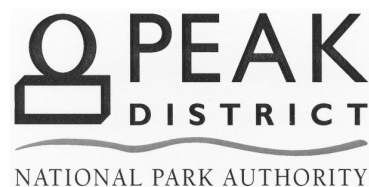


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AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

Meeting: National Park Authority Meeting

Date: 9 February 2007

Venue: Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire

Chair: Mr A D Hams

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Mr A Brown, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mr P M Crompton, Mrs L Crowe, Mr J C Fearn, Mr C Furness, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr Mrs C Hunt, Clr A Marchington, Clr C McLaren, Clr D Mellor, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe Clr H L Richardson, Mr S L Rix, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr K Stevenson, Clr D B Taylor, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr G Weatherall, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young

Apologies for absence: Clr Mrs J Bevan, Clr T Bristowe, Mr P Harrison Clr J Muir, Mrs K M Potter, Clr R Priestley.

4/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clr Andrew Marchington was welcomed back following his re-appointment to the Authority by Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council.

The National Park Management Plan will be officially launched at Losehill Hall Castleton on 29th March. The Chair hoped that Members would be able to encourage the Authority's partners to attend.

The visit to the National Park by Barry Gardiner MP, the Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs Minister, had been very successful.

Congratulations were offered to Richard Campen, Head of Environmental Education, on his appointment as Director of Operations.

John Thompson retiring Director of Recreation and Education was thanked for his phenomenal contribution to the work of the Authority over the last 40 years.

The Chair referred to the Planning Surgery held at Losehill Hall, Castleton on 5th February This had offered opportunities for the public to ask planning officers about any planning matter and had been well attended. Another surgery will be held on 27th February.

The Authority's officers were in contact with the Highway Authorities over the concerns raised about the proliferation of road signs in the National Park.

The Chair announced that he would not be seeking re-election as Chair of the Authority when his current term of office expired at the Annual meeting. He thanked

Members for all the comments that he had received.

5/07 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 December 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6/07 **MATTERS ARISING**

MINUTE 102/06 8.3 MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ROLE FOR WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES (A.111/LB/RMM)

The meeting was requested to appoint a Member Representative for Working with People and Communities.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr A Marchington be appointed as the Member Representative for Working with People and Communities.

CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

7/07 **7.1 QUARRYING AT WAGERS FLAT, LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN.2382/JJL)**

The Director reported on the present position on the possible basis for the service of a Stop Notice for quarrying at Wagers Flat. A more detailed report on the legal and financial issues was considered later as Part B Exempt Information.

The following made representations to the meeting under the Public Participation scheme:

Mr A Tickle Friends of the Peak District
Mr S Hardwick
Mrs J Gorvett

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8/07 **EXEMPT INFORMATION S 100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No. 8 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under s100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 5 "Information in respect of which a claim to legal privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings."

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT
AND THE HEAD OF LAW

9/07 **8.1 QUARRYING AT WAGERS FLAT, LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN.2382/JJL)**

The meeting considered a report on the financial and legal issues relating to possible action by the Authority against quarrying of limestone at Wagers Flat Longstone Edge. Letters from the operators Solicitors were tabled for Members' consideration

RESOLVED:

- 1. That a further report be brought to a Special Authority Meeting on 9 March 2007.**
- 2. That a news statement be issued explaining that the Authority will be giving further consideration to the possibility of action against activity at Wagers Flat at a meeting on 9 March 2007.**

HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICE

10/07

9.1 PLANNING APPLICATION
FULL APPLICATION – CONVERSION OF YOUTH HOSTEL &
CARETAKERS/WARDENS BUNGALOW TO 3 TERRACED HOUSES AND 1
DETACHED BUNGALOW AT CROWDEN YOUTH HOSTEL, CROWDEN.
(NP/HPK/0806/0776, P2734, 16.08.06, 407360/399333/JK)

The following declarations of personal interests were made by Members:

Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Clr Mrs C Hunt & Clr Mrs J A Twigg as Members of Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe as a Member of Derbyshire Dales District Council and a Director of Dales Housing.

Clr D Mellor as a Member of High Peak Borough Council and Chair of the Council's Development Control Committee.

Clr Mrs B J Wilson as a Member of High Peak Borough Council.

The meeting considered a report relating to the above planning application which had been referred to the meeting following consideration by the Planning Committee on the 15 December 2006. This application was referred on the basis of Standing Orders that in certain respects it could be interpreted as not being in accordance with the Development Plan and the Planning Committee were minded to grant the application.

The site lies in the open countryside well outside the confines of the nearest designated local plan settlement where the Authority's Conservation (C2) and Housing policies (HC1) in the Structure Plan do not allow most new residential development. In the open countryside these policies restrict residential conversions to agricultural workers, holiday accommodation or exceptionally to provide affordable housing to meet local needs, the aim being to protect the open countryside from non-essential development which would be more appropriately and sustainably located within or on the edge of a settlement.

A key issue was therefore, whether there were sufficient grounds to make an exception to policies HC1 and C2

Policy C14 seeks to take opportunities to enhance the National Park by treatment or removal of undesirable features or buildings. The Hostel building is of some architectural and historic merit and it is important to consider whether there is justification for this proposal on account of its improvement to the appearance of the building.

In addition the proposal needs to be considered in relation to policies LR1 and LR2 concerned to promote recreation and tourism.

A motion proposed and duly seconded to defer making a decision on the application pending re-consideration of the affordable housing option by the Authority's officers on being put to the vote was LOST.

A motion to approve the application as recommended by the Planning Committee was proposed and duly seconded

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved as an exception to the Authority's approved policies subject to the prior completion of a legal agreement and planning conditions referred to below covering:

LEGAL AGREEMENT as follows:

1. **The £100,000 from the development of the hostel helps fund the new hostel/outdoor centre.**
2. **Dwellings not to be occupied until all conservation work is complete and thereafter these works are retained.**

PLANNING CONDITIONS as follows:

1. **Withdraw permitted development rights for external alterations and extensions.**
2. **Agree landscape details.**
3. **Protected species mitigation.**
4. **Minor design/details.**
5. **Maintain garage spaces, parking and turning area.**
6. **Implement bat mitigation measures.**
7. **Highway requirements.**
8. **Submit and agree sustainability proposals.**

Mr C Furness requested that his vote against the recommendation for approval of the application be recorded.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 .40 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.10 pm.

Chair: Mr A D Hams

Present: Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Mr A Brown, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mr P M Crompton, Mrs L Crowe, Mr J C Fearn, Mr C Furness, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr Mrs C Hunt, Clr A Marchington, Clr D Mellor, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe Clr H L Richardson, Mr S L Rix, Clr Mrs S Roberts, Clr D B Taylor, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

11/07 10.1 BUDGET 2007/08 (A.137/PN)

This report presented the final budget proposals for 2007/08, after the proposals for achieving a balanced revenue budget were agreed by the Authority on the 12th January (Minute 3 /07 refers).

The meeting was asked to agree to an additional allocation of £5,000 in Table 12 on page 3 of the report. This sum will be allocated to Planning communications consultation work. The allocation reduced the contingency shown in Table 11 of the report to £44,000.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the budget for the 2007/08 financial year shown in Annex 1 and 2 of the report with the additional allocation referred to above be approved.**
- 2. That the staffing proposals arising from the budget – extensions to existing posts; disestablishment of posts; and proposed new posts - identified in Annex 4 of the report be approved, and the staff issues managed through the Managing Change Policy.**
- 3. That a further report be brought to the Authority for allocation of the remaining contingency.**

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

**12/07 11.1 PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE & TREASURY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (A.1327/PH)**

The meeting considered a report on the implementation of the Prudential Code, proposed amendments to the Treasury Management Policy Statement and were requested to approve the borrowing limits and requirements as stated under the terms of the Policy Statement.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Authority adopts the Prudential Indicators as described in the report.**
- 2. That the Authority re-affirms its adoption of CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management.**
- 3. That the Authority approves the recommendations relating to Borrowing Limits and requirements for the financial year as laid out in the Treasury Management Policy Statement as set out in Annex1 to the report.**
- 4. That Peter Handford the Chief Finance Officer's representative be thanked for his contribution to the work of the Authority.**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

13/07 **12.1 APPROVAL OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME: FIRST REVISION (A6101/SJM)**

The meeting was requested to adopt the First Revision of the Local Development Scheme, and resolve when it should take effect. A supplementary paper detailing additional summary information was tabled.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted with effect from 14 March 2007.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive in consultation with Government Office for the East Midlands be granted delegated authority to make minor amendments as required before publication.**
- 3. That a schedule of meetings be produced and agreed for the Plans Review Task Team to monitor future progress against the milestones as set out in the LDS.**

14/07 **12.2 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - PEAK DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDE (A.453/BJT/BT)**

The meeting was recommended to adopt the text of the draft Peak District National Park Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document. The document will be published with additional illustrations.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the text of Peak District Design Guide with the amendments covering the points in the Appendix to report be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).**
- 2. That the Director of Conservation and Development in consultation with the Chair of the Plans Review Team be delegated to agree minor changes to the text of the document.**
- 3. That the existing Building Design Guide be adopted as a Technical Supplement to the 2007 Peak District Design Guide until such time all or part is superseded by the adoption of new Technical Supplements as Supplementary Planning Documents. If there is any conflict in the advice between the two guides, then the 2007 guide as SPD takes precedence.**

15/07 **12.3 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN MONITORING GROUP (A 61256/IF)**

This report proposed the establishment of a sustainable mechanism to monitor the delivery of the National Park Management Plan.

In the Term of reference set out in Annex 1 to the report the following amendments was made:

Paragraph 2. Insert the words "by all relevant parties" after the word "delivery".

RESOLVED:

1. That a group be established to monitor the delivery of the new National Park Management Plan in accordance with the terms of reference in Annex 1 and the membership structure in Annex 2 of the report.
2. That the proposal in Annex 3 of the report to achieve better linkage between existing forums and the National Park Management Plan be approved.
3. That the new group be publicised at the National Park Management Plan launch in March 2007 and through press coverage in agreement with the Head of Communications.

16/07

12.4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND THE NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION (ST/JBD)

The meeting considered proposals to develop an environmental management programme, through a cross cutting team, with the aim of improving the Authority's environmental performance, including mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change. A further report will be made in June 2007

One important part of the Government's expectations of local government is that local authorities should sign the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change. This is a shared commitment by all local authorities to acknowledging and taking action.

1. That the Authority signs the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and commits to developing an action plan based on the headpoints in paragraph 8 of the report to implement it.
2. That an environmental management project plan be pursued for phase one of the programme, targeting the collection of baseline information and the development and delivery of 'quick wins'.
3. That a report be brought to the Authority in July 2007, setting out progress thus far, including;
 - an Environmental Policy for the Authority
 - an options analysis for taking the programme to the next stages;and- an assessment of current environmental performance based on baseline information.

17/07

12.5 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (A.13/RMM)

The meeting considered a report on the recruitment and proposals for the appointment of a Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLVED:

1. That Philip Naylor, Head of Finance, be appointed as the Authority's Chief Finance Officer from 1 March 2007 for a period of four years, with an annual review of the arrangement.
2. That a special responsibility allowance be paid in recognition of carrying out this additional contractual role at an amount to be agreed by the Chief Executive and Head of Human Resources in consultation with the Chair of Services Committee and Resource Management Team.

3. That Philip Naylor be congratulated on his appointment.

18/07 **12.6 ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES' WORKSHOP 2007
APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (A.9560/EWJ)**

This report requested the Authority to consider the appointment of Members to attend this year's Association of National Park Authorities' Workshop with the theme "Climate Change in National Parks".

1. That Mrs A Ashe and Mr M Crompton be appointed to attend the Association of National Park Authorities Workshop at Newcastle on 25th - 27th April 2007.
2. That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to agree the attendance of one more delegate and any substitute delegates if necessary.
3. That attendance at the Workshop be an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.

RECREATION & EDUCATION

19/07 **13.1 PROPOSED POLICY AND STRATEGY TO MANAGE RECREATIONAL
VEHICULAR USE OF UNSURFACED HIGHWAYS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT
NATIONAL PARK (ROW(VEH)A7621/RP)**

Clr Mrs Wilson declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in this item as a member of Derbyshire County Council and she also knew Mr Kelly of the Ramblers Association, a speaker under the Public Participation Scheme.

Clr Mrs Ratcliffe and Clr Mrs Twigg both declared personal non-prejudicial interests in this item as members of Derbyshire County Council.

Mrs Ashe declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in this item as a member of the Council for National Parks and she had received a copy of their consultation response.

Clr Mrs Gaddum reported that she had received copies of two letters of representation on this item.

The meeting was requested to approve the policy and strategy to manage recreational vehicular use of unsurfaced highways in the Peak District National Park with further consultation and review after 12 months. Delegation of authority was proposed to make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) where appropriate. Support was also sought for the Derbyshire County Council proposals for defining sustainable and unsustainable routes as well as a Code of Conduct for users and for encouraging the support of our other Constituent Highway Authorities for this.

Letters of representation received from the Council for National Parks and the East Cheshire branch of the Ramblers Association were reported to the meeting.

Mr R Kelly of the Ramblers Association made representations to the meeting under the Public Participation Scheme.

The meeting had an in depth debate about the proposed policy and strategy and the feeling was that there should be further consideration of the proposals at a seminar for members before being adopted as policy.

Mr A D Hams vacated the Chair during the debate on this item.

Clr Mrs H M Gaddum took the Chair

A motion to defer a decision on the adoption of the policy and strategy until it had been given further consideration at a Members' seminar was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED:

That a decision on the adoption of the policy and strategy to manage recreational vehicular use of unsurfaced highways be deferred to allow further detailed consideration of the issue at a Members' seminar.

20/07 14 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:

Planning Committee 17 November & 15 December 2006

Services Committee 1 December 2006

Local Joint Committee 1 December 2006

21/07 EXEMPT INFORMATION S 100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 15 -17 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under s100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 2 "Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual" and Paragraph 3 "Information relating to financial and business affairs of the Authority."

22/07 15. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Authority Meeting on 12 January 2006 be approved as a correct record.

23/07 16. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Services Committee held on 1 December 2006 be received.

24/07 11. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the Local Joint Committee held on 1 December 2006 be received.

The Meeting ended at 3.50pm