

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 8.00p.m.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Julie Morten (Chairman), Tony Favell, Cedric Gilbert, Rosie Rumble, Morgan Jackson, Parish Clerk: Nick Faulks, and 2 members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chairman Councillor Julie Morten.

Apologies for absence:

HPBC Councillor Sarah Helliwell and DCC Councillor Jim Perkins.

Minutes of previous Annual Parish meeting on 11th April 2018:

Minutes from the meeting of 11th April 2018 were proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert; Seconded by Cllr. Rumble, adopted and signed by Cllr. Morten (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.

In the year to March 2019, there have been 11 regular meetings of Edale Parish Council. There have been no extraordinary meetings and no meetings were cancelled. There have been 5 apologies for absence from Councillors throughout the year. 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 are occasionally invited.

The Clerk attended the Annual Parish Meeting and all 11 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 Parish Council Accounts for 2017/2018 were audited internally with no adverse comments. Due to change in legislation there is no requirement for an external audit for Councils with a total gross income and total gross expenditure below £25k and the required exemption certificate was submitted to the auditors PKF Littlejohn. The RFO and Council continue to enhance the financial procedures to ensure that all financial aspects of the council are correctly administered.

The end of year accounts for 2018/2019 have been completed and put to the Council for preliminary approval. Excluding the Edale Charities Car Park receipts, the Council had an income of £7,182 and an expenditure of £8,126 giving a deficit of £943, £246 over the budgeted overspend. This can be explained by the unbudgeted expenditure on the defibrillator maintenance and village "twinning" road signs. The books and accounts will be submitted to the internal audit on the 23rd April. The "Annual Governance and Accountability Return" and details of Public Rights will be published in due course as required.

For the 2019/2020 period, a 5.3% increase in the precept was request from the Borough Council, a rise of £247.13. With the tax base reduced by 2 at 143, the charge per band D equivalent household for the Parish Council will be £34.33, an increase of £2.17.

The Council administers Edale Charities Car Park receipts on behalf of participating charities and takings for 2018/19 were an unprecedented £12,300, an increase of £4,240 from last year. This is mainly due to the donations from the "Critchlow Field". All monies received on behalf of Edale Charities Car Park is paid out to the participating charities, and this means that each of the five charities will benefit by £2,460.00. A word of appreciation must be given to all those who have manned the car park and especially the organiser of the rota.

Chairperson's report:

The Chairperson's report was given by Julie Morten as Chairman of the Parish Council.

On the whole I believe it has been a productive year, although we are only small, between us we have achieved a lot. But our achievements are due to the help of other people and sources that we would be lost without.

Footpath issues are kept on record but this changes due to the weather conditions, we would like to thank the Wainwright family for managing the footpath under the bridge that always used to be flooded. Pot holes are reported to us, or we see them ourselves, and they are reported for filling.

The Rosie and the Council contributed to the remembrance day silhouette that was at the entrance to the car park.

DCC Jim Perkins helped with a grant for the beacon that was very kindly taken up and lit by Morgan, Miles, Richard and Ben. The gas was also obtained via HPBC. The wood bark for the play area was also funded by DCC Jim Perkins.

After many years and many letters we finally have a light at the Bungalows, a massive thank you to Jim Perkins for all his hard work to get it sorted.

The station lights and flooding of the tunnel are being resolved by Friends of Edale Station group, many thanks to Phil Rogers.

We now have two new Edale signs as we are now twinned with Kirk Yetholm at the other end of the Pennine Way.

The overflow car park has had a great year, which is a massive boost to the charities involved, a massive thank you to all that help manage and run it. Thanks especially to Belinda for sorting it all out and to Andrew who has been opening his field up to relieve the pressure on busy weekends.

The issue of cars and parking in the village should this year be better as, after a meeting on site, the go ahead is in place for renewing the single yellow line, new time plates will be put up so that parking can be, and will be, enforced. The area outside the school will also be re-marked.

There is a TRO (traffic regulation order) in progress for outside the Church to get legal parking there as it currently does not have any. This will be restricted to 2 hr maximum stay.

This will then be reviewed and if needs be, a sign may be put at the bottom of the village that could be opened at busy times to deter traffic coming up into the village.

Some new signs have already gone up at Upper Booth to try and help up there and some have been moved to make them more visible elsewhere in the valley.

Two of our Councillors are standing down this year, Tony and Rosie, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your help and support over the last year and wish you both well.

I must thank Jim Perkins on behalf of the council for everything he has helped us to achieve over the last year, we cannot thank you enough for your commitment to us.

To all my fellow Councillors thank you for all your work over the last year. At times being a Councillor is very stressful and frustrating, we all give our time freely to hopefully keep our village and community a great place to live but also to welcome those that come and visit that are not as lucky as we are to live here.

And last but not least to my right-hand man, Nick, who is without doubt the best Clerk. He keeps us on our toes and in line with everything we can do as a Council, he is truly the most valuable asset the Council has, thank you.

Public Speaking:

It was reported that the area around the noticeboard and bench in Grindsbrook is not looking its best. It was requested if the Parish Council could flatten that piece of land, providing access by two steps, and generally renovate the area.

A vote of thanks was given to Belinda Critchlow for her organisation of the Edale Charities Car Park.

Any other business:

There were no items raised

With no further business, the meeting was closed

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