

**Peak Park Parishes Forum**

**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 12 October 2024 at 9.30am**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Linda Granger

Also attending were a number of Parish representatives and P Leppard (PPPF Secretary).

**Apologies** were received from the following Parish: Tintwistle

**Minutes of AGM, 7 October 2023:** These were approved as a correct record.

**Chair’s Report:** Cllr Granger gave her report for the past year, as follows:

The aims of the PPPF are to foster a good working relationship between the local Town and Parish councils and the PDNPA and to provide a voice for those Town and Parish councils on matters relating to the PDNPA.

To that end the management committee has met regularly, once every two months throughout the year. All meetings are open, and councillors from all member councils are very welcome to attend. If you wish to do so, please contact the Secretary to make sure you have the final meeting details and all the necessary papers.

The committee’s activities over the past year have centred around a number of issues:

1. Last year the National Park’s Management Plan was put in place and we are now involved in the development of the Local Plan, which sets out the planning criteria that will be used to determine planning applications. The committee is contributing to this Local Plan so that the views of the Parishes are taken fully into account.
2. All these activities will have a substantial impact on the National Park and its residents, and the committee is keen to involve all the parishes and residents in the development of the policies for the Local Plan
3. The committee is reviewing the PDNPA Issues and Options paper. This will be used to inform the development of the Local Plan. The public consultation is now open (from 7 October) for all to comment, and closes on 29 November ‘24. This Local Plan is, as you will have seen, the basis for Parishes Day which of course follows this AGM.
4. An example of the other work we have undertaken is that in August we were asked by member Parish councils to contact the Highways department on various issues relating to rights of way as numerous PCs felt that they were being ignored by Highways. We contacted Highways and had some success with this as in Sept we received a detailed report from Highways on the issues raised.
5. Parish Statements are also being updated by the PDNPA and it would help a great deal if parishes could check their Parish statements and update them as necessary. There was an email from Ellie Faulder to this effect on 24 Septrmber ‘24 and the deadline for completion of this is 20 December.
6. We have also been active on the issue of unreliable public transport. The PDNPA is represented on the Wider Partnership groups of both the South Yorkshire and Derbyshire bus services, so we contacted them on the Parishes’ concerns over the number of cancellations and its impact on residents.
7. A response was input to the Gove consultation on Permitted Development rights which impacted the National Parks.
8. We have also been trying to organise some planning training for any new Parish Councillors, however we have yet to evidence any dates from the PDNPA.

The committee has also met regularly with various parish members and PDNPA officers to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Two of our Committee’s members are also Parish Members of the National Park Authority, Patrick Brady and Martin Beer. During the past year, Cllr Chris Carr resigned from the committee as he is no longer a Parish Councillor.

We have a number of vacancies on the management committee and we have nominations for 3 new members. They are from Tintwistle, Hathersage and Eyam. This will bring the committee to its maximum number of 11.

I would like to thank Peter Leppard, our secretary, and the members of the management committee for all their hard work over the past year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments on this report or wish to discuss any issues that you think the Parishes Forum should consider. Peter Leppard has my contact details.

**Accounts for 2023/24:** The meeting voted to approve these.

**Election of Management Committee:** The following were elected for the next 12 months:

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| Cllr Martin Beer, Hucklow PC | Cllr Bill Hanley, Hathersage PC |
| Cllr Patrick Brady, Taddington PC | Cllr Linda Granger, Bradwell PC |
| Cllr Joanna Collins, Edale PC | Cllr Peter Silley, Eyam PC |
| Cllr Peter Cooper, Charlesworth PC | Cllr Marianne Stevenson, Tintwistle PC |
| Cllr Tony Crook, Curbar PC | Cllr Tim Walton, Over Haddon PC |
| Cllr Paul Downing, Bradwell PC |  |

**Any other business:** None

The meeting closed at 9.45am.