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 27 June 2023.

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

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

18/23 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY

The Authority NOTED the report of the Committees Officer.

19/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Neil Heseltine was nominated for the position of Chair of the Authority following his election address to members.

RESOLVED -

By unanimous vote, that Neil Heseltine be elected as Chair of the Authority, to hold office until the Annual General meeting of the Authority in 2024.

NEIL HESELTINE IN THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed new Authority members Simon Myers, David Noland, Phil Dew and Graham Simpkins and thanked Julie Hutton for her term of office as Deputy Chair.

20/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Derek Twine was nominated for the position of Deputy Chair of the Authority. Following his election address to members.

RESOLVED – By unanimous vote, that Derek Twine be elected as Deputy Chair of the Authority, to hold office until the annual general meeting of the Authority in 2024.

22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from David Ireton, Ian Mitchell and Stuart Parsons.

22/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 March 2023 having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

23/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

Dr Fiona Nicholson read out a statement on behalf of Embsay with Eastby Residents Action Group and Steve Webb read out a statement on behalf of Threshfield Development Concern Group covering potential housing sites in Embsay and Threshfield, related to item 10 on the agenda. The Chair responded.

24/23 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

Members made the following declarations of lobbying:

Item 10 - Against - Liz Appleton Hall, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Phil Dew, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine (in the Chair), Robert Heseltine, Julie Hutton, Allen Kirkbride, Jim Munday, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Graham Simpkins, Neil Swain and Derek Twine
Item 10 – For and Against - Richard Foster and Robert Heseltine.

25/23 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Authority CONSIDERED the report of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED: That, the Authority's Committees be established as follows:

Audit and Review Committee (12):
Liz Appleton Hall, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Ian Mitchell, Jim Munday, Andrew Murday, Yvonne Peacock, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins.
A typo on page 14 was corrected – Steve Shaw Wright's appointing body is NYC not W&F.

Finance and Resource Committee (13)
Libby Bateman, Phil Dew, Richard Foster, Neil Heseltine, Julie Hutton, Simon Myers, David Noland, Stuart Parsons, Jenny Purcell, Karin Sedgwick, Neil Swain, Derek Twine.
Plus, the new Lancaster City Council member when appointed.

Planning Committee (17):
Liz Appleton Hall, Libby Bateman, Lizzie Bushby, Mark Corner, Richard Foster, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Allen Kirkbride, Ian Mitchell, Jim Munday, Andrew Murday, David Noland, Yvonne Peacock, Jenny Purcell, Steve Shaw Wright, Graham Simpkins, Neil Swain.

Substitute members for the Planning Committee to be as follows: -
Local Authority - Simon Myers and the new Lancaster City Council member when appointed

Secretary of State - Julie Hutton and Derek Twine
Parish – Neil Heseltine

Standards Committee (5):
Mark Corner, Allen Kirkbride, David Ireton, Ian Mitchell and Steve Shaw Wright

26/23 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE AUTHORITY ON PARTNERSHIP BODIES

The Authority CONSIDERED the report of the Committees Officer.
Richard Foster was nominated to represent the Authority on the Swinden Quarry Trust.

Noted that the 'Attracting Younger People' no longer exists (having been set up by the former District Councils); but the South Lakeland Housing Advisory Group is still running. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Tourism Partnership now has the 4 newly formed Local Unitary Authorities instead of the 7 previous local authority membership.

RESOLVED: That with the addition of the appointment of Richard Foster to the Swinden Quarry Trust, the representation of members to the Partnership bodies listed in the appendix attached to the report be confirmed.

27/23 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN- ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23

The Authority CONSIDERED the report and presentation of the Director of Conservation and Community, and NOTED the progress made in implementing objectives set out in the National Management Plan 2019-2024.

The Management Plan Steering Group had concluded that overall good progress was made last year on the majority of the objectives set out in the Plan, through the work of many different local organisations and individuals. It was noted that the figures from the Yorkshire Peat Partnership quoted in the report had since been revised downwards.

Members raised a number of comments and questions in relation to raptors, second homes, Census data, housing and broadband provision. In particular, it was noted that – whilst some progress has been made - there is still a long way to go to achieve the objective of ending illegal persecution of raptors in the National Park.

RESOLVED – To approve the publication of the 2022-23 Progress Report with the inclusion of revised peatland restoration figures.

28/23 LOCAL PLAN

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

Nominations were received from the following members to establish a housing sites working group.
Richard Foster, Robert Heseltine, Ian Mitchell, Simon Myers, Yvonne Peacock, David Noland; Liz Appleton-Hall

RESOLVED: To appoint the 7 nominated Members to the housing sites working group: - Richard Foster, Robert Heseltine, Ian Mitchell, Simon Myers, Yvonne Peacock, David Noland; Liz Appleton-Hall.
To approve the inclusion of some flexibility – in the policy justification - to allow a small proportion of market housing on rural exception sites but only where all other avenues

towards securing 100% affordable housing have been exhausted. That decision being indicative and subject to the work of the housing sites working group.

29/23 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

The Authority CONSIDERED the report and presentation of the Head of Park Management.

The Member Champion for Recreation Management proposed the submission of the Annual Report 2022-23.
Members thanked staff and volunteers on the substantial achievements made in maintaining and improving the public rights of way network.
Mr Twine requested that the costs of maintenance, and the value of this work, should be made clear to the Local Authorities when the report is sent to them.

RESOLVED: That the Public Rights of Way Annual Report 2022-23 be submitted to the three Councils with whom the Authority has delegation agreements for management of public rights of way, namely Westmorland and Furness Council, North Yorkshire Council and Lancashire County Council.

30/23 YORKSHIRE PEAT PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

The Authority NOTED the presentation from Tessa Levens representing the Yorkshire Peat Partnership.
The Chair thanked her for the informative and interesting presentation and members NOTED the significance of the provision of the loan facility provided by the Authority towards this project.

31/23 PROGRESS ON AUTHORITY OBJECTIVES IN 2022-23

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

32/23 CHAIRS REPORT

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

33/23 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Authority CONSIDERED and NOTED the report of the Chief Executive

34/23 MEMBER FEEDBACK ON PARTNERSHIOPS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS REPORTS

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

35/23 REVIEW OF THE JOINT WORKING WITH YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENNIUM TRUST

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13:29pm.