

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

7.30pm on 4th Monday of month

Sampson Room, Memorial Hall

Next meetings: 26 Oct, 23 Nov

Refuse Skip Dates in 2009

7.45am - 10.45am

Oddfellows Road Car Park

Oct 24; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12

Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)

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www.peakdistrict.org

Mobile Library

Thursdays, 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm

Oddfellows Road Car Park

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2009/10

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The Long Causeway

The present route of "Long Causeway", which runs from the edge of Dennis Knoll plantation onto Stanage Edge, where it meets the county boundary at Stanage Pole, was remodelled in 1771 from an older route known as "The Long Causey". This new road was built of gritstone hardcore and crudely cobbled rather than paved and took a different line from the earlier road, which ascended the ridge via the Buckstone. The "Long Causey" was the main highway from Mytham Bridge to Sheffield; it passed by Gatehouse and joined another route, which left Hathersage, up Ridgeway side. It was a particularly important trans-Pennine packhorse route that was used as a saltway.

Today, the two Authorities of Derbyshire County Council and Sheffield City Council are responsible for each of their

respected surfaces of this route. On the Derbyshire side (Dennis Knoll to Stanage Pole) it is designated as an "unclassified Highway" and on the Sheffield side as a "BOAT" (Byway open to all Traffic). All vehicular users must be legal, taxed, insured and have a current MOT.

This old trading route is now used for recreation. Its current use by 4x4s and motorbikes, with little or no maintenance on the Derbyshire side, accelerated by water damage, has led to a serious decline in its state, to the point where horse use is nil, and walkers and mountain bikers find it unpleasant to use. Most of the archaeological surface has been destroyed and its long term future with vehicular access must be in doubt, given the cost of repair. The land to each side of the route has better protection, being designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Area.

A meeting was held at the Bamford Institute on 16 October 2005 under the banner of the Stanage Forum, where users and locals agreed a set of objectives and actions for the management and use of the Long Causeway:

- A speed limit of 20 mph
- Traffic recording to monitor use
- Limits on group size and frequency
- More signs, education and information about the sensitivity of the area for wildlife/heritage and consideration of other users
- Campaign days to spot check for illegal use
- Keeping to the designated track
- Giving way to other users
- Voluntary action to help erosion
- Make the Causeway a voluntary one way route, from Redmires to Dennis Knoll (this has the advantage that bikes going downhill on the Stanage side make less noise and cause less erosion as they don't have to work so hard).

Since this Code was agreed, it has largely been adhered to. However, the future of Long Causeway still remains uncertain because the two authorities responsible for its maintenance did not attend the meeting and so did not necessarily agree with its conclusions (for example, Sheffield City Council have not provided one-way signs). To maintain the focus on this local issue, the Parish Council have recently written to County Councillor Judith Twigg, offering her a meeting to discuss this matter in detail, with a view to moving it forward.

Planning

Since the last newsletter, Council have received notice that the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) have approved planning applications for T'Ende House, Park Edge; Westwinds, Derwent Lane and Pollycroft near Thorpe Farm. An application to make an extension to Cunliffe Cottage on Castleton Road was refused. PDNPA also approved, subject to a number of conditions, the application from Middleton Dairy, requesting retrospective permission for the change of use of land and buildings to a dairy delivery business and sewing business.

Housing Needs Survey

Isabel Bellamy of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council ran a Housing Needs Survey in late 2008, which indicated that approximately 11 new affordable homes were required in Hathersage and Outseats. Representatives of Hathersage Parish Council and Outseats Parish Council will meet soon to consider possible sites for development; a meeting will then be held with a planner from PDNPA, to walk around the possible development sites.

Finances

Since the last newsletter, the Council's principal expenditure was a contribution of £3,000 towards the swimming pool and £725 towards the replacement of playpark on the playing field. Other expenditure, apart from the Clerk's salary and expenses, includes renewal of subscriptions to various associations, stationery and the costs of clearing footpaths.

Joint Transport Committee (JTC)

The JTC are hopeful of obtaining a vehicle activated sign on the Sheffield Road; a similar sign on the Castleton Road is also under discussion.

The JTC have received a letter from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways informing them that they did not consider parking restrictions on Station Approach to be necessary. This ruling was a surprise to the JTC, as all previous indications had been that DCC would approve this, so JTC are considering what action to take.

Footpaths

The Council regret that DCC have not been able to complete the resurfacing of the path between Higger Lane and Ranmoor Lane in July, as they had planned, because their budget had become overspent. Furthermore, DCC Footpaths cannot provide a revised date for the resurfacing at present; the Clerk continues to communicate with them about this.

Regarding the Stepping Stones, DCC Footpaths have advised that they have been identified as a possible project to be undertaken jointly by DCC and PDNPA, with funding from the Rights of Way Improvement Plan in 2010/11; in the meantime, engineering solutions will be considered with the DCC Structures Team.

Website Committee

It is planned that the village website should go online in early 2010 and that it will include a variety of information on tourism, accommodation and activities available in both Outseats and Hathersage, as well as information on the Parish Councils. Letters will soon

be sent to societies and businesses in the Parish, to confirm their inclusion on the website. For further details, please contact the Clerk.

Lafarge Liaison Committee

Council have been advised that Lafarge have had an application to use pulverised fuel ash accepted by the PDNPA. This is a sustainable fuel that would otherwise go to waste. It will mean that Lafarge will need to build a new silo and railway unloading area and an extra 91 trains of 36 wagons each will travel to the site each year.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

The Council would like to welcome PC Ian Richardson, who has joined the policing team for our Parish, joining PCSO Anthony Boswell and SC Steve Bamford. The above officers can be contacted on 0345 123 3333 or via email on:

bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

There have been a number of reports of cars parked on the pavement on Jagers Lane, obstructing prams and wheelchair users. The police advise that they can only take action if they are informed of these issues immediately, using the above number.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of every month, apart from August and December when no meetings are held. Meetings start at 7.30 pm when an open forum is held for members of the public to raise any matters of concern. Meetings take place in the Hathersage Memorial Hall Sampson Room. We welcome attendance by our residents.