

## **Carsington and Hopton Parish Council**

**Issue:** Village Lane Names and Associated Post Codes

**Agenda item:** 45/17

**Recommendation:** That the Council undertake consultations on proposals to name “unnamed” roads and clarify lane names.

If this is agreed then DDDC will undertake an official consultation and be responsible for liaising with the Post Office for the allocation of post codes.

**Timing:** No particular urgency, but the matter needs resolving.

**Members Interests:** Some members will be affected by the changes.

**Further information:** Clerk and Chair.

**Background:** The Parish Council has been looking at the naming of roads and lanes in the villages as the result of an increasing number of incidents of the emergency services having problems in locating properties in response to emergency calls. Many people also experience delivery problems.

The Parish Council has been asked to provide the best information possible regarding the names that are used by locals for the roads and lanes in the Parish. This will only facilitate a formal consultation process that will be undertaken by DDDC. Although we may make proposals regarding certain road names we are not the decision makers in this regard.

The result of this process may be that the Post Office decides to allocate new post codes to some of the roads involved, particularly the newly named ones. The Parish Council will have no direct influence on this process.

**Progress:** Derbyshire Dales District Council have provided a map showing the official names of roads and lanes and also marked on it the post codes in use within the villages. A number of the lanes are shown as “unnamed”.

1. Work has been done to resolve differences between house names recorded by the Parish Council and those provided by the District Council and also any differences in the post codes. This work is on-going and the Clerk has requested a meeting with DDDC in order to provide a finalized view from the Parish Council.
2. In order to finalise the Parish Council’s input to DDDC it is recommended that we undertake consultation to, where possible, establish consensus

as to the proposed road names, or identify roads and lanes that may be known by more than one name.

**Proposals:** The following actions are proposed to the Parish Council for agreement or otherwise as next steps in the process:

1. The road up from the 'Hopton Triangle' to the top of the hill is officially unnamed. It is proposed that it should be formally named The Dene, as it is locally referred to by that name. There is only one property on this lane and it is proposed that they will be consulted with directly regarding whether they know the lane by any other name and whether they support the road being named 'The Dene'.
2. The lane from the main road up to the green lane and footpath that leads over to Brassington is officially unnamed. The Parish Council map says "the name of the lane is not agreed locally: 'The Town' and 'Pingle Lane' are in current use." Further investigation has found that it also appears as 'The Lane' on some maps. As there are a number of residents on this lane it is proposed that a consultation meeting will be convened in the spAce in order to allow residents to put their views forward. If a number of road names are put forward a vote for each name will be undertaken and recorded and this information will be passed on to DDDC.
3. The bridle way running from Wash Farm to Sheepwash carpark is known officially as 'Pingle Lane'. It is proposed that it should be called 'Muddy Lane' as it is locally referred to by that name. No houses are affected and therefore this will be proposed upon agreement of the Parish Council.
4. The District Council has suggested that we might want to offer residents close to the school the opportunity of naming the lane running to the school as 'School Lane'. It is proposed that a consultation meeting is convened in the spAce in order to allow residents to put their views forward. This will include a discussion as to whether 'School Lane' would extend from the fork in Main Street (adjacent to the old village green) or from the corner adjacent to the boules area, or that this road name remains unchanged as 'Back Lane'.
5. The road running from Greenacre Barn to Thornhill House is officially known as Back Lane and this will remain unchanged unless 'School Lane'

is added. Residents of Back Lane will be invited to join the consultation at the spAce regarding 'School Lane'.

6. The District Council has asked about the Wirksworth Road sign near Godfrey Hole, and how much of the B5035 this covers. Initially the views of the Parish Council will be sought and a decision then made regarding whether consultation on this would be beneficial.

**Financial Implications:** There will be the cost of new road signs

**Risk Implications:** There are risks associated with doing nothing as this may lead to further incidents of the emergency services being unable to locate properties in a timely manner. There is a risk that some residents will be unhappy with there being a change to their address and, or, postcode as a result of this process.