**PEAK PARK PARISHES FORUM**

**Management Committee meeting 8 February 2021, held online at 2pm**

Present:

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

S Beckett P Horner

T Bellamy

S Bennett

P Brady

J Collins

P Cooper

P Downing

L Granger

P Leppard (Secretary)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/01 **Apologies for absence**

None

21/02 **Minutes of meeting, 14 December 2020**

These were approved as a correct record.

21/03 **Matters arising from 14 December minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

21/04 **NPA management restructuring**

This had been advised to PPPF on 23 Dec by the Chair and Chief Executive of

the Authority. Management Committee members, though recognising the circumstances behind the decision, had some concerns about the possible effects of removing posts, so emerging outcomes will be keenly watched.

21/05 **Management Plan Advisory Group**

M Beer reported on the January meeting of the Group. In subsequent discussion, the Management Committee noted that:

* the ‘thriving & sustainable communities’ workstream did not complete by the Management Plan’s target date, and the mechanics of how it will be finalised and signed-off are not fully clear.
* the basic structure of the current Management Plan is suboptimal, so needs improvement for the 2024-29 Plan, to aid suitable incorporation of a longer-term vision, and also greater focus on the needs of residents and the role of Parish Councils.
* elements of the scoping paper for the 2024-29 Management Plan (albeit it is still quite early in the development process) lack clarity.
* the Audience Delivery Plan slides presented to the Advisory Group did not engage sufficiently with the considerable issues which visitor volumes and behaviours are causing to local communities and the Park’s natural environment. Better communication to new and potential visitors about the setting they are visiting remains a key need.

21/06 **Recent correspondence received**

1. In response to Adrian Barraclough’s email of 17 Dec to the Management Committee re cycling/walking routes, it was decided to invite Adrian (or a suitable colleague) to attend the Committee’s next meeting (8 Mar) to discuss this further. **Action: Secretary**
2. In response to emails from Sarah Fowler (21 Dec) re resources and John Scott (18 Jan) re enforcement, it was decided to respond to Sarah, urging the need to return to adequately-resourced (1) development control and (2) planning enforcement teams (as neither is felt currently to be providing a timely and effective service), with targets against which their performance is measured. **Action: Secretary**
3. In response to a letter from Robert Largan MP re the newly-formed All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Peak District, it was decided to seek a meeting with him at a date (after 8 March) to suit him. **Action: Secretary**

21/07 **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary had circulated this, and it was noted. It was unanimously resolved to increase the Secretary’s rate of pay by 50p/hr from 1 April 2021.

21/08 **Finance**

The Forum’s current financial position was noted as being satisfactory.

It was agreed to approve a payment of £64.00 for the Secretary’s salary, Dec-Feb.

21/09 **Next meetings**

These will be on Mondays 8 March and 12 April at 2pm, probably online.

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.

Peter Leppard

Secretary