YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY **ITEM 2**

Minutes of the meeting held at the offices of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn DL8 3EL on Tuesday 26 September 2023.

Present:
Liz Appleton Hall, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Phil Dew, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine (in the Chair), Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, David Ireton, Peter Jackson, Ian Mitchell, Jim Munday, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, Neil Swain and Derek Twine.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

The Chair welcomed Peter Jackson and to his meeting of the Authority and welcomed Stuart Parsons return to the Authority.

36/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Simon Myers and Allen Kirkbride.

37/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 June 2023 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record

38/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS

Mr Steve Webb read out a statement and questions on behalf of Threshfield Village Development Concern Group relating to the timescale, publication and Consultation process of the potential housing sites in Embsay and Threshfield, related to item 12 on the agenda. The Chair provided a response.

39/23 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

There were no declarations of lobbying.

40/23 NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

The Authority CONSIDERED the presentation and report of the Senior Wildlife and Conservation Officer.

The Member Champion for Nature Recovery emphasised the urgent need for the plan and commended the collaborative work.

In RESPONSE to Members questions:

Further detail was provided by the Senior Wildlife Conservation Officer on the involvement of the Farming and Land Management Forum in the drafting of the Plan, and on the wider consultation with the land management community during the development of the plan.

Discussion followed drawing attention to the areas of Common Land and Grazing Rights within the National Park.

Members wished to see the wider public benefits included and emphasised in the executive summary of the plan.

RESOLVED –

a. To endorse the Nature Recovery Plan (**Annex B**) as the basis for influencing the Local Nature Recovery Strategies being prepared by the local authorities in the National Park;

b. To delegate officers to finalise and then publish the Plan; and,

c. To request the Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum to develop practical proposals for monitoring and reporting progress on the objectives.

41/23 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Authority CONSIDERED the report and presentation of the Director of Conservation and Community.

RESOLVED –

a. To note the current national developments and their likely impact on the production and content of the next National Park Management Plan;

b. To note the provisional timetable and process agreed by the National Park Management Plan Steering Group for updating the Plan;

c. Approve the proposed changes to the membership of the National Park Management Plan Steering Group.

42/23 PRIORITSATION OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY WORK PROGRAMMES 2023/24

The Authority CONSIDERED the report and presentation of the Deputy Chief Executive.

There was some Member support for increasing the priority given to public transport within the National Park. However, most Members recognised the difficulty of doing so at the present time and within the current budget and legal framework.

RESOLVED -
The Authority confirmed the continuation of the prioritised list of programmes that was agreed in September 2021.

43/23 PLANNING APPLICATION VALIDATION REQUIRMENTS

The Authority CONSIDERED the report of the Head Development Management and NOTED the main summary of Consultation responses.

RESOLVED-

That Authority approved the adoption of a revised list of Planning Application Validation Requirements.

44/23 OPERATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The Authority CONSIDERED and NOTED the report of the Director of Corporate Services.

45/23 CHAIRS REPORT

The Authority CONSIDERED and NOTED the report of the Chair Neil Heseltine

46/23 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Authority CONSIDERED and NOTED the report of the Chief Executive

47/23 MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIOPS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS REPORTS

The Authority CONSIDERED and NOTED the report of the Committees Officer.

48/23 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEM 15 – REVERE DALES WOODLAND PROJECT

RESOLVED: that the public be excluded during the discussion of item 15 (Revere Dales Woodland Project) on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

49/23 REVERE DALES WOODLAND PROJECT

The Committee CONSIDERED the report of the Director of Conservation and Community Services in the absence of members of the public.

RESOLVED: To NOTE the report and the work done to date to assess the feasibility of the Revere Dales Woodland Project.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 15:27pm.

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