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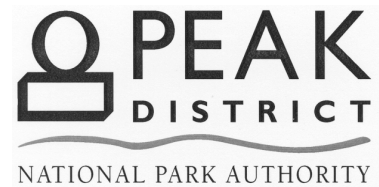
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AGENDA ITEM No. 3

MINUTES

- Meeting:** National Park Authority Special Meeting
- Date:** 9 March 2007
- Venue:** The Board Room, Aldern House, Bakewell
- Chair:** Mr A D Hams
- Present:** Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mrs L Crowe, Mr J C Fearn, Clr Mrs H M Gaddum, Prof J Herbert, Clr Mrs C Hunt, Clr J Muir, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K Potter, Clr R Priestley, Mrs S Prince, Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe, Clr H L Richardson, Mrs S Roberts, Clr D B Taylor, Clr Mrs J A Twigg, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young.
- Apologies for absence:** Clr Mrs J Bevan, Clr T Bristowe, Mr A Brown, Mr T Bunting, Mr P M Crompton, Mr C Furness, Mr P Harrison, Mr S L Rix, Clr R Wilkinson.

25/07 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair reported that there were no items of urgent business.

26/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair stated that there were two speakers for the first item and four for the second item.

27/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that this would be John Thompson, Director of Education & Recreation's final Authority Meeting. He has attended over 100 such meetings in forty years and has given his utmost and the highest quality service.

CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

28/07 1. QUARRYING AT LONGSTONE EDGE (MIN.2382/JJL)

Clr R Priestley declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as he has an interest in a haulage business, not involved in carrying limestone.

The following Members declared personal, non-prejudicial interests as members of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) , Mrs L Crowe, Mrs K Potter and Mr C Pennell. Mrs L Crowe also declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Friends of The Peak District.

The Director of Conservation & Development provided an update. 709 copies of a second letter had been received by 26 February, with a further 5 this week, making a total of 714. Two items of new correspondence were tabled, a letter from Save Longstone Edge Group (SLEG) and one from Rowland Parish Meeting and they were each summarised.

A short letter from Friends of the Peak District was read out.

Mrs Gorvett spoke as a representative of SLEG, under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

Mr Hardwick spoke as a resident of Froggatt, under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to SLEG and the CPRE team who had attended the recent Public Inquiry. They also thanked all the Authority's officers who were involved.

A motion to note the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

29/07 EXEMPT INFORMATION S 100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No 5 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 professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings".

The Chair then moved the meeting into Part B and the public left the room.

SUMMARY

The Committee then determined the following matter:

30/07 QUARRYING AT LONGSTONE EDGE (Min.2382/JJL/BHP)

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 4pm and reconvened at 4.05pm.

The proceedings of the meeting were re-opened to the public.

Clr Mrs H M Gaddum and Clr Mrs S Roberts left the meeting at 4pm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

31/07 1. BRIEFING ON REVISED DRAFT ORDERS FOR THE A628 TINTWISTLE – MOTTRAM BYPASS (A811/ED)

The Chair apologised to members of the public who had been waiting for this item.

Mrs S Prince left the meeting at 4.10pm.

Mrs L Crowe and Mr C Pennell declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as members of CPRE and Friends of the Peak District.

Clr Mrs I Ratcliffe declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of South Pennines Integrated Transport Strategy (SPITS) for Derbyshire County Council and as a Member of Derbyshire County Council.

Mrs K Potter declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of CPRE.

Clr Mrs B J Wilson declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of SPITS for the Authority and as a Member of High Peak Borough Council.

Mrs A Ashe declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of Peak Park Transport Forum, as a member of the A628 project team (with no input into the report) and as a member of the Council for National Parks. She also declared that she had received a letter from Anne Robinson of Friends of the Peak District and a letter from three people in Padfield.

Mrs K Potter declared that she had received letters from CPRE but had not looked at them.

Clr Mrs T Critchlow declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Peak Park Transport Forum.

The Transport Policy Manager gave Members an update. She stated that officers' assessment is that the proposed scheme objectives are not in line with government guidance, as there is bias towards a road scheme rather than a transport solution to the specified problem in the villages of Mottram, Hollingworth and Tintwistle, whereas government guidance states that objectives should not be biased towards a mode of transport.

She said that officers had been approached by Natural England and a meeting would take place on Monday.

Three more letters had been received from members of the public objecting to the proposed bypass.

The following Members declared personal, non-prejudicial interests as Board Members of Natural England; Mr A D Hams, Mr C Pennell, Mrs L Crowe.

Anne Robinson, representing Friends of the Peak District, spoke under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

Pat Ellison, representing Alternative Proposals on Transport, spoke under the Public Participation Scheme and answered questions from Members.

Karen Smith, representing Save Swallow's Wood Campaign, spoke under the Public Participation Scheme.

George Hill of Woodhead Against Increased Traffic (WAIT) had registered to speak but was unable to attend. The Director of Conservation & Development gave a summary of Mr Hill's statement on behalf of WAIT and also of his letter on behalf of Langsett Parish Council.

He also summarised a letter sent in by three residents of Hadfield.

The Chair emphasised that Members were making a decision at the Authority Meeting on 30 March and that they needed to be satisfied they had sufficient information to do so.

Members expressed concerns about the methodologies used by the Highways Agency, particularly in respect of traffic increases. They also queried levels of carbon emissions and that the issue of access and recreation needed greater emphasis.

Mr H A Young left the meeting at 5pm.

A motion to support the recommendation was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Members provide comment on the information presented in this report, so that officers can take them into consideration when formulating the formal response to the proposed scheme.**
- 2. Members note that a report will be taken to Authority on 30th March 2007 to request approval for a formal response to the re-published Draft Orders to be submitted to the Highways Agency.**

The Meeting ended at 5.10pm.