

**EDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm.  
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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: Cllrs. Julie Morten (Chair), Joanna Collins, Cedric Gilbert, John Gould, Morgan Jackson, Tracy Thorpe (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.**

**21/09/1 Apologies for absence. DCC Cllr. Nigel Gourlay. Noted.**

**21/09/2 Declarations of interests. None.**

**21/09/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.** A local resident attended the meeting in her role as Renovation Co-ordinator for the proposed works at the Methodist Chapel in Barber Booth. She put forward the point that Chapel is in danger of going out of use if the current planning application is refused. The proposed work will provide water, drains, heating and parking to the Chapel without which they are unable to get public funding for any projects. The parking proposal is for 5 parking spaces to enable visitors from other regions and disabled users to have easier access without having to rely on the goodwill of local residents for parking. The new car park will not be for general public use and will be behind the Chapel gates. Two other members of the public attended to support the application.

**21/09/4 Chairman's announcements** (Not for discussion) DCC Cllr. Gourlay has forwarded information on potential funding available to Parish Councils for celebrations in 2022 for the Queen's platinum jubilee. Add to October agenda.

**21/09/5 Minutes of previous meetings.**

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were proposed for adoption as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Gould and seconded by Cllr. Collins. Adopted. Signed by Cllr. Morten as Chair.

**21/09/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).** A response has been received from PDNPA regarding the issue of a public footpath stile with no dog-gate (21/07/7.7) they have passed the matter on to the National Trust. Clerk to convey this response to the original complainant.

**21/09/7 Items for discussion/ decision.**

21/09/7.1 Asset register health & safety check (21/07/7.2). Cllr. Gould is in the process of completing this check. Carry forward to October agenda.

21/09/7.2 Red telephone box at Upper Booth

- (i) Glass replacement (21/03/6.1). Cllr. Jackson has replaced the glass and cleaned the inside of the box. It still needs washing and painting. October agenda.
- (ii) Proposal to place a map in the telephone box. Cllrs. all agreed that this is a good idea. Cllr. Gould will look into costs. October agenda.

21/09/7.3 High Peak Borough Council Consultation - Proposal to Cease Council Tax Benefit Support Payments. Following discussion of the outlined options, the Council unanimously agreed to back Option 3, the phasing out of the Grant over 2 years. Proposed by Cllr. Gilbert. Seconded by Cllr. Gould. Clerk to respond to the consultation.

21/09/7.4 Alternative venue required for January Parish Council meeting. This is due to the Village Hall being repainted. Cllr. Jackson offered to provide a venue. Details will be agreed nearer to the time.

21/09/7.5 Highways England A57 Link Road Scheme. The Council had a discussion on the implications of this development. Cllrs. Collins and Gould stated that in their opinion the scheme will increase traffic into the Peak Park and thus also into Hope Valley. Cllrs. Morten, Jackson and Gilbert stated that they believe it will ease the bottleneck of traffic through Mottram. After more discussion the Council remained split for and against this scheme. It was agreed that they should respond individually to the consultation. Clerk to convey this to Highways England.

21/09/7.6 Remembrance Day Wreath. The wreath will be obtained from the same RBL co-ordinator as last year. Clerk to pass on the request.

21/09/7.7 Consultation - S.211 Notification of works to trees in Edale Conservation Area. Due to the number of complaints received from local residents a Tree Protection Order (TPO) has been registered by PDNPA for the

woodland area at Edale Station. As this only refers to one part of the proposed works the Clerk is to contact the planning department for more information as to what will happen next.

### 21/09/8 Planning.

#### New Applications:

21/09/8.1 NP/HPK/0521/0508 Edale Methodist Church, Barber Booth, Edale. To re-point rather than re-render the east and north walls of the chapel. To build a wheelchair accessible pathway (1200mm wide) from the end of the existing paved path in front of the Chapel to the proposed accessible toilet facilities in the rear offshot. To build a low retaining wall behind the chapel alongside the new path to protect the back wall foundation (which is at higher level). Fitting a stove, the flue pipe of which would project through the church gable (west) then up through the rear roof slope of the schoolroom (and therefore not be visible from the front). The creation of an easily accessible, communal rear garden. Creation of a small car parking area at the front left of the building. This would involve moving and widening the existing gate posts.

Following the representation during ‘public speaking’ the Council discussed the proposed works and all were in agreement that the work in respect of providing water, drains and heating is essential and should be allowed to go ahead. In respect of the parking, whereas some of the Cllrs. viewed the proposed car park as important to the continuing operations of the Chapel and a benefit to the community in general, the point was also made that up until now the Chapel has operated without a dedicated car park. The question was raised as to whether the need for parking had been fully demonstrated and all other options properly explored. A vote was taken, and with 4 Councillors for and 1 against, Edale Parish Council will support this application. Clerk to report this to the Planning Authority.

#### Decisions:

21/09/8.2 NP/HPK/0621/0616 Edale House, Edale Road. Listed Building Consent. Move and reinstate gatepost 1m to the north-east. Granted conditionally. Noted.

### 21/07/9 Finance.

21/09/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2021/2022. Noted.

21/09/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

21/09/9.3 Bank signatories. The Clerk has received the necessary information from RBS to update the signatories on the bank account. It was resolved that the following changes be made to the current mandate;

- (i) Edale Parish Council members Joanna Collins and Morgan Jackson are to be ADDED to the current mandate as Authorised Signatories;
- (ii) Former Cllr. Anthony Favell is to be REMOVED from the mandate as an Authorised Signatory.

This resolution was proposed by Cllr. Cedric Gilbert, and seconded by Cllr. Julie Morten, both being Authorised Signatories on the current mandate. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Collins & Cllr. Jackson to complete the required paperwork.

21/09/9.4 Kaspersky Total Security annual renewal. Anti-virus protection for the Parish Council laptop. Paid by credit card by the Clerk, to be reimbursed. Cost £19.99. Approved.

21/09/9.5 Payroll – Clerk’s pay and expenses July & August 2021. Approved and signed by the Chair.

21/09/9.6 Invoices & Payments.

		Amount	Chq	Comment
i.	T Thorpe - Clerk	£279.57	1286	July payroll & expenses
ii.	David Howe Landscaping	£70.00	1287	Mowing R1 – 2 cuts @£35 July
iii.	T Thorpe - Clerk	£19.99	1288	Kaspersky Total Security – 1 year
iv.	Cheque spoilt	-	1289	Not issued
v.	Edale Village Hall	£30.00	1290	Meeting room June & July
vi.	T Thorpe - Clerk	£265.20	1291	August payroll & expenses

### 21/09/10 Items for information.

21/09/10.1 Highways & Footpath issues that have been reported in the parish

- (i) Dilapidated handrail/fence at path 32. This has been passed to the DCC Public Rights of Way Team.
- (ii) TRO – Chapelgate. No response has been received to the letter asking for the Byway Open to All Traffic sign to be removed or covered up (21/07/10.1(ii) ). Clerk to send another letter.
- (iii) The sign stopping people from using the broken footbridge at Footpath 8 has been removed. Clerk to report this to DCC Public Rights of Way team.

21/09/10.2 Village Hall committee. The petanque court is now open. Thank you to Breedon for their support. The Village Hall is to be painted in January. There is a possible £4,000 repair to the play equipment coming up but overall the Village Hall is in a good financial position.

21/09/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park. Due to wet weather the car park was in operation only 4 out of 10 possible days in August, plus 1 wedding booking. Income for August £1762. Days used up to end of August 33 out of 56. Network Rail have now moved their equipment allowing for more car parking spaces.

21/09/10.4 DALC Circulars and training. September Newsletter circulated for information. The Clerk is continuing to attend the monthly DALC Clerk's Forum.

21/09/10.5 Hope Valley Parishes Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Collins attended. She reported on the main discussion on misuse of trails and footpaths by mountain bikers. It was mentioned that this problem is getting worse partly due to electric bike users. This issue is to be taken forward together with Peak Park Parishes Forum, DCC and PDNPA. Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October, a representative from Sustrans will speak. Cllr. Collins will be chairing the meeting, Cllr. Gould will also attend.

21/09/10.6 Peak Park Parishes Forum, AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> September, also the Parishes Day meeting. Cllr. Collins will attend. Topics will include Peak Park strategic planning.

21/09/10.7 PDNPA Conversion of Historic Buildings SPD Consultation. Cllr. Collins reported that this had been discussed at the Peak Park Parishes Forum. There is a move towards the planning strategy being more flexible about changes relating to energy efficiency and also about conversions to other uses.

**21/09/11 Correspondence (circulated).** All noted and no action required unless otherwise stated.

21/09/11.1 Hope Valley Climate Action: August Newsletter

21/09/11.2 High Peak W.A.R. on Fly Tipping Campaign

**21/09/12 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday	October	13th	Regular Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	8:00pm
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