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**Minutes of the Little Hayfield Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
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, Councillor V Wieteska and Councillor Martin Jones.

**Also present:** None

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

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Pat Evans and Borough Councillor Tony Ashton.

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

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

**4. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012:**

The minutes were APPROVED as a correct record.

**5. Chairman's Announcements:** None.

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

**a. Middlefields Path.** Dog fouling is still a problem. Signs have been placed but Acting Clerk is to check the right signs have been used. Cycling is prohibited but can school children be allowed to ride their bikes down the path to school?

**b. Stone walls.** Money is in the budget for next year to repair the walls around The Clough.

**c. Peak District National Park Authority Ecologist - The Clough site visit.** The Peak District National Park Authority has invited the Parish Council to apply for funding for an Environmental Enhancement Scheme. More information is required before the Council can decide and a site visit is still to be organised.

**d. Stone Planters.** Derbyshire County Council is applying for the relevant licences through their highways department.

**e. Working Parties.** Working parties have been organised and insurance cover sorted. Small groups of enthusiastic committee members have cleared vegetation around the well and managed areas of brambles and nettles. They have removed ash trees growing in the wall and cleared snowdrops of overgrowth. Litter has been picked.

**f. Christmas tree lights.** Council agreed to buy 2 sets of battery operated lights for the Little Hayfield Christmas tree at a cost of around £50. Mike Dean will purchase the lights and invoice the Council.

**7. The Clough**

The handrail and the wall on Clough Lane at the start of the middle path need repairing. The wall is shifting and the handrail replacing. Acting Clerk to alert Derbyshire County Council Highways to the problems and maybe cordon the area off for now. The stile / wall by the grit bin needs repairing / relocating. It was suggested that wild flowers could be planted on unmown areas and maybe the Ecologist could advise on what best to plant. The Peak District National Park Authority is working with electricity companies to replace overhead lines with underground cables (although not telephone lines). The Little Hayfield Advisory Committee would like Council to suggest that Little Hayfield would be a good place to do this ([www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/Campaigns/Overhead\\_wires/](http://www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/Campaigns/Overhead_wires/)).

It is hoped to either hold a bonfire (or remove rubbish) – Acting Clerk to check insurance.

**8. The future of the Little Hayfield Advisory Committee.**

It was suggested that the Advisory Committee could become a Community Action Group which would free the members to work without Parish Council red tape but after weighing up the pros and cons, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously to remain as the Little Hayfield Advisory Group.

**9. Procedures for the election of members to Little Hayfield Advisory Committee.**

Under the committee's terms of reference, letters will be sent to each household in Little Hayfield requesting that those wishing to stand as members of the Little Hayfield Advisory Committee next year submit their names to the Acting Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> May. If more than 8 people would like to stand, then an election will be called. Committee members offered to help distribute the letters. Acting Clerk to check whether committee members have to be over 18 years old.

**10. The Queens Diamond Jubilee**

The Little Hayfield Advisory Committee would like to hold a jubilee picnic on The Clough on 4<sup>th</sup> June possibly erecting a marquee (provided free by a committee member) in case of rain. Acting Clerk to check insurance for this and the use of barbecues and seek Parish Council approval.

### **11. Park Hall Moor**

The National Trust has been uprooting rhododendrons on the moorland. Residents are concerned that the area has been left in a mess and ask that the Parish Council would write to The National Trust asking that the area be tidied particularly since it is a main access route onto the moors and is near to residential properties and that they, in future, communicate clearly with the Parish Council on their plans for the area. (The Peak District National Park Authority has a 25 year Conservation Plan which residents are asked to consult on – Jane Nester / The Acting Clerk are to email the link to parishioners (<http://www.high-peak-moors.co.uk/public-consultation.htm>)).

### **12. Traffic management**

Concerns were voiced about the ongoing issue of parking and traffic particularly since a child was recently knocked down. County Councillor Beth Atkins has raised the issue with Derbyshire County Council Highways Department to see what practically can be done – maybe a pelican crossing or a reduced speed limit? It was suggested that at the July meeting, 'Traffic Issues' could be the main topic for debate and representatives from Derbyshire County Council Highways Department, the Police and Traffic Wardens could be invited to attend.

It was noted that the interactive road sign (Glossop end of the village) has been rotated and needs realigning. Acting Clerk will contact Derbyshire County Council.

**13. Date and time of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm at The Lantern Pike.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.