

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7:00pm.
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Minutes

PRESENT: Cllrs. Julie Morten (Chair), Joanna Collins, Cedric Gilbert, John Gould, Morgan Jackson. DCC. Cllr. Nigel Gourlay. Tracy Thorpe (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

21/12/1 Apologies for absence. None

21/12/2 Declarations of interests. None

21/12/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.

- (i) DCC Cllr. Gourlay reported that there had been several incidences of flooding and power outages in the area during the month, the worst power-cut lasting 7 days. However, nothing had been reported from Edale.
- (ii) HPBC Cllr. Collins passed on an apology from HPBC for the recent disruptions to bin collections. The details for Christmas bin collections will soon be published. She also mentioned that the Buxton regeneration project is ongoing.
- (iii) A village resident attended to voice his objection to the planning application for Upper Booth Farm submitted by the National Trust (item 21/12/8.1). He said that he hopes that the Parish Council would oppose the development of the site by the NT in order to support the current tenant, as historically the campsite facility has been part of the tenancy.
- (iv) The owner of The Meads attended regarding his current planning application (item 21/12/8.2). He stated that they had undertaken pre-planning consultation and had followed advice to make the proposed development smaller. He said that the 2 mature trees that need to be moved can hopefully be done successfully, and that the plans are for a ‘traditional’ build in keeping with the surroundings.

21/12/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion) None.

21/12/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting of 10th November 2021 were proposed for adoption as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Adopted. Signed by Cllr. Morten as Chair.

21/12/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting). None

21/12/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

21/12/7.1 Applications for DCC funding for Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022. Carried forward to January.

21/12/7.2 Asset register health & safety check. Carried forward to January.

21/12/7.3 Review of policies and procedures. The Clerk reported that the reviews are underway.

21/12/7.4 Recycling bins for visitors. There was a discussion about the problem of recycling bins getting contaminated with other waste. However, it was agreed that it would be worth trying two in the village for plastic drinks bottles only, with very clear signage to try to prevent the contamination problem - one in the car park and one outside the school. These could be purchased by the Parish Council or they may be funded from grants. Clarification is needed on the cost and process of emptying the bins. Cllr. Collins will investigate further. Clerk to add this to the January agenda.

21/12/7.5 Letter from local resident re: security lights concern. A letter had been received expressing concern at “an increased number of very bright security lights going up around the village”. The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council cannot comment on this as a general issue, and that the first course of action for anyone with a specific concern about a particular light affecting their own property should be to speak with the neighbour who owns that light. The Council did agree that excessive lighting can be a nuisance and confirmed that they will give careful consideration to lighting implications in future planning applications. The resident also raised a question about whether Edale has a special ‘dark spot’ status. The Clerk will look into this and report back at the January meeting. The Clerk will also reply to the correspondent.

21/12/7.6 Letter from local resident re: road layout near Edale Station. A member of the public has expressed concern about the junction at the turning to Edale Station. The Council stated that it has been there over 10 years and past discussions with Highways confirm that it cannot be changed back as it was with the priority road being

straight up into the village. It was mentioned that the change had been initiated to limit traffic entering the village, and whilst that may not be totally successful it does slow traffic down at that point. Further discussion ensued regarding the faded road markings, and the possibility of better signage and ‘visual indications’ to make drivers aware that the priority is towards the station. The Clerk will contact DCC Highways with these issues, and re-list this item on the January agenda. The Clerk will also relay this information to the correspondent.

21/12/7.7 Letter from local resident re: provision of grit bins along Hardenclough bridleway. The resident stated in his letter that it would be useful to have grit bins along the bridleway as currently grit gets left in a pile and can get washed away. The Council agreed to try to obtain two through DCC. The Clerk is to reply to the correspondent and send the locations to DCC Cllr. Gourlay who will put in the request.

21/12/8 Planning.

New Applications:

21/12/8.1 NP/HPK/1121/1197 Upper Booth Farm, Upper Booth, Edale. Works to enable use of existing campsite barn as visitor reception with ancillary food and drink sales, camping barn (retained) and staff flat: installation of Air Source Heat Pump, two wood burner flues, doors, roof lights, ecological mitigation and alterations to site drainage.

During a discussion Councillors raised concerns regarding this application in respect to the following points (a) This farm is tenanted, and historically the campsite management and income fell to the tenant. This development of the campsite by the National Trust changes that. Edale Parish Council feel that without the additional income of the campsite the farm would not be viable for a tenant, thus removing the potential for a farming family to live and work here. This contravenes ‘local needs’ in what is traditionally a farming community. (b) The development, particularly of a ‘shop’ facility, will increase traffic flow along the single-track road up to Upper Booth. This is already an issue in the summer months causing major problems for the residents of Upper Booth. (c) The additional lighting required would substantially increase light pollution in this dark sky area. It was unanimously agreed that Edale Parish Council object to this application. Clerk to convey this information to the Planning Authority

21/12/8.2 NP/HPK/1121/1225 The Meads, Unnamed Road from Hope Road to Stonecroft, Edale, Erection of outbuildings with accommodation incidental to main house, exercise pool, greenhouse and garden store.

Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Edale Parish Council are in support of this application, but suggest that a lighting plan is included to ensure that the development will not result in excessive light pollution. Clerk to convey this information to the Planning Authority.

Withdrawn Applications:

21/12/8.3 NP/HPK/0521/0499 Ollerbrook Farm, Ollerbrook, Edale. Proposed conversion of barn to ancillary dwelling. Application withdrawn. Noted.

Decisions:

21/12/8.4 NP/HPK/0921/0998 Cotefield Farm, Ollerbrook, Edale. Portal frame steel building extension to house sheep, fodder & equipment. Granted Conditionally. Noted.

21/12/9 Finance.

21/12/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2021/2022. Noted.

21/12/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

21/12/9.3 2022/2023 Draft budget preliminary review. The Clerk presented the first draft of a proposed budget for the financial year 2022-2023. The preliminary budget was approved with the addition of £200 for the purchase of two recycling bins for the village. The Clerk will re-draft the budget for approval and signing at the January meeting.

21/12/9.4 2022/2023 Precept preliminary discussion. It was agreed to increase the precept by a small percentage with the objective of balancing the budget, and also to begin to build a surplus in order to fund future village projects. The Clerk will provide the final figures for approval and signing at the January meeting.

21/12/9.5 Payroll – Clerk’s pay and expenses November 2021. Approved and signed by the Chair.

21/12/9.6 Invoices & Payments. Noted.

		Amount	Chg	Comment
i.	T. Thorpe - Clerk	£282.21	1300	November payroll & expenses
ii.	David Howe Landscaping	£35.00	1301	Mowing R1 – 1 cut October

21/12/10 Items for information.

21/12/10.1 Highways & Footpath issues that have been reported in the parish. The Clerk reported that no responses have yet been received to the reporting of issues (i) to (iv)

- (i) Broken footbridge at Footpath 8

- (ii) Dilapidated handrail/fence at Footpath 32
- (iii) Road slip – on right hand side of road up towards Mam Nick
- (iv) Overhanging branches – Edale Road between Carr House Farm and Harrop Farm

Clerk to follow-up these four issues, and copy DCC Cllr. Gourlay on the letters.

- (v) RoW Minor Maintenance Grant – quotes for works to footpath 32. No quotes received as yet. Clerk to write to the contractors to let them know the importance of the timeframe.
- (vi) Cllr. Morten reported an issue that had been brought to her attention regarding a blocked field drain causing water to run off onto the road at the lower end of the Mam Nick road. The Clerk is to report this to Highways.

21/12/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Gould reported that the painting of the Village Hall is set to go ahead on schedule in January. The latest Committee meeting has been postponed.

21/12/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park report. Cllr. Gould reported that the car park was not used in November.

21/12/10.4 Investigation into community EV charging points. Carried forward to January.

21/12/10.5 Green Space Dark Skies event. The Clerk reported no further news on this event. The Council's objections to the event have been forwarded to the PDNPA.

21/12/10.6 Licences for objects in the highway. Noted.

21/12/10.7 DALC Circulars and training. All noted, no action required.

- (i) November newsletter (No.2)
- (ii) December newsletter
- (iii) Civility & Respect newsletter

21/12/10.8 Severn Trent scheme at Mill Cottages finished – feedback invited. Cllr. Collins pointed out that the original scheme included the promise of local wildflowers and grasses to be planted on the site at the conclusion of the works. She reported that a mix of wildflowers and grasses had been planted but this did not seem appropriate to the locality. Contrary to Severn Trent's report, some of what has been planted is not yet growing properly, partly due to some stone dumped on the bank. The Clerk will send this feedback to Severn Trent.

21/12/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no action required unless otherwise stated.

21/12/11.1 HVCA – Travelling Light

21/12/11.2 20's Plenty for Derbyshire - update

21/12/12 Date of next meeting

*Please note change of venue due to temporary closure of Edale Village Hall

Wednesday	January	12th	Regular Parish Council Meeting	Newfold Farm Café	8:00pm
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