



# DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Open Council Meeting, 24th. February 2018, Monyash Village Hall

Started at 1:19 pm. after the 2018 AGM

## MINUTES

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Officers:</b>	Chairman	Wayne Sheldon (WS)	
		Vice-Chairman	Alan Brentnall (AB)	
		Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>	
		Treasurer/Webmaster	Angus Sawyer (AS)	
		Legal & Ins. Officer	Pete Mellors (PM)	
		Projects Officer	Pete Knight (PK)	
		Equipment Officer	Bob Dearman (BD)	
		N/L Editor / Publins.	Mike Higgins (MH)	
		Cave Registry Sec.	Phil Wolstenholme (PW)	
		<b>Club Represented:</b>	DCMC	(Pete Knight)
			Eldon P.C.	(Bob Dearman).
			Orpheus C.C	(Jenny Potts)
			T.S.G.	(Alan Brentnall, Wayne Sheldon, Phil Wolstenholme)
<b>Individual Members:</b>	Terry Jackson, Jenny Potts, (Alan Brentnall, Bob Dearman, Mike Higgins, Pete Knight, Pete, Mellors, Angus Sawyer, Phil Wolstenholme.)			

### 1. Chairman's Welcome:

- 1.1 Welcomed members to the Council Meeting.
- 1.2 JP agreed to act as Recorder for the meeting and would continue as Acting Secretary until a new Secretary could be found.

### 2. Apologies for absence: Establish Quorum.

- 2.1 **Apologies received from:** Conservation Officer, Christine Wilson; Access Officer, Gary Noble; Training Officer, Nigel Atkins; Masson C.G.; Dave Wall, Dave Webb, Karen Slatcher, Dave Shearsmith.
- 2.2 **Quorum:** Quorate with 8 elected officers present.

### 3. To Approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting: (28 October 2017, previously circulated).

- 3.1 **That the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 28 October 2017 be accepted as a correct record.**  
Prop. B.Dearman, Sec. A.Brentnall. **Agreed Unanimously.**

### 4. Matters Arising Therefrom: See Actions List below.

(Note that some of these issues may already have been dealt with in reports to the 2018 AGM.)

#### From Council 22-10-16

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| 4.1 | 001 | <b>Odin Mine</b> , progress on re-opening. Ongoing.   | CW, GN, PW |
| 4.2 | 002 | <b>New multiple use meter</b> required to test for gases. To be purchased. Ongoing.   | AB, PK, CW |
| 4.3 | 005 | <b>UCF Report</b> on open section of DCA website, Minutes on Officers' section. Ongoing.  | AS, CW     |
| 4.4 | 009 | <b>Review DCA Fixed Aids Policy.</b> Ongoing.   | BD, JP     |
| 4.5 | 010 | <b>Manifold bolts required.</b> MH to enquire of Peter Ray. List now produced. Requires dry weather to progress. Ongoing.                               | BD, MH     |
| 4.6 | 012 | <b>Identify volunteers to deal with SSSI monitoring.</b> Ongoing.   | CW, AS     |
| 4.7 | 018 | <b>Holme Bank.</b> Re-open Entrance no 1. PM statement on access now on DCA website Agreed to place this "on hold" while position is further clarified. | PM, GN, AS |

#### From AGM 25-2-17

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| 4.8  | 020 | <b>New batteries for angle grinder</b> to be bought. Ongoing.   | PK         |
| 4.9  | 022 | <b>Items for use with ASS need checking for Asset Register.</b> Check if ASS still required Agreed there no longer appeared to be a need for the DCA ASS now that the BCA "cave" was available. Agreed to dismantle and "flat pack" the ASS to save room in the container and use the elements of it as material for projects. JP to sort and dispose of other unwanted items previously used with the ASS, in agreement with AS. | AS, JP, PK |
| 4.10 | 023 | <b>Check replacement of materials used for gate on Bateman's Adit.</b> Ongoing.   | BD, CW, PK |
| 4.11 | 024 | <b>Update Devonshire topo and upload to website.</b> Ongoing.   | AS, PK     |

**From Council 24-6-17**

- 4.12 025 **Investigate volunteer contribution charge.** Ongoing. **PK, AS, CW**
- 4.13 026 **Ways of cutting Newsletter costs while maintaining standard agreed.** Need to inform members. New sales outlets to be investigated. Way forward agreed - see item 6.10 of AGM Minutes. **MH,JP, AS,CW,PK**

**From Council 28-10-17**

- 4.14 27 **Scan surveys held by BCL and place on DCA website.** Ongoing. **JP,PW**
- 4.15 28 **Entrance photos to be placed on website.** Manifold entrance photos to be sought. Ongoing. **PW,AS,WS**
- 4.16 29 **Inform regular payees of new bank account details.** *Completed.* **AS,JP**
- 4.17 30 **Suicide Cave, replace existing spits on near pitches with BP anchors.** *Completed.* **BD,PK**
- 4.18 31 **Giants Hole, replace existing spits in Crabwalk with BP anchors.** *Completed.* **BD,PK**
- 4.19 32 **Stub Scrin Shaft to be capped.** Ongoing. **PK,AS**
- 4.20 33 **JH, Leviathan Pitch to be re-bolted.** *Completed.* See AGM Report 6.8.1.a. **BD,PK**
- 4.21 34 **Tools needed for project work.** BD & PK to liaise. Ongoing. **BD,PK**
- 4.22 35 **Remaining copies of CoPD need to be sold to best advantage.** JP will continue to deal with sales. **AS,JP**

**5. Matters of Immediate Import Arising from the 2018 AGM:**

- 5.1 **DCA Secretary.** Find a Secretary and possibly split Secretary's job. JP to continue as Acting Secretary pro. tem. **ACTION: ALL**
- 5.2 **Radon.** PK says a new set of ionising radiation regulations is due to come in. Will affect instructors and may affect self-employed cavers. Will suggest re-introducing personal dose-meters for PICA members. Will also raise issue of making data available to cavers in general. JP suggests DCA could offer some funding for PICA to continue investigation but will need to decide how much and in what form. PW noted that cave science grants are available from BCRA, could this be made use of for funding. PK will investigate possibilities. **ACTION: PK**

**6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 **Longcliffe Mine:** PW said he had received an email from his contact in NT in response to his request, saying they will ask about paying from a lid for Longcliffe. PW also noted that the shaft will need bolting - agreed that a topo will be drawn up to decide how many anchors and where, PK will start on this and get a group together. **ACTION: PW, PK, BD**
- 6.2 **Giants Bolting:** BD raised the issue of possible bolts to be installed in Giants on the traverse downstream from Chert Hall. PK has list of professional users of this route and consensus is that at least some BP bolts need placing to avoid continuing use of spits to replace knackered existing spits. Agreed in principle with PK and BD to agree on details. **ACTION: PK, BD**
- 6.3 **Devonshire** is being tidied and possibly a new lid placed on another shaft. **ACTION: PK**

Meeting closed 1.58

**Recorder, J.Potts**