

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 8.00p.m.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Tony Favell (Chairman), Julie Morten, Cedric Gilbert, Rosie Rumble, Parish Clerk: Nick Faulks, and 10 members of the public.

Apologies for absence:

HPBC Councillor Sarah Helliwell and DCC Councillor Jim Perkins.

Minutes of previous Annual Parish meeting on 12th April 2017:

Minutes from the meeting of 12th April 2017 were proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Morten; Seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, adopted and signed by Cllr. Favell (Chairman).

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 2018, there have been 11 regular and 1 extra-ordinary meetings of the Parish Council, with 8 apologies for absence from Councillors throughout the year and 1 Councillor resignation. 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 Guest Speakers often attend meetings. The Clerk attended the Annual Parish Meeting and all 12 of the Parish Council meetings. For these meetings he has distributed agendas, taken minutes, distributed written minutes and Ringing Roger summaries, 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. 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) the Clerk reported that the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/2017 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 2017/2018 have been completed and put to the Council for preliminary approval. Excluding the Edale Charities Car Park receipts, the Council had an income of £5,493 and an expenditure of £7,137 giving a deficit of £1,644, but this includes expenditure of £959 on village projects and £210 expected grant from DCC leaving a deficit of £475. The books and accounts will be submitted for internal audit. Due to a change in legislation smaller authorities will normally be exempt from external audit, however the new "Annual Governance and Accountability Return" will be published and Public Rights have not changed.

For the 2018/2019 period, a 3% increase in the precept was request from the Borough Council, a rise of £135.81. With the tax base unchanged at 145, the charge per band D equivalent household for the Parish Council will be £32.16, an increase of £0.94. The Council administers Edale Charities Car Park receipts on behalf of participating charities and takings for 2017/18 were £8,060.00, a decrease of £1,775.60 from last year. This means that each of the six charities will benefit by £1,612.00. 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 Tony Favell as Chairman of the Parish Council. He reported that the Council had had a busy year, being kept busy with so many things going on in this wonderful valley. Fortunately, many residents give a lot of time to our community. Just a few examples are - the Village Hall Committee, Country Day Volunteers, the School Governors, the Bonfire Committee and the Church members. How fortunate we are.

The Council have kept the common land, the village benches and the notice boards in order and never left alone the County Council over road problems, the Borough Council over matters involving housing and the car park and the National Park Authority with planning issues and concerns arising from our popularity with visitors.

A big thank you to our clerk, Nick, for all his hard work and to our regular attendees, Councillors Sarah Helliwell and Jim Perkins, updates from PC Graham Mason and PSCO Steve Rogers and to many others too numerous to mention, who have helped with the charity overflow car park, litter picking, the Smart Water Project and in many other ways.

Public Speaking:

The matter of the condition of footpaths was raised, especially those paths used mainly by residents of the Parish. A hand drawn map was tabled and five sections of footpath were noted as requiring attention. The Council agreed to look at this in greater detail.

The matter of parking in the railway car park was raised and it was suggested that clearer signage is required. The Council agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting.

A request for The Orchard to join 2018/19 Charities Car Park beneficiaries was raised, however it was stated that the deadline for expressions of interest closed on the 13th of February and it would therefore not be appropriate for this year.

A discussion took place regarding parking in Grindsbrook. A number of options were discussed but all have their own inherent problems. It was agreed that the residents will form a working group to look at the options throughout the Parish. It was agreed that this group should include representatives from all Booths and the Parish Council. Any potential solution can be brought back to the Council for further discussion.

Any other business:

There were no items raised

With no further business, the meeting was closed

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