**PEAK PARK PARISHES FORUM**

**Management Committee meeting, held at 2pm on 9 October 2023 at Aldern House, Bakewell**

Present: Also present (by video-link):

M Beer P Cooper

P Brady Z Hawley

J Collins

T Crook

L Granger (Chair)

P Leppard (Secretary)

23/37 **Election of Chair**

Cllr Granger was elected Chair for the forthcoming year.

23/38 **Apologies for absence**

Received from P Downing

23/39 **Minutes of meeting, 12 June**

These were approved as a correct record.

23/40 **Review of** **Parishes Day, 7 October**

This was felt to have been successful to some degree, but that better debate and firmer

conclusions would have been possible if some pre-reading had been provided for participants

(and for breakout-session leaders). It was recognised that staff reorganisation within PDNPA

may have hindered generation of such paperwork.

On the day, some presentations did not provide sufficient context at the start (for attendees who may not have been fully aware) before launching into the body of the topic. There had also been difficulty in some parts of the boardroom in hearing the speakers.

It was felt that it would be good to learn the outcomes of PDNPA’s own post-event review.

23/41 **PDNPA’s consultation on its draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

It was agreed to send the following comments to PDNPA: **Action: Secretary**

* The document makes little mention of the need for the Local Plan, in support of achieving sustainability, to encourage investment in the Park. This of course needs to be well-targeted in the most appropriate places, but it does need more mention than the draft gives.
* Paragraph 1.23 says “Monitor the actual effects of the plan during its implementation” – which implies that this will also have been done in respect of the Local Plan which is in force today. It would be useful to see the formal outputs of that monitoring please.
* On p.97, although ‘thriving & sustainable communities’ do get a mention in the bottom-right corner of the page, the importance of this concept needs to be more centre-stage in the Housing section, i.e. brought into the wording in the left-hand column.
* Some comments re Appendix 3:
  + Some of the items (1-12) are more convincingly written about than others. Those with more cursory descriptions could do with some expansion.
  + Does the numbering of the items listed represent a priority order? If it does, no.7 (Sustainable land use) should not be so far down the list.
  + No.8 (Communities) needs to be stronger re the importance of development which contributes to the viability of local services and the needs/vibrancy of the local community – it’s not just about the needs of the applicant. The housing available should be appropriate for the demographic which is relevant to the key jobs in the local area. Also the use of the word ‘young’ may be not wholly appropriate – as these days people in their early 40s start families!
  + No. 12 would be better entitled ‘Developing & supporting sustainable transport’ rather than focusing so clearly on reducing road traffic. The latter is of course an important issue, but the question of sustainable transport is a lot wider than that.
* The document, inevitably of course, airs a number of potentially-conflicting considerations, where necessary trade-offs will need to be established. There is little hint of how such trade-offs will be addressed in order to create a Local Plan which is workable.
* The document would benefit from a concluding paragraph which helps place the discussions within the document in a context.

23/42 **Next steps re Local Plan consultation**

It was agreed to ask Adele Metcalfe for a demonstration of the consultation software intended to be used. **Action: Secretary**

23/43 **Secretary’s report**

The Secretary had circulated this, and it was noted.

23/44 **Finance**

1. It was noted that the FY2022/23 accounts were successfully audited in August.
2. The FY2023/24 financial position to date was noted.
3. It was agreed to approve a payment of £185.17 to the Secretary.

23/45 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that this will be influenced by minute 23/42 above and also by the emergence of consultation papers re the Local Plan. **Action: Secretary**

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.