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**Minutes of the Little Hayfield Advisory Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011  
at 7.30pm in The Lantern Pike Inn, Little Hayfield.**

**Present: Committee members:** Mike Dean (Chair), Lyndon Evans, Jane Nester, Mel Cranmer, Gwyneth De Lacey, Ella Davies, Councillor Phil Chapman, Richard Scottney (until 8.00pm), Patricia Hewitt, Tom Cunliffe and Councillor Kathleen Waterhouse.

**Also present:** Gary Peacock, Councillor Val Wieteska, Councillor Betty Betts, Lesley Anderson and Hilary Donbavand.

**In Attendance:** Acting Clerk S Fuller.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Pat Evans, Councillor Eva Hodgson and County Councillor Beth Atkins.

**2. Variations to the Order of Business.** None

**3. Declarations of Interest:** None.

**4. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011:**

The minutes were APPROVED.

**5. Chairman's Items and Clerk's Report.**

**a. Middlefield's Footpath.**

The Chair voiced the generally accepted view that the improvements to the Middlefield's Path were a great success and the path is being well used. It is hoped to have an opening ceremony with press present. Acting Clerk to send a letter of thanks to those involved at Derbyshire County Council and enquire about the placing of a dog poo bin at the Hayfield end of the path and a sign directing people to The Lantern Pike Inn.

**ACTION SF**

**6. Actions undertaken by the Clerk since the last meeting:**

**a. Stone Wall Repairs.**

Sally Hodgson is working with the Parish Council in the hope of securing grant funding for the purpose of running 'stone wall' classes, using the Slack Lane walls for practice. This may help repair the walls to some extent but may not be a solution for walls on steep slopes or requiring road closure.

**ACTION SF**

**b. Insurance Cover re: volunteers.**

Volunteers are covered by the Parish Council's insurance but it depends on what they are doing and what and whose tools they are using and the guidance given is that the Acting Clerk should check with the insurance company before any work commences to clarify the situation.

**c. Peak District National Park Authority Tree Officer - The Clough site visit.**

The Peak District National Park Authority Tree Officer David Goodwin came to advise on the management of the The Clough. The Acting Clerk distributed notes made about the meeting (held on 18.10.11). Opposing opinions were aired as to what, if anything should be done. It was decided to ask the Peak District National Park Authority Ecologist for advice, amending the Clough Management Planning permission in the light of advice given if needs be and then submitting the plan to the Parish Council for discussion and approval.

**ACTION SF**

**d. Garden encroaching The Clough.**

The Peak District National Park Authority advised that following a site visit in September 2010 by their Monitoring and Enforcement Team, the case was closed on the basis that the remaining hard surfaces were hardly visible and the harm to the National Park and the Conservation Area was no longer apparent. It was suggested the situation should continue to be monitored.

**e) Stone Planters.**

Following a site visit by Derbyshire County Council Environmental Services, to check the location of the planter at Throstle Bank (on 10.11.11), several Councillors asked that the proposed stone planters be submitted to full Council for approval before further progress is made. This will be done at the Parish Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**ACTION MC SF**

**7. Little Hayfield Advisory Committee Remit.**

The new remit for the Little Hayfield Advisory Committee was presented and discussed. It was proposed (by G De Lacey and seconded by L Evans) that the number of members be changed from 8 committee members and 4 Councillors to 9 committee members and 3 Councillors. This was rejected. (4 voted in favour, 4 voted against and 1 abstained. The Chair cast the final vote against)

**8. Christmas Tree.**

The Christmas tree in The Clough will be lit with the solar lights used last year and will be lit on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. There will be carol singing and refreshments (mulled wine and mince pies) provided at and by The Lantern Pike. The event is to be advertised via the noticeboard and a flyer around the locality.

**ACTION SF MD**

**9. Little Hayfield Advisory Committee Priorities.**

The placing of a dog poo bin along the Middlefield's path was agreed to be a priority.

**10. Requests for Funding for 2012-2013.**

The Committee agreed to bid for:

Tree work in The Clough - £700 (enough to employ a tree surgeon for 2 days)

Stone walling - £2000

It was also noted that money should be allocated within the Council's budget for the purchase and maintenance of playground equipment.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.