‘Thriving Communities’ is the theme for Parishes Day
29 September 2018

Parish Clerks should have recently received a letter and booking form for this year’s Parishes Day. The event will be held at Aldern House on Saturday 29 September. As in previous years, the Peak Park Parishes Forum will be holding their AGM at 9.30am, with the main event for delegates running between 10am – 4pm, with refreshments and lunch provided. All Parishes in or partly in the National Park are invited to send up to two representatives. (A place for a third representative may be available nearer the time if space allows)

This year’s theme is ‘Thriving Communities’ with discussions focussing on what delegates define as thriving, whether that is community engagement or availability of facilities/businesses. If any Parishes would like to showcase their community activities or work, a space will be available to display ideas, initiatives, successes, etc. that could be of interest or help to other Parishes. If you would like to bring a small display please contact me as soon as possible.

Please complete and return the booking forms sent out with the letter by 7 September. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the day, or have not received a letter and booking form, please contact Ruth Crowder at democraticandlegalsupport@peakdistrict.gov.uk or 01629 816362.

Reminder of the Planning Awards

Parish Councils are invited to submit nominations for developments, including landscaping schemes that they feel have positively contributed to, or enhanced their community. The schemes need to have been completed in the last 3 years. The Awards aim to celebrate the best of development across the National Park. The four categories are

**A. Best Residential**
Conversion, extension, new build

**B. Best Non-residential**
Commercial, quarries, public buildings

**C. Best Conservation project**
Any development relating to a heritage asset
D. Best Landscaping scheme
Landscaping scheme relating to any other development, including quarry restoration
Full details of the Awards, including how to submit a nomination can be found on the website at
http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-awards Nominations can be submitted until 12 October.

Amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) July 2018

The National Planning Policy Framework, first published in 2012 has recently been reviewed. The latest version was published in July 2018. The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. The policies in the Framework are material considerations which should be taken into account in dealing with applications, in conjunction with the Authority’s Core Strategy and emerging DMP policies. The Core Strategy and associated documents can be found at http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/how-we-work/policies-and-guides/core-strategy

National Parks in England retain the special protection as set out in the 2012 version of the document. Please refer to paragraphs 172 and 173 that refers to the protection of National Parks. The full document is attached for your information, and is relevant for all planning matters.

For information on interpreting the NPPF in line with Planning matters for the Authority, please email policyplanning@peakdistrict.gov.uk with your query, or speak to the designated Planning Officer for a particular application.

Latest news on Development Management Policies

The Authority has now submitted a set of modifications to the Development Management Policies, which are currently undergoing examination. This latest set of planning policies will form part 2 of the Local Plan for the National Park guiding planning decisions for the next few years. Once agreed by the Inspector there will be a final period of public consultation before the Inspector writes his final report, which we hope to receive before the end of the year.

Reminder of how to receive notifications and subscriptions to PDNPA Committee Updates

In previous bulletins I have advised on how to subscribe to updates on our committee reports. This allows anyone to subscribe for notifications to Committee reports and other updates. By using the link https://democracy.peakdistrict.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1 and selecting “How to get involved section” there is a “subscribe to updates” link. Following this link will allow any member of the public, parish clerks and parish councillors to register to receive automatic updates every time the Authority publishes agendas and minutes or a forward plan item. Once registered they can choose to receive everything or be a bit more selective. You can even set up an alert which looks for key words on meeting documents. Registered users can use the “this matters” box under most agenda items to share information through social media. Registered users can also use the modern.gov app on their smart phone or tablet to subscribe to agendas, reports and minutes when they are published.

If you have any issues with this function, please do let me know and we will help you to set alerts up that are relevant to your parish.

If you have any queries about this bulletin please contact the Planning Liaison officer fiona.todd@peakdistrict.gov.uk or 01629 816328