



## **Parishes Day- 18 September 2021**

### **MINUTES**

Virtual meeting via Webex

- 1.** Welcome to Parishes Day by Brian Taylor, Head of Planning and Mr James Berresford, Deputy Chair of the Authority.

Participants were welcomed to Parishes day by the Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Head of Planning.

- 2. The Glover Review of Protected Landscapes**  
Sarah Fowler, Chief Executive

The presentation was introduced by the Chief Executive, following which it was confirmed that although the government have not yet released their full response, the Authority has begun moving forward with its priorities, in collaboration with other National Parks, in the direction it is anticipated it will be required to do so by Glover.

Discussion took place as to how it will be possible for the Authority to achieve its goal of reducing carbon emissions when visiting the Park by car is so popular. The CEO advised that the Authority is engaging with other bodies such as local councils and had requested that the government allow the Peak District to be a pilot for the sustainable transport recommendations in the Glover report. Other measures such as the development of gateway sites and recreation hubs, are also under consideration.

The Hope Valley Explorer bus service is running successfully this year after being cancelled last year due to the pandemic, and it is being considered whether this can be developed and expanded in future.

- 3. PDNPA Management Plan**  
Emily Fox, Head of Information and Performance Management.

The presentation was introduced by the Head of Information and Performance Management.

The Authority's emphasis on sustainable communities was welcomed. This has followed work on the definition of "thriving and sustainable communities" with partner organisations including parish councils. This work will also feed in to the review of the Authority's Local Plan. It was recognised that there was a need to ensure that local authority partners who may have more real influence in this matter than the NPA does, play their part. Ensuring they are engaged in the Local Plan review process will be one way of achieving this.



withdrawn by the government. There will potentially be a tension going forward, between encouraging economic recovery and ensuring good planning.

#### **4. Break**

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 11.07 and reconvened at 11.20

#### **5. PDNPA Local Plan Review**

Adele Metcalfe, Policy and Communities Team Manager

The presentation was introduced by the Policy Team Manager, following which discussion took place around affordable housing in the Park, including the impact of housing stock being used as holiday lets and the optimum balance of housing for affordable rent and purchase. It was acknowledged the Authority's ability to influence this is limited.

The Authority's policy on affordable housing will be considered in detail via the Local Plan review and further consultation with the public will take place. Parish Statements produced by the Authority looked at the proportion of houses which were in full time occupation in 2010, and this will be refreshed when the new census data becomes available so that a comparison can be made.

#### **6. Questions and Answers on themes raised during discussion.**

No further questions were raised at this stage.

#### **7. Parishes Bulletins**

Questions from Sarah Wilks, Head of Engagement

**We have changed our Parishes bulletin during COVID so it covers many different issues rather than focus on planning. We have also asked you to share this more widely.**

- I. Can you please let us know how you have done this?**
- II. Do you share it amongst all parish councilors, or more widely in the community for example by putting it up on village notice boards?**
- III. Or do you have an innovative way you have done this that would be good to share with the forum?**
- IV. How can we improve the bulletin for you?**
- V. What information might be helpful to include or exclude?**

A general discussion took place regarding the Authority's Parishes Bulletins. Suggestions were made as to how engagement with these bulletins and the messages in them could be increased. These included:

- Encouraging their inclusion in Parish Newsletters
- The importance of publishing the bulletins to a regular timetable



- The importance of distributing them to the local community rather than relying on Parish Clerks to do it.
- A change of format to make them similar to “Inside Peak”, the Authority’s internal newsletter
- A generally more colourful, accessible format
- The potential use of Facebook in addition to / instead of the bulletins

It was confirmed that the Authority is currently reviewing its overall communication strategy. Face to face events should be able to restart soon, so it can be considered whether to run events for Parish Clerks and other partners again.

## 8. **Closing Remarks** James Berresford

The Deputy Chair of the Authority thanked participants and Officers for a positive discussion and informative presentations, which would be circulated in due course. He encouraged attendees to participate in the following:

- The Local Plan Review  
[Local Plan Review: Peak District National Park](#)
- The Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme  
[Farmers and land managers: Peak District National Park](#)

### **Organisations represented:**

Bamford with Thornhill PC  
Beeley PC  
Bradwell PC  
Edale PC  
Grindleford PC  
Grindon PC  
Monyash PC  
Over Haddon PC  
Pott Shrigley PC  
Peak Park Parishes Forum  
Great Hucklow PC