport**

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 - **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP):** received a report. Cllr Hill shared his overall dissatisfaction with the BSIP initiative, and the group, and referenced matters he intends to raise at the next BSIP meeting. Referencing Hope Valley Transport Hub plans Cllr Hill noted, though the initiative was supported by HVCA, it did not have the support of the BSIP. Cllr Hill referenced provision of bus shelters and electronic real-time bus information at Bamford and Castleton. He queried whether the Parish Council should be asked to consider funding electronic real-time bus information in Hathersage. Cllrs discussed the pros/cons of installing signage in the Heart of Hathersage or at the Heart of Hathersage bus stop. Noting the practical challenges, it was agreed **not** to pursue this initiative at this time. Cllr Hill suggested he post an article in Hathersage News on accessing real-time bus information via phone and app – **agreed – ACTION for Cllr Hill.** Cllrs noted there were queries over the reliability even of real-time information.
- .2 **Bus services and meeting with a representative of the First Bus Group:** received a report. Cllr Hill expanded on his meeting noting:
 - He was encouraged by the FBG positive response.
 - Challenges in recruiting drivers.
 - Referencing FBG investment in the 272 services.
 - Commenting on the lack of challenge from bus companies on factors impacting services e.g. cyclists.
 - Further liaison with FBG on passenger data.
 - Further meeting with FBG scheduled for February at which Cllr Hill will query FBG thoughts/plans on bus/rail interaction – Cllr Hill commented that the BSIP should be leading on this.

Further reference made to issues with Hulleys buses – reliability, and safety. Noted there were few bus companies looking to contract to provide bus services in the Hope Valley. Cllr Hill reiterated the point he had made previously that significant changes and improvements were needed to bus services if people were to be persuaded to leave their cars and use bus services instead.

Suggested the location of the Hulleys depot was potentially an issue in terms of attracting drivers. Flagged issues with contacting Hulleys e.g. to complain about services with phones unanswered and lack of response to emails.

Cllr Hill referenced flagging concerns with the Traffic Commissioner noting the Commissioner could consider complaints about unsafe services but not about issues around bus company contracts.

Noted DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brien's proposal to convene a meeting with DCC and DDDC and other stakeholders on bus services. Cllr Hill queried how they would be able to progress concerns.

- .3 **Bus services – log of Hope Valley services, timings and tracking: received** a report which indicated that First Bus Group services were generally better and more reliable than Hulleys with a substantial number of Hulleys buses simply not turning up.
- 045/23 **Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme:** no update.
- 046/23 **Clerk's Report / Correspondence including updates on any ongoing initiatives.**
Transport Committee Chair referenced a planning application to demolish the signal box at Grindleford noting the response deadline had passed.
- 047/23 **Next meeting – suggested date Tuesday 27 February, 7.30pm.**

Meeting ended at 21:05.