

Minutes of Hathersage & Outseats Parish Councils' Joint Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 October 2011 in the Hathersage Memorial Hall Sampson Room at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Rosie Olle – Chairman
Councillor Bill Hanley
Councillor Bill Gordon

In attendance
PC Ian Richardson
Special Constable Conquest
Kath Aspinwall (Hope Valley Rail Users Group)
Clerk: David Palmer

No members of the public were present.

- 1/11 Apologies
There were apologies for absence from Councillors Jane Marsden (on holiday), Bridget Hanley (child care issue) and James Shuttleworth (last minute business commitment).
- 2/11 Variations in Order of Business
It was resolved that the agenda item on Railway Matters would be heard first, as Kath Aspinwall was present (see minutes 4/11 and 5/11).
- 3/11 Declaration of Members' Interests
Councillor Gordon declared an interest in minute 8/11 because he lives on Cattis Side and because he is employed by the Peak District National Park.
- 4/11 Public Speaking
1. Kath Aspinwall gave a report on behalf of Hope Valley Rail Users Group (HVRUG). She highlighted the success that HVRUG had had in obtaining agreement for an additional evening rush hour train each way from Manchester and Sheffield from December 2011. This was the result on many years of effort by many volunteers and was thought to be the first change to the timetable for over 20 years. Kath explained that the long term aim of HVRUG was to achieve an hourly service throughout the day on the Hope Valley Line; she understood it to be the only local stopping service in the country that was still 2-hourly for much of the day. To achieve this aim, HVRUG were looking to influence the next franchise agreements on the line and a first stage of this was a questionnaire that was being sent to all households in the Hope Valley.

Various members of the Committee offered Kath extra information on the usage of the train service by campers and school parties. She said that this would be very useful to HVRUG.

Kath notified the Committee that the AGM of HVRUG would be on 25/1/12 in the Methodist Hall and all were welcome. Furthermore, she mentioned that there would be celebrations to mark the first of the new trains at Sheffield, Manchester and the Hope Valley stations on 12 December. Councillor Olle agreed to help organise these celebrations at Hathersage Station.
2. PC Ian Richardson said that there had been an increase in thefts from vehicles in the Stanage area. He also noted that speed watches were ongoing in the village, although these would diminish during the winter when daylight and weather were a factor. It was also noted that 4 sheep had been run over on the North Lees Estate in the last week; this was either thought to be deliberate or due to excessive speed. The problems relating to cars speeding at the Castleton Road end of the village was also raised, particularly for the very first houses at this end of the village, just inside the 30mph speed limit, who needed to get in and out of their drives.
- 5/11 Railway Matters
Councillor Olle congratulated HVRUG on their success in getting the new services agreed on the Hope Valley Line. She noted that many people had contributed to this achievement.
- 6/11 Minutes of Last Meeting
It was resolved to confirm as a correct record minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2011.
- 7/11 Gritting of Roads
The various initiatives currently being undertaken by Outseats Parish Council regarding snow and ice clearance and the gritting of roads were discussed. These were already supported by Hathersage Parish Council and it was resolved that the Committee also endorsed them.

- 8/11 HGVs on Cattis Side and Birley Lane
Councillor Gordon noted that, in the last year, 2 articulated lorries had become stuck trying to drive down Cattis Side and Birley Lane. The problem was caused by Sat Nav units sending the lorries this way and a lack of signage to warn the drivers of the unsuitability of these roads for large vehicles. It was noted that there were currently warning signs at the junction of Birley Lane and Coggers Lane and also at the bottom of School Lane. However, there was no warning sign for lorries approaching from the Sheffield/Ringinglow direction. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Derbyshire County Council (copying Derbyshire Police) requesting that a new sign be added on the Ringinglow Road, probably near the Derbyshire/Sheffield border.
- 9/11 Parking Restrictions
The Committee discussed various issues regarding the parking restrictions in the village and lessons learned trying to resolve past issues. It was resolved that all Committee Members would be asked to review the parking restrictions in the village before the next meeting and send the Clerk a list of the key issues that they felt needed to be resolved. Furthermore, any issues identified should be accompanied by supporting evidence (e.g. photos). If sufficient suitable issues were identified, it was resolved that a DCC Highways Officer would be invited to the next meeting to discuss these. It was noted that the issues raised could include any yellow lines that hadn't been reinstated following road works.
- 10/11 Status of the Cupola Track
Councillor Gordon advised the Committee of the current status of the Cupola track and that DCC were still deciding the official designation of this right of way. It was resolved that this should remain an agenda item for future meetings, so that updates could be received.
- 11/11 Items for Next Meeting
It was resolved that the 40mph speed limit on the North Lees Estate should be discussed at the next meeting (following recent animal fatalities). Also, that speeding on the Castleton Road beyond the village and also slowing traffic down as it entered the village along the Castleton Road should be included on the agenda.
- 12/11 Date of Next Meeting
It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on 9 January 2012 at 7.30pm in Sampson Room, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.