**PEAK PARK PARISHES FORUM**

**Management Committee meeting 12 April 2021, held online at 2pm**

Present: Guest

M Beer (Chair) Brian Taylor, PDNPA

S Beckett

S Bennett

P Brady

J Collins

P Cooper

P Downing

L Granger

P Leppard (Secretary)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A silence was observed to mark the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

21/17 **Apologies for absence**

None

21/18 **Planning issues**

B Taylor summarised recent key themes in managing the Authority’s Planning department, including a number of staff vacancies, a strengthening of focus on strategic transport issues, cessation of the temporary suspension of provision of pre-application advice, and work on early stages of developing the new Local Plan.

21/19 **Minutes of meeting, 8 March 2021**

These were approved as a correct record.

21/20 **Matters arising from March minutes**

It was agreed to discuss “Use & condition of Rights of Way” at the next meeting.

21/21 **Thriving & Sustainable Communities definition**

P Brady noted a discussion on this workstream which had taken place at the Authority’s 19 March members’ forum. It is now expected that, after a final round of external consultation, the definition will be ready for deployment in various aspects of Management Plan activity.

21/22 **Local Plan development**

Concern was expressed about aspects of the design of the Authority’s recent ‘vox pop’ public survey, which might be unhelpful for the Plan’s development.

21/23 **River pollution**

Noting the Canal & River Trust’s helpful approach to tackling fluvial pollution, it

was decided that the latter be raised by M Beer with PDNPA’s Management Plan Advisory Group, seeking some focus from them on it. **Action: M Beer**

21/24 **Definitive Map of Rights of Way**

The Secretary was tasked to ask DALC whether they consider there is a need to raise parishes’ awareness of the January 2026 deadline. **Action: Secretary**

21/25 **Countryside Code**

The recently-revised version of the Code was felt to be weak and inadequate.

21/26 **Current visitor-management issues**

Although these remain of appreciable concern, it was felt that all parties are now well aware of the issues.

21/27 **Planned meeting with Robert Largan MP**

R Largan had now cancelled the diaried April date for this; a new date is yet to be agreed. It was decided that M Beer, P Downing, L Granger and the Secretary will meet to finalise PPPF’s proposed stance and approach for the meeting. (A letter written recently by M Beer to Sheldon Parish Meeting was felt to be a useful starting-point.) **Action: M Beer/P Downing/L Granger/Secretary**

21/28 **New platform for PPPF website**

In light of PPPF’s current free website-hosting being withdrawn, the Secretary reported on progress with transferring to a new platform. The Committee authorised him to commit £213 to a 5-year hosting deal. **Action: Secretary**

21/29 **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary had circulated this, and it was noted. He would liaise with PDNPA over a proposed date for this year’s Parishes Day. **Action: Secretary**

21/30 **Finance**

1. The unaudited accounts for FY2020/21 were not yet available but would be very shortly, showing a small surplus.
2. The Forum’s current financial position was noted as being satisfactory.
3. It was agreed to approve (a) a payment of £160.00 for the Secretary’s salary Feb-Mar and (b) the website payment noted in minute 21/28.

21/31 **Next meeting**

This will be on Monday 14 June at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

Peter Leppard

Secretary