**Little Longstone Parish Meeting**
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**Minutes of the meeting 24th September 2012 held at Little Longstone Chapel at 7pm.**

**Present**
Mrs D Gregory (Chair), Mr R Lambe, Mrs E Adamson, Miss A Gregory, Mrs C Burns, Mrs D Gair, Mrs J Mantell and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

**58/12 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs J Longsdon, Mr K Adamson, Miss M Longsdon and Mr P Davey.

**59/12 Declarations of business interest.**
Mr R Lambe declared an interest in item 6.1 on the agenda (Monsal Head Ice cream van).

**60/12 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2012.**
The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Mrs E Adamson and seconded by Mrs C Burns. To note Mrs D Gair will be taking notes at meetings for the purpose of an insert in UTE, rather than the full set of minutes appearing in UTE. Minutes to appear on the village noticeboard not in UTE.

**61/12 Monsal Head – Ice cream.**
To note this item was brought forward on the request ofa parishioner.

**61.1 Report from June meeting to date.** The Clerk reported that a number of letters/phone calls had been received from Mr R Lambe at Ellerys cafe, Monsal. The Clerk had replied, attaching a month by month account of the current ice cream lease todate, following on from that done earlier on in the year (to note regular members of the pc were given copies).
The Clerk also wrote to Fredericks with regards to providing their own bin, van noise and drink sales. A reply was received from Fredericks; they always bring their own bin, the soft van used is allocated as the ice cream is better received by the customer than that of a normal scoop van. The noise is the freezer part of the Carpagina machine that dispenses the ice cream and that they don't see any specific restriction for this type

of van in the lease agreement. Also that drinks had not been sold or made available for sale since the PM had written. A memo has gone round to staff as a reminder.

**61.2 Proffesional Noise measurements.** On recommendation from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, professionals were brought in from Environmental health to do tests. An intial sound test was carried out, without equipment, result ' Subjectively,if I were sitting out on the seats at the cafe nearest to the van for any length of time, I might get fed up'. A test with equipment was carried out (on a windy day), 'I believe that the noise from the van engine is intrusive by the outdoor tables but not to the level of being a statutory nusisance. I suspect inside a busy cafe the engine noise would be much less intrusive. E H contacted Mr Lambe to do tests within the cafe, Mr Lambe did not want tests to be carried out inside the cafe, but was okay about doing it outside. A number of EH officers went once again, however the van did not turn up.

**61.3 Areas of discussion regarding the ice cream van – noise.**

1. Mr Lambe queried when the readings had been taken, as quieter vans appeared the following days, following the readings.
2. Could a quieter van be brought?
3. Mr Lambe is requesting that the nuisance be stopped.
4. It was highlighted that it had been advised that an independent body without bias be brought in.
5. It was noted that a number of vans are brought to the site. Different vans vary in noise.
6. It was noted that the variations of cars/people -noise/activitiy at Monsal are dependent on the time of day/day ie weekend.
7. Monitoring had been done by a parishioner as requested, but the noise was not seen as excessive.
8. Mr Lambe requested that parishioners take the time to go up and listen for their selves.
9. It was noted that Cafe customers are complaining about the noise of the van.
10. The lease was discussed, it is not in the lease to specify a certain type of ice cream being sold.
11. Mr Lambe requested all parishioners be consulted on the noise issue.
12. Proffesional tests not being carried out in the cafe was questioned.
13. Monsal head being a sensitive spot was discussed, memories.
14. Relocation of the ice cream van in a future lease was discussed.
15. Dalc had recommended that professional readings were taken and that if the issue could not be resolved within a meeting, to be taken to an independent body, such as a Solicitor.

Mr R Lambe left the meeting.

It was resolved for the Clerk to write to DDDC's Solicitor asap,for them to look at the lease/readings/situation, with all in favour. For the Clerk to report back to the members on reply.

To note Monsal head is continued under point 64/12.

**62/12 Financial matters.**

The Chair reported on the following financial matters:

**62.1 To approve payments made since the last meeting:**

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| N Tomlinson – tree surgeon. | £50.00 | 000385 |
| J Longsdon – welldressing (clay) | £134.05 | 000386 |
| D A Gregory – welldressing | £199.86 | 000387 |
| P Gregory – welldressing | £10.99 | 000388 |
| A Bennett – welldressing | £23.25 | 000389 |
| L Waine – welldressing | £44.60 | 000390 |

**62.2 To approve payments due to be made.**

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| Audit Commission | £162.00 | 000391 |
| S Stokes Admin/Expen (incl. printer ink) | £470.79 | 000392 |
| Friends of Little Longstone Chapel (room hire) | £40.00 | 000393 |
| V Bramwell – welldressing | £40.75 | 000394 |
| B Cardona (chapel mowing) | £264.00 | 000395 |
| C Barnes (strimming/weedkilling etc) | £720.00 | 000396 |

Approval of the payments was proposed by Mrs D Gair and seconded by Mrs J Mantell. To note awaiting invoice for memorial bench @ £600.

**62.3 Xmas trees.**It was resolved for the purchase of two xmas trees (1 for the village wells area – being larger, 1 for the Chapel). Monsal Head members had stated last year that it was too windy for a xmas tree to be sited at Monsal. Mrs A Gregory requested that the parish fund the purchase of 6 potted xmas trees for the chapel windows, with the idea being that different local groups come in (eg. School) and dress each tree. It was resolved for A Gregory to ask the groups by the November PM meeting, if they wish to be part of this and report at that meeting.

**62.4 Accept annual audit.**The Clerk had received the audit back from the Audit commission. Miss A Gregory proposed acceptance of the audit, seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

**62.5 Savings account.** The Clerk had looked into a possible account with Derbyshire Building Society, where no new savings accounts are being opened for organisations. Clerk to look into other banks/building societies.

**62.6 Donations for 2012/2013, under s137.** It was resolved to give £555.00, to St Giles Church, Great Longstone, this being this years full allocation (based on number of electors). A cheque to be raised at the November meeting.

To note considerations of subscriptions to UTE and GLCC, along with the poppy appeal, to be looked at in the November meeting.

**62.7 Forming a charity/funds for community.** The Clerk had contacted a DDDC Solicitor with regards to a possible setting up of a charity. DDDC had replied reconmmending an appropritate Solicitor externally, as they are not able to deal with this. The Clerk had also met with a Neil Moulden from DD Council for Voluntary Service, who deal with helping organisations set up charitys. The meeting involved discussion on charitable trusts, trustees being required (which could be the same as Monsal Head open space), gift aid, charity commssion documents, being able to give money out of the parish. A Solicitor would be required as part of setting up a charity. Neil also considered the future, looking at the funds available within the present, future income, whilst protecting the parish funds for the years to come. Neil suggested that the Clerk looking into the trust at Monsal, documents to set up a charity, also the question of if this is the right thing for the parish.

It was noted that Ralph Ryder give funds to individuals/organisations in Little Longstone and Monyash, ie University costs. It was also noted that if the MUGA in Great Longstone goes ahead, the Parish may want to have a subscription to this.

**63/12 Planning matters.**

Planning decision notice. NP/DDD/0512/0473 Parva Cottage (Kitchen and bedroom extension). GRANTED.

**64/12 Matters arising.**

**64.1 Monsal Head –**
**Interpretation board.** The new board on the short term car park is now fully fixed and in situe.

**Benches.** The six memorial benches (as a first wave of new benches), are now in DDDC's storage, ready to be installed. Correct plaque information is being confirmed by DDDC prior to the installation, which is very imminent. One of the benches is for former Clerk David Burns. To note The Clerk has contacted PDNPA with regards to the **retaining wall**, which they are responsible for, below the seat area. This is requiring some

maintenance, along with some of the stone edge setts. PDNPA are looking into the work required.

**Bins/litter.** The Clerk reported that following DDDC's removal of two bins, as they didn't have lids, questioned the replacement. DDDC stated that with regards to the one nearest to the pay station, this is on a list for funding. The one to be moved onto the viewing area, awaits the approval of PDNPA to place a bin in this location, prior to actually doing so. With regards to the three other bins on the bench area, as the bins are in order good order they have no plans to replace them. The Clerk reported that if the parish were to fund the replacement of three bins for the bench area this would be at £300 each incl. fixing, where the bins are double the capacity of those currently in situe, whilst having lids, therefore less litter comes out. It was resolved for the Clerk to write a letter to DDDC requesting that the two bins they have taken away should be replaced. To note there has been an increase in litter on the car park since the opening of the tunnels. Also to note that Fredericks bring their own bin for wrappers, which is placed near to the van. Following a reply from DDDC, the three 'bench' bins to be reconsidered with regards to a possible repplcement.

To note the note a new car park lease for DDDC will need to be looked at in the early part of 2013.

**64.2 Maintenance for Little Longstone for 2013.**It was resolved to use C Barnes for maintenance within the village for the year 2013, along with B Cardona for the chapel mowing. Clerk to confirm a list of strimming etc for C Barnes, incorporating the extras at Monsal Head and extra weeding around the well area. C Barnes to confirm amounts per 'task'.

**64.3 Speeding.**The Clerk read out a letter of reply from DCC, stating that they would not be taking any further readings or action at this point. Mrs J Mantell to enquire with a local police representative with regards to the parishes concerns/number of accidents.

**64.4 Parking.**There was much discussion over cars parked further and further into the village, causing a great deal of congestion. Cars are now parking as far as the area infront of The Manor, where there is no footway. The current white lines being extended have helped marginally, however there are not enough of them. The Clerk reported that the overflow car park at Monsal has very tight planning restrictions set out by peak park, it is only open at peak times ie bank holidays. Cars are also parking on pavements, making it difficult for pushchairs/disabled to pass on the footway,requiring them to go on the road. Vehicles parking on bends where it is difficult to view oncoming traffic are also a concern, such as near to Parva Cottage and along from The Stocks. See item 1 under correspondence, where Clerk sending a letter to PDNPA with reference to 'Car parking issues and congestion'.

To note no correspondence has been received regarding an additional streetlight between The Manor and The Stocks, however the Clerk has chased DCC with regards to this.

**64.5 Land Registration.** *Ongoing.*

**64.6 Maintenance.**
**Tree infront of holiday barns-** work has been professionally carried out by a contractor in line with PDNPA guidelines. However since the work was carried out the tree has grown back to meet the wires and beyond. The Clerk has spoken with PDNPAs tree officer with regards to the size of the tree. PDNPA have given their permission to fell the tree and replace with a smaller tree, if the PM wishes. To note this is a millennium tree. Notes from the meeting will appear in UTE where the tree will be mentioned, with any concerns/thoughts of parishioners to bring them to a PM/Clerk.

**Wall along from Longstone Byre, towards Great Longstone.** No correspondence received to date from Bagshaws.

**Grit bin cover.** The grit bin cover has now been painted by C Barnes,using a specialist paint.

**Uneven footway down from the chapel.** The Clerk has contacted DCC with regards to both the debris on the footway and the poor state of the footway. To recontact in writing if no action taken.

The Clerk was asked to gain a road sweeping and verge cutting schedule from DCC for 2013.

**65/12 Correspondence.**

*PDNPA.* Trails Management plan consultation.
Clerk to send a letter relating to the section in the plan on, 'Car Parking issues and Congestion', covering the following areas; inadequacy ofwhite lines down from Monsal into village, no white line infront of a particular 'field' gate, area on bend infront of Parva Cottage, village parking beyond The Manor (where there is no footway), overflow car park limited opening due to planning restrictions and parking on pavements, pushchairs and wheelchairs having to go onto the road as cannot use the pavement. All the above has got worse since the opening of the tunnels.

PDNPA. Cherpit and Leys Lane consultation under regulation 4 of the National Park Authorities' Traffic orders (Procedure) (England) Regulations 2007.
Clerk to respond to PDNPA stating that Little Longstone PM continue to support RTB's request for a TRO.

PDNPA. Brushfield- Upperdale – Consultation under regulation 4 of the National Park Authorities' Tarffic Orders (Procedure) (England) Regulations 2007.
Clerk to respond to PDNPA stating that the PM support the idea of a TRO on this stretch.

*DCC*. Speed restrictions:B6456 to Wardlow, reply. See 64.3.

*DCC*. Verge erosion, reply. A letter had been received stating that DCC would not be carrying out any work.

DDDC (Solicitor). Possible setting up of a Charity for Little Longstone, reply. See 62.7.

*Resident*. X 3 letters refering to Fredericks ice cream van. See 61/12.

*Fredericks*. Rubbish clearance,freezer noise and drinks. Reply. See 61/12.

*The Motor cycling club Ltd*. Edinburgh Trial 6th October, pass through Putwell Hill between 6 – 11 am. Noted.

*Dalc* circulars 32 – 40. Noted.

*Audit commission*. Appointment of external auditor for 2012/2013, Grant Thornton UK LLP, for 5 years. Noted.

*DDDC*. Recycling. Posters gone on noticeboard/householders will receive information from DDDC.

*PDNPA*. Draft supplementary planning document on sustainable building techniques and renewable energy. Noted.

*Peak Park Parishes Forum*.Have your say on drafts management plan. Noted.

*DCC*. Consultation for Derbyshires rights of way improvement plan – draft statement of action 2012 – 2017. Noted.

*DDDC*. Area community forum Tuesday 16th October 2012 Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell at 7pm. Noted.

**66/12 Late items of correspondence.**

DDDC – waste and recycling. Noted.

Dalc circulars 41 and 42. To note section on looking to reduce speed limits on rural roads.

PDNPA. Travel in the Peak District. Noted.

PDNPA. Consultation into issues and preferred approaches for development management policies as part of the PDNPA local development plan. Noted.

**67/12 Any other business.**

Funds given to GLCC last financial year were questioned. The Clerk stated that we had received a letter from the club regarding utilisation of the funds given.

It was reported that the Chapel were holding Harvest Festival events around the weekend of 13th/14th October. Also that the Monsal Head Hill climb event on 7th October would be on again, volunteers required to man the car park (field kindly offered for the day), funds to the chapel).

**68/12 Date of next meeting.**

Subject to any interim planning applications, the next meeting will be held on Monday 26th November 2012 at 7pm in The Chapel, Little Longstone.