

Local Government

Dove Holes lies within the parish of Chapel-en-le-Frith and, as such, is under the administration of Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council. It also is governed by High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council. Despite several boundary changes, this is the same as it has been for many years.

The main comment which came forward from this section of the questionnaire was the lack of information and the feeling that people would like to know more about what the respective Councils are doing and what their money is being spent on.

Would you like more information about the activities of:

Chapel Parish Council

Yes:	211	No:	175
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High Peak Borough Council

Yes:	244	No:	128
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Derbyshire County Council

Yes:	189	No:	139
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The main comments are that people would like to know what each of the Councils do with the money collected from the residents and businesses of Dove Holes and how much is actually spent in Dove Holes. People would like to know what the proposals are for each of the Councils and what they all do locally and for Dove Holes specifically and who is responsible for what. The lack of information is a big issue and people feel that they are not being informed by the Councils about issues which affect them, for example planning decisions. A lot of residents felt that a newsletter would be helpful, even if it was just a quarterly update. Meetings should be both notified and reported on the village noticeboard and on a village website to allow people the chance to participate. There was a definite feeling that Dove Holes gets ignored by all the Councils until they hold an election or want more council tax from them. Council representatives are not widely known and people felt they should hold surgeries within the village.

There were several comments made about why Chapel Parish Council holds the purse strings for Dove Holes and what does the Parish Council do for Dove Holes. In the questionnaire people were asked whether they thought Dove Holes should have its own Parish Council. The response was:

Do you think Dove Holes should have its own Parish Council?

Yes: 221 No: 115

Action Points

- Ask councils to provide more information
- Research possibility of having own parish council