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Reminder of Parish Clerk Networking Event

Further to my recent email, Parish Clerks are invited to a Networking event at Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell on the 27 June. The event will run from 10.30 – 12.30. The aim of the event is to create a greater understanding of how the Authority delivers its services and for Clerks to raise awareness of how the Parishes function. It will also give Clerks an opportunity to share best practice and develop their own processes. Please let me know if you are able to attend. For details on how to find us go to http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/about-us/directions-to-our-offices

Peak District National Park planners win prestigious national award

The Peak District National Park Authority has won a national award for excellence in planning from the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

The RTPI's awards reward outstanding achievement in planning UK-wide to raise awareness and understanding of pioneering work and improvements to quality of life.

The Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture award was presented to the Authority for its Stanton Moor Principles. The Stanton Moor Principles have successfully protected Stanton Moor from the risk of quarrying for nearly 20 years. Stanton Moor is well-loved by many for its extensive Bronze Age Scheduled Monument, cultural heritage, wildlife and moorland walks.

The RTPI's judges recognised the long term nature of the Stanton Moor Principles in their comments and said it sets an example for others to follow. The judges said: "The planners at the local authority have ensured the principles map out a long term strategic vision for the moor, helping to secure its long-term future. These principles could be used as a model for other areas as it provides a good outcome for all parties."

Paul Ancell chair of the Authority's planning committee said: "We are delighted for our work to achieve national recognition and to receive this prestigious award from the RTPI. "Protecting the cultural landscape of this important area of the National Park through the Stanton Moor Principles, in line with our national park purposes and aspirations for the place, is something we can all be proud of."

Details of the nominations and award winners are available on the RTPI website at http://www.rtpi.org.uk/media/2881999/RTPI_Awards_2018_brochure.pdf

The PDNPA is hosting its own Planning Awards this year. There will be four categories to enter with details being published at the end of June. Application for entries will open in mid-July. Parish Councils will be able to nominate schemes where it is felt that the development has enhanced the community. Full details of the Awards will be posted in the next bulletin.

Topic of the month – Site Notices

At the recent training events a number of Parish Councillors raised the issue of site notices. The notification of planning applications is carried out in a number of ways and there is a publicised process for this. It is important to note that displaying a site notice is not always a requirement. The details on how the PDNPA consults on planning applications is available in the Statement of Community Involvement which has recently been reviewed. The document is available online at http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/about-us/have-your-say/consultations/current-consultations/revised-statement-of-community-involvement-consultation

A site notices includes the name of the applicant, the address of the application site and a description of the proposal. The site notice will also give a date by which comments can be made on the application, and how to submit the comments.

The issue raised by Councillors was that Notices are not removed after the consultation period has expired. Whilst the PDNPA does not have the resources to return to site to remove the Notices as soon as the consultation period finishes, officers do remove them if they are in the area. However, we have noted the comments from Councillors, and in response the correspondence sent to applicants will be amended to ask that they remove a Notice when a Decision Notice is issued.

In addition to this, we are asking Authority staff to takedown expired notices from public land, such as on a telegraph pole or lamp post, if they spot one. Hopefully by working together we can get a number of the notices removed.

Development Management Policies Examination

You may recall from previous Bulletins that the examination into the DMP was scheduled for May. The enquiry took place on 22 – 24 May. The Inspectors findings will be published in the autumn. The Hearing was recorded and is available online at

https://democracy.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Cld=435&Year=0

Links to news on the DMP examination can be found here http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/how-we-work/policies-and-guides/development-management-policies

Reminder of Parishes Day - Save the Date

The Authority and the Peak Park Parishes Forum are currently finalising the theme for the day. The details of the event will be circulated shortly. The event is scheduled for Saturday 29 September and will be held in the Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell. Parish Councillors and Clerks are invited to attend. The Agenda will be circulated with a future bulletin

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