

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
at Newfold Farm Cafe on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 8:00pm.
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DRAFT Minutes

PRESENT: Cllrs. Julie Morten (Chair), Joanna Collins, Cedric Gilbert, John Gould. Tracy Thorpe (Clerk)

22/01/1 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr. Morgan Jackson, and DCC Cllr. Nigel Gourlay. Noted.

22/01/2 Declarations of interests. None.

22/01/3 Public speaking. Cllr. Collins reported, in her role as HPBC Cllr., that High Peak still have grants available for local organisations to benefit local communities.

22/01/4 Chairman's announcements (Not for discussion) None.

22/01/5 Minutes of previous meetings. Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting of 8th December 2021 were proposed for adoption as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Gould. Adopted. Signed by Cllr. Morten as Chair.

22/01/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting). None

22/01/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

22/01/7.1 Applications for DCC funding for Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022. The Clerk is to contact DCC Cllr. Gourlay to find out what information is needed for this funding. It was agreed that the Chair will set up a village meeting to be held in February to discuss fundraising and events for the Jubilee. The information regarding the meeting will be put into Ringing Roger asking for volunteers to attend, as people will be needed to help with the organisation. The Parish Council will apply for a road closure for the day. The Clerk is to gather the paperwork for this.

22/01/7.2 Asset register health & safety check. Carried forward to February

22/01/7.3 Review of policies and procedures. The Clerk will present a full list of existing policies and their current status at the February meeting.

22/01/7.4 Recycling bins for visitors. The Clerk reported that she has included costs for this in the proposed budget, comprising purchase cost and emptying fee. The Council discussed the environmental and community benefits of this project but agreed that the difficulty will lie with the emptying of the bins. One solution may be to have a large commercial recycling bin in collaboration with another village organisation. It was agreed that the logistics of this project need further discussion Carried forward to February.

22/01/7.5 Light pollution. A village resident had previously asked a question about whether Edale has a 'Dark Sky' status (21/12/7.5). The Clerk reported that she had looked into this and found out that Edale has no special status. The Clerk will relay this information to the resident.

22/01/7.6 Letter from resident re: hens on the road. The Parish Council have no power to act in this case. One of the Councillors will advise the complainant on this issue.

22/01/7.7 Complaint from resident re: badly cut hedges. Edale Parish Council have no direct responsibility for hedges and the hedge in question was not cut by a HPBC contractor. The Council discussed the fact that by law hedges along the side of roads need to be cut every year. The Clerk is to contact the complainant to ask if they wish for their formal complaint to be passed on to Network Rail.

22/01/7.8 Police & Crime Commissioner - Budget Consultation 2022/23. The survey is for individual participation for Derbyshire residents. Clerk to share on Edalelist.

22/01/7.9 Climate Change Workshop - invitation to attend – 19th January 2022. Either Cllr. Collins or the Clerk will attend and report back at the February meeting.

22/01/7.10 Community EV charging points. The Council agreed to ask Cllr. Collins, in her role as HPBC Councillor, to approach HPBC with regard to the possibility of installing an EV charging point in the car park.

22/01/8 Planning.

New Applications:

22/01/8.1 **NP/HPK/1221/1307** Rose Cottage, Hope Road, Edale. Rebuild of existing dilapidated garage to slightly bigger footprint to allow greater storage capacity. The Councillors discussed this proposal. Edale Parish Council are in support of this application. Clerk to convey this to the planning authority.

22/01/8.2 **NP/HPK/1221/1308** Rose Cottage, Hope Road, Edale. Proposed lambing shed for an existing flock of sheep which will grow in number next lambing season. The Councillors consider that the proposed development is out of proportion for the site (layout and density of buildings) and will have significant visual impact from the road (design and appearance). Edale Parish Council object to this application. Clerk to convey this to the planning authority.

Decisions:

None. Noted.

22/01/9 Finance.

22/01/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2021/2022. Noted.

22/01/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

22/01/9.3 Third quarter budget review 2021/2022. Noted.

22/01/9.4 2022/2023 Proposed budget. The Clerk tabled the revised budget. This comprised expenditure as agreed at the previous meeting plus the addition of £200 to purchase recycling bins for the village, and the inclusion of £300 as the estimated annual cost of emptying the bins. These inclusions bring the budget expenditure for 2022/2023 to £7284.46. This final draft of the budget was approved unanimously and will be drawn up by the Clerk to be signed at the February meeting.

22/01/9.5 2022/2023 Precept request. The Clerk presented 4 options for the precept request. The amount required to balance the budget, with no need to use any reserved funds, would require a 12.6% increase on the previous year. This was discussed and decided to be too high for one year, however it was agreed that an increase was necessary in order to maintain some cash reserve for future village projects, and with a view to balancing the budget next year. A 7% increase was proposed by Cllr. Morten and seconded by Cllr. Collins. Carried unanimously. The Clerk calculated that with a tax base of 143 (1 up on last year) this increase will result in a Band D precept charge of £40.63, a 6.3% increase equating to £2.40 per household. The Chair and Clerk signed the Precept Request Form.

22/01/9.6 Payroll – Clerk’s pay and expenses December 2021. Approved and signed by the Chair

22/01/9.7 Invoices & Payments

		Amount	Chq	Comment
i.	T Thorpe (Clerk)	£281.43	1302	December pay & expenses
ii.	Julie Morten	£80.00	1303	Re-imburement for parish Christmas tree
iii.	A.K Web Design	£28.78	1304	Website domain name renewal fee

22/01/10 Items for Information

22/01/10.1 Highways & Footpath issues that have been reported in the parish

- (i) Updates on outstanding Highways & Footpath issues from December. Updates reported were (a) response from DCC regarding landslip near top of road to Mam Nick, but no action as yet (b) response from Network Rail re: overhanging branches, but no action as yet (c) bridge at footpath 8 – work on new bridge almost completed (d) no response re: dilapidated handrail at footpath 32. The Clerk will continue to monitor these issues and update when action has been taken.
- (ii) RoW Minor Maintenance Grant – quotes for works to footpath 32. No quotes received. The Clerk will follow up with contractors as the work needs to be completed before the end of the financial year.
- (iii) Previously reported blocked field drain at lower end of Mam Nick. The Chair reported that the run-off from this is now causing a pothole in the road. The Clerk will report the pothole to DCC and contact the landowner regarding the blocked drain.
- (iv) New report of an issue with the road falling away on the south side of Edale Road past Skinners Hall going towards the village. Cllr. Gould will provide the Clerk with a photograph. Clerk to send report to DCC.

22/01/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Gould reported the Village Hall was currently closed for painting, that a DCC grant had been applied for to repair the playground equipment and that proposals for other outside equipment were being considered.

22/01/10.3 Investigation into community EV charging points. The Clerk apologised that this item had been included twice in error (see item 22/01/7.1)

22/01/10.4 Green Space Dark Skies event. This event has now been cancelled in Edale.

22/01/10.5 Minor road traffic offense reporting. Reports should now be made online. The Clerk will circulate the information on Edalelist.

22/01/10.6 New PCSO contact. Edale Neighbourhood Watch report that there is a new PCSO contact for the area. The Clerk will send them a general invitation to Parish Council meetings

22/01/10.7 Breedon Community Liaison Meeting report. The meeting had been attended by Andrew Critchlow and Phil Rodgers on behalf of the Parish Council. They reported that nothing had come up that was specific to Edale. They will do a summary for inclusion in Ringing Roger.

22/01/10.8 Severn Trent scheme closure re: wildflower planting. Severn Trent sent more information regarding the planting at the site and said that they will continue to monitor the establishment of wildflowers and grasses. Noted.

22/01/10.9 DALC Circulars and training. Noted.

(i) DALC Newsletters

(ii) Covid 'Plan B' guidance for Parish Councils

22/01/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless otherwise stated.

22/01/11.1 DCC Community News – December (x 2)

22/01/11.2 20's Plenty update

22/01/11.3 Hope Valley Climate Action newsletter - January

22/01/11.4 The BOG Standard - Moors for the Future Partnership

22/01/12 Date of next meeting

Wednesday	February	9th	Regular Parish Council Meeting	Edale Village Hall	8:00pm
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