**PEAK PARK PARISHES FORUM**

**Management Committee meeting 14 December 2020, held online at 2pm**

Present:

M Beer (Chair) Guest (from Langsett PC):

S Beckett P Horner

T Bellamy

S Bennett

J Collins

P Cooper

P Downing

L Granger

P Leppard (Secretary)

Apologies received from P Brady.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20/55 **Minutes of meeting, 12 October 2020**

These were approved as a correct record.

20/56 **Matters arising from 12 October minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda**

1. (20/46) It is understood that there was a large, and often unsupportive, response to Government’s “Changing of the planning system“ consultation. Next steps by Government are currently unclear.
2. (20/47) PDNPA’s target date (Dec 2020) for finalising the ‘thriving & sustainable communities’ workstream appears likely to be missed. M Beer will pursue at the next meeting of the PDNPA Management Plan Advisory Group. **Action: MB**
3. (20/48) Recent useful outputs from Tideswell & District Environment Group will be circulated by M Beer. **Action: MB**
4. (20/49) J Collins will chase up progress towards establishing the Rural Transport Pilot project. **Action: JC**
5. (20/50) Producing a response to the Glover “Landscapes Review” does not appear to be currently on Government’s radar.

20/57 **October’s Sustainable Visitor Management workshop**

M Beer reported on this event, the outputs of which had been considered by

PDNPA’s Programmes & Resources Committee on 4 December. A number of

parking issues are as yet unresolved, and PPPF will continue to monitor

progression of this subject.

20/58 **Revised Local Plan: pre-consultation by PDNPA**

The questionnaire recently promulgated by PDNPA was felt to (a) employ some leading questions, which may give rise to a skewed response, and (b) be designed in a way which offers insufficient opportunity for respondents to comment. (It was noted that the questionnaire is aimed at individuals, not at organisations, with the latter being instead consulted at a future stage.)

20/59 **Quarrying**

Noting that many current quarrying permissions in the Peak Park will expire in

the 2040s, it was considered important for PPPF to contribute, when the

opportunity arises, to the revised Local Plan’s content re quarrying.

20/60 **Non-enforcement of Planning conditions**

It was felt that there appears to be growing evidence of PDNPA failing to take

action in cases where a Planning consent is implemented in a way which fails

to comply with the Conditions stipulated in that consent, thereby undermining

the effectiveness of the Planning system by giving encouragement to others to

do the same. It was agreed to pursue this concern with PDNPA’s Director of

Conservation & Planning. **Action: Secretary**

This led on to a discussion about meagre resource levels more widely within

PDNPA being perceived as inhibiting effective action. It was decided to enquire

of the Authority whether PPPF raising this with relevant MPs might be helpful.

 **Action: Secretary**

20/61 **Modifications to the Monsal Trail to facilitate restoration of train services**

Although the likelihood of the railway reopening between Rowsley and Cheedale continues to appear very small, some recent suggestions for rerouting the Monsal Trail to facilitate this were noted.

This led on to a discussion about better connectivity between the existing cycling and walking routes within the Peak Park, so as to create a proper ‘through’ network. It was agreed to write to PDNPA to urge faster progress towards achieving this aim. **Action: Secretary**

20/62 **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary had circulated this, and it was noted.

20/63 **Finance**

The Forum’s current financial position was noted.

It was agreed to approve a payment of £144.00 for the Secretary’s salary, Sep-Dec.

20/64 **Next meeting**

 This will be on Monday 8 February at 2pm, probably online.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

Peter Leppard

Secretary