

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 9.00p.m.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Julie Morten (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Rosie Rumble and Parish Clerk: Nick Faulks.

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Tony Favell, HPBC Councillors Sarah Helliwell, John Walton and Jim Perkins.

Minutes of previous Annual Parish meeting on 13th April 2016:

Minutes from the meeting of 13th April 2016 were proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert; Seconded by Cllr. Rumble, adopted and signed by Cllr. Morten (Chair).

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Clerks report and Financial Report:

A combined Clerks report and Financial report was given by Nick Faulks as Clerk. He reported that in the year to March 2017, there have been 11 regular and 1 extra-ordinary meetings of the Parish Council, with 6 apologies for absence from Councillors throughout the year. No meeting were cancelled and there were no private meetings. High Peak Borough and Derbyshire County Council Councillors were regular attendees. Regretfully no representatives of the Police were able to attend meetings but they regularly submitted written reports by email. During the year Edale residents have continued to attend meetings, and there have been Guest Speakers at 3 of the meetings. The Clerk attended the Annual Parish Meeting and 11 of the 12 Parish Council meetings, one missed due to illness. For these meetings he has distributed agendas, taken minutes, distributed written minutes and Ringing Roger summary, maintained the website 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 Council's web site www.edaleparishcouncil.org.uk has been kept up to date with published documents according to their Publication Scheme and the Transparency Code. A grant of £555.39 allowed the purchase of new computer equipment for the Council. The Clerk continues to research a variety of topics for the Council as required, including monitoring new legislation to ensure the Council is compliant.

As Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) he reported that the Parish Council Accounts for 2015/2016 were audited both internally and externally with no adverse comments and all procedural recommendations from the internal auditor have been actioned. The RFO and Council continue to enhance the financial procedures to ensure that all financial aspects of the council are correctly administered.

He also reported that the end of year accounts for 2016/2017 have been completed and put to the Council for approval. Excluding the Edale Charities Car Park receipts, the Council had an income of £5736 and an expenditure of £6570 giving a deficit of £834, but this includes expenditure of £455 from a grant leaving a deficit of £379. If you contra this with the surplus of £361 from last year, this deficit of £18

over the two years. The books and accounts will be submitted for internal audit. The Annual Return will then be submitted for external auditing by Grant Thornton by the 14th June.

For the 2017/2018 period, the Council resolved to keep zero % change to the precept request from the Borough Council, resulting in a reduction of 66 pence (or 2.07%) per Band D Equivalent Household.

The Council administers Edale Charities Car Park receipts on behalf of participating charities and takings for 2016/17 were an unprecedented £9,835.60, an increase of £1,257.94 from last year and an expenditure of £100.00 (wasp nest removal). This means that each of the six charities will benefit by £1,622.60. 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 Julie Morten as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, on behalf of Tony Favell, Chairman of the Parish Council. The Council has continued to do all in its power to help Edale to be a wonderful place to live and work. We have met on a monthly basis and maintained close contact with The Authorities responsible for our Valley services, with lots of cajolery and occasional gentle bullying to ensure our roads, loos, hedges, drains and railway are kept in good order. We are particularly pleased with the recent work on Mam Nick and the new footpath steps approaching the Church from Ollerbrook.

As before, we have been brilliantly supported by our hard working Clerk, Nick, and had great support from our Borough Councillor, Sarah Helliwell and our County Councillor, Jocelyn Street. We are also very grateful to Belinda Critchlow for organising the Charities' car park which raised £9,835.60 for local good causes and Julia Thompson for helping with round robin village emails as well as chairing the Village Hall Committee and to lots of other hard working residents too numerous to mention.

Any other business:

There were no items raised

With no further business, the meeting was closed

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