

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 8.00p.m.

Present: Councillors: James Metcalfe (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Sarah Helliwell, Julie Morten, Parish Clerk: Nick Faulks, and DCC Councillor Jocelyn Street.

Apologies for absence: HPBC Councillor Tony Favell. Belinda Critchlow.

Minutes of previous Annual Parish meeting on April 9th 2014

Minutes from the meeting of 9th April 2014 were proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Metcalfe; Seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, adopted and signed by Cllr. Metcalfe (Chair).

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Clerks report

The Clerks report was given by Nick Faulks as Clerk. He reported that in the year to March 2015 there were 11 regular and 1 extraordinary meetings of the Parish Council. No meeting were cancelled and there were no private meetings. A number of the meetings were attended by Edale's High Peak Borough Councillor, Tony Favell, Derbyshire County Council Councillor, Jocelyn Street and by a representative of Derbyshire Constabulary Hope Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team. During the year there have been Guest Speakers at 6 of the meetings and Edale residents have continued to attend. The Clerk has attended all 12 Parish Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting, for which he has distributed agendas, taken minutes, distributed written minutes and Ringing Roger summary, and provided Councillors with pre and post meeting information. On behalf of the Council the Clerk has corresponded with various authorities, agencies, residents, members of the public and contractors. The Clerk continues to research a variety of topics for the Council as required, including monitoring new legislation. The Clerk thanked the Councillors for all their help over the year.

Financial Report

The financial report was given by Nick Faulks as RFO. He reported that the Parish Council Accounts for 2013/2014 were audited both internally and externally with no adverse comments. The annual accounts for 2014/2015 have been approved by the Council and will be submitted for internal audit. Excluding the Edale Charities Car Park receipts of £5,331, the Council had an income of £5,861 and an expenditure of £5,976, giving a deficit of £115. The Annual Return will be submitted to the Audit Commission by the 8th June (Audit Date) for external auditing by Grant Thornton. The "Notice of appointment for the exercise of electors' rights" will be posted by the 24th April 2015. This gives any interested party the right to inspect the accounts and annual return, and these documents will be available for inspection, on application to the Clerk, from the 8th May to 5th June 2015. For the 2015/2016 period, the Council resolved to keep the Precept request from High Peak Borough Council the same as 2014/2015 resulting in a reduction in cost of 3.48% per Band D equivalent Household. The RFO continues to administer the HMRC Real Time Information (RTI) PAYE on behalf of the Council. The Council administers Edale Charities Car Park receipts on behalf of participating charities and, as reported previously, takings for 2014/15 were £5,331. This means that each of the five charities will benefit by £1,066.36. A word of appreciation must be given to all those who have manned the car park and especially those who have organised the rota.

Chairperson's report

The chairperson's report was given by James Metcalfe as Parish Council Chair, stating that over the past year the council have worked tirelessly, as always, in the face of increasingly stringent bureaucracy. Sitting on the council is sometimes a thankless task but all the councillors have acted with the utmost professionalism throughout the year. Not every decision made pleases everyone in the Parish but the Council have done their best to represent the parishioners. The Council have carried out footpath repairs to footpath 4 and work is ongoing on footpath 2. They have done their best to keep the highways running efficiently and smoothly in a difficult winter with Severn Trent water works. The council negotiated to ensure this was done with as little disruption as possible. The council once again facilitated the running of the charities car park and Belinda Critchlow was thanked for her fantastic efforts as always above and beyond the call of duty. On behalf of the Council thanks were also given to the regular attendees for their input and assistance especially councillors Tony Favell and Jocelyn Street and the Community police team PC Graham Mason and PSCO Steve Rodgers. As it is now the end of their four years as a Council, the Chair thanked his fellow councillors for the hard work they have put in. Three of the councillors are standing down and best wishes were given to them for the future and the remaining Councillors good luck for their next term, to carry on the good work they we have started. The Chair thanked Nick as a well organised Parish Clerk without who's help the last 12 months would not have run as smoothly.

Finally, 2015 saw the sad passing of Bob Kelly a wonderful supporter of the Council. A man who's knowledge was second to none. He will be sadly missed.

Any other business.

James Metcalfe, the retiring Chair of the Parish Council agreed to assist the Council in the specification and costing of footpath maintenance.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45pm.

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