**PEAK PARK PARISHES FORUM**

**Minutes of Management Committee meeting, held at 2pm on 21 January 2025 at Aldern House, Bakewell**

Present:

M Beer

P Brady

J Collins (chair)

L Granger

P Silley

M Stevenson

P Leppard (Secretary)

25/01 **Apologies for absence**

Received from P Cooper, P Downing, W Hanley and T Walton.

25/02 **Minutes of meeting, 12 November**

These were approved as a correct record.

25/03 **Planning Training Day (13 Jan)**

This event was reviewed. It was felt to have been largely successful, noting that there had

been particular interest in the Enforcement section of the event. A key message from the

presentations had been the importance, when commenting on Planning applications, of

relating those comments to specific Material Considerations. The slides from the day had

subsequently been sent to all member parishes.

It was agreed to ask PDNPA to consider a further session in the autumn (maybe held virtually)

and to consider sections of it being video-recorded to enable future use as training material.

**Action: Secretary**

25/04 **Local Government reorganisation proposals**

It was noted that the effect of these proposals, announced by MHCLG in December, on the

Peak Park was as yet unclear, though they appear to offer the benefit of PDNPA having fewer

local authorities within its geography, thus reducing complexity.

25/05 **PDNPA *Governance Reform recommendations to DEFRA***

A PDNPA paper dated 14 January under the above title was discussed with some concern. It was agreed to write to all Members of the Authority pointing out the potential pitfalls for maintaining strong local democratic representation of the proposals as currently drafted.

**Action: Secretary**

25/06 **PDNPA budgetary pressures**

The Authority’s press release of 10 January was noted, together with the likely consequences

for PDNPA’s capacity to act on various issues going forward. It was agreed to encourage

member Parishes to write to their MPs to urge creation of a new funding model for PDNPA, given the extent to which the current model now appears unfit for purpose.

**Action: member PCs**

25/07 **Recruitment of a new PPPF Secretary**

The current Secretary having decided to stand down on 31 March, it was agreed that he

would circulate the current Job Description to Committee members for any proposed changes, before sending it to member Parishes as part of seeking applicants for the vacancy.

**Action: Secretary**

25/08 **PDNPA Nature Recovery Plan**

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

25/09 **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary had circulated this prior to the meeting, and it was noted.

25/10 **Finance**

1. The Forum’s year-to-date financial position was noted.
2. It was agreed to approve a payment of £207.62 to the Secretary.

25/11 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that this will be on Tue 11 March at 1400 at Aldern House, and that the agenda

items will include discussion of the Committee’s next steps re the emerging new PDNPA

Local Plan. **Action: Secretary**

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.