

**EDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 8:00pm.**  
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**MINUTES**

**Present: Cllrs. Julie Morten (Chair), John Gould, Joanna Collins. Tracy Thorpe (Clerk)**

**22/03/1 Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Morgan Jackson. Noted. Cllr. Cedric Gilbert. Noted.

**22/03/2 Declarations of interests.** None.

**22/03/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.**

- (i) Mr Steven Platt attended on behalf of Hope Valley Climate Action. He gave a short talk based on the results of a renewable energy survey carried out by HVCA at the start of this year, to better understand opinions about renewables in the Hope Valley. 679 people had responded to the survey. In brief the survey identified that in general there is a positive attitude to large-scale renewables, but within the Peak Park planning policy is a barrier to progress. It is estimated that the amount of electricity that will be needed by 2040 is 3-times what it is now. HVCA are lobbying Parish Councils for support in their talks with the Peak Park to change planning policies in favour of renewables. Edale Parish Council are in support of this.
- (ii) Cllr. Collins reported on points of discussion at a recent HPBC meeting. (a) a proposal for a Handy Van Service, to provide practical support for older and vulnerable people in the community (b) private renting enforcement standards. HPBC are working with landlords to ensure privately rented homes are of a decent standard (c) a request for a proper briefing to clarify parking regulations and enforcement.
- (iii) A request received from a resident to consider a tree being planted in memory of her late mother will be added to the agenda for discussion in April.

**22/03/4 Chairman's announcements** (Not for discussion) A new planning application received too late for this agenda will be included on the April agenda. NP/HPK/0222/0277. Ollerbrook Farm. Listed building consent – insertion of windows.

**22/03/5 Minutes of previous meetings.**

Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 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.

**22/03/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).** None

**22/03/7 Items for discussion/ decision.**

**22/03/7.1 Platinum Jubilee celebrations & application for funding.**

- (i) Cllr. Morten reported that no-one had turned out for the Jubilee events planning meeting held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February (rescheduled from the original date due to illness and bad weather). Whilst this was disappointing several people have since come forward to volunteer to help. There will be a village picnic on the Sunday with various activities after the church service. A photographer will take a group photograph. Plans are still being developed. More volunteers are requested.
- (ii) A plan was put forward to apply for funding to help with the Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed that the Clerk will submit applications for £500 from HPBC's Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund and for £650 from DCC's Members Community Leadership Scheme through DCC Cllr. Gourlay.

**22/03/7.2 Asset register health & safety check.** Cllr. Gould has completed the check. He reported that little has changed in the two years since the last review. There are four outstanding repairs none of which are urgent or will lead to an unsafe condition in the near future. Noting that no maintenance has been carried out on the assets in the last two years he suggested that a maintenance plan should be included in the annual budget. To start this process the Clerk is to obtain quotes to service all the noticeboards, stating a price per board.

**22/03/7.3 Policy review**

- (i) Notification of Pecuniary and Other Interests. Approved. Signed by the Chair.
- (ii) Lone Working Policy. Approved. Signed by the Chair.
- (iii) Data Protection Policy. Not approved. The Clerk is to check with DALC for an updated GDPR model document

**22/03/7.4 Recycling bins for visitors.** It was agreed that a single bin would be bought to trial this scheme. An 84-litre bin with a small round hole for plastic bottles was chosen. The Clerk is to organise the purchase, and look at options for signage. Estimated cost for the bin and base only, £153 plus VAT.

**22/03/7.5 Action to support the call for remote/hybrid meetings.** In response to a call from the SLCC to support the ongoing campaign to allow councils in England to have the choice to hold remote and/or hybrid meetings, the Council passed the

following motion. ‘This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5<sup>th</sup> January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.’ Proposed by Cllr. Collins, Seconded by Cllr. Gould. Carried unanimously. Clerk to draft the letter for signature at the April meeting.

22/03/7.6 Clerk’s SLCC membership. The Clerk stated that whilst the Society for Local Council Clerks membership was useful for her first year in the post, she did not feel in necessary to subscribe for another year, as DALC provide excellent support. Agreed. Cost saving of £85.

22/03/7.7 Issues with low-flying helicopters causing disturbance to farm animals. A discussion was had on reports that farm animals and wildlife are being disturbed by the proliferation of low-flying helicopters in the valley at dusk and after dark. A letter will be sent to Buxton Mountain Rescue and Bristow Search and Rescue Operations to discover if this is training or actual events. Cllr. Collins will also raise this subject at the Hope Valley Parishes Forum.

22/03/7.8 Edale Parish Council email addresses for Councillors. The Clerk will look into the possibility of setting up dedicated Council email addresses for those Councillors who wish to have them.

22/03/7.9 HPBC Consultation - Supplementary Planning Document - Issues and Options. The Council has ‘no comment’ on this document.

22/03/7.10 PDNP Planning policy on affordable housing. The Peak Park Parishes Forum are seeking views from Parishes on the PDNP’s application of Development Management Policies in respect to applications for new affordable housing by individuals seeking to meet their own housing needs. The Council agreed that if the policy restricts a single applicant to building a single person dwelling, without regard for their future family status, then it should be challenged as unreasonable. The Clerk is to report this back to PPPF.

22/03/7.11 Village Oil Consortium. Cllr. Gould tabled the idea of a Village Oil Consortium to get lower prices for Edale residents. It was agreed that this is a good idea but it would need a lot of organising. Cllr. Gould will put an advert in Ringing Roger to try to find someone interesting in running this.

22/03/7.12 PCSO Neighbourhood policing survey. The PCSO for Edale has asked for input from the Parish Council to help to set priorities for neighbourhood policing. The Councillors cited three issues for consideration: joy riders in the village car park; thefts from sheds and outbuildings; dangerous parking. The Clerk will relay this to PCSO Findlay-Wilson.

## 22/03/8 Planning.

**New Applications:** None. Noted

### **Amendments to Existing Applications:**

22/03/8.1 NP/HPK/1121/1197 - Upper Booth Campsite. Works to enable use of existing campsite barn as visitor reception with ancillary food and drink sales, (camping barn retained), and installation of two wood burner flues, recessed glazing to barn doors, glazed door to north elevation, ecological mitigation and alterations to site drainage. The Parish Council have ‘no additional comments’ on this application. Clerk to send this response to the Planning Department

### **Decisions:**

22/03/8.2 NP/HPK/1221/1307. Rose Cottage Hope Road, Edale. Rebuild of existing dilapidated garage to slightly bigger footprint to allow greater storage capacity. Granted Conditionally. Noted.

22/03/8.3 NP/HPK/0921/0948. Broadlee, Barber Booth, Edale. Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling. Granted Conditionally. Noted.

## 22/03/9 Finance.

22/03/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2021/2022. Noted.

22/03/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

22/03/9.3 Month 11 budget report. The Clerk reported that the accounts as at month 11 are generally in line with the budget, with no unexpected variances. There is £170 left in the budget for donations under section 137 spending which could be used for something related to the Jubilee.

22/03/9.4 Payroll – Clerk’s pay and expenses February 2022. Approved and signed by the Chair.

22/03/9.5 Invoices & Payments

		Amount	Chq	Comment
i.	T Thorpe (Clerk)	£280.11	1306	February pay & expenses

22/03/9.6 RBS Bank Signatories. The Clerk reported that attempts to register the new signatories on the bank mandate online have failed. She has printed out the required forms and drafted an accompanying letter to the bank to be signed by the two existing signatories, Cllr. Morten and Cllr. Gould, plus the two new signatories, Cllr. Collins and Cllr. Jackson.

22/03/9.7 Edale Charities Car Park

- (i) Distribution of funds 2021/22. The distribution of funds can not be finalised as it is anticipated that there will be further income in March. Currently each of the five beneficiaries are in line for approximately £3,000. The final distribution will be confirmed at the April meeting.
- (ii) Expressions of interest for beneficiaries 2022/23. Five charities have sent their expressions of interest: Friends of Edale School, Edale Parish Church; Edale Methodist Church; Stepping Stones Nursery; Edale Village Hall. All approved. Cllr. Collins is contacting ‘Edale Charities’ to ask if they would also like to take part. The Clerk is to check with DCC as to the number of days to be allowed under the licence for the coming year – either 28 or 56.

22/03/9.8 Appointment of internal auditor. Mr John Marriott was proposed as the internal auditor by Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Gould. Carried unanimously. The Clerk will send him notice of his appointment.

**22/03/10 Items for Information**

22/03/10.1 Highways & Footpath issues that have been reported in the parish

- (i) Updates on outstanding Highways & Footpath issues from February. The Clerk has now set up an Edale Parish Council account for fault reporting. No further information has been received on outstanding issues.
- (ii) RoW Minor Maintenance Grant. The work to footpath 32 has now been completed. Form 2 was signed by the Chair. Clerk to send the completed Form 2 and the Parish Council’s invoice to the Public Rights of Way team before the end of March.
- (iii) Rotten footbridge on path between Barber Booth and Hardenclough. Fault reported by a member of the public. Clerk to pass report on to the PRow Team.
- (iv) Crack in Mam Nick Road above Upper Holt Farm. This report has been upgraded to ‘urgent’, but no notice has been received that anyone from Highways has been out to inspect this. The Clerk is to follow it up.

22/03/10.2 Other Highways Information

- (i) Capital programme schemes in Chapel & Hope Valley. Noted.
- (ii) Member suggestions for Annual Engineer’s Inspection (AEI) survey 2022. It was unanimously agreed that the road up to Mam Nick should be put forward for consideration. The Clerk will pass this information on.

22/03/10.3 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Gould reported that negotiations for approximately £10,000 of toddlers play equipment are currently underway. It is hoped to be in place by July.

22/03/10.4 Edale Charities Car Park

- (i) Report on income & usage. Car park income up to the end of February is £14,757, with another £650 already taken in March and several days still available to be used. Cllr. Gould praised the volunteers but said that more people are always needed. He will have a meeting with all the beneficiaries for the coming year to discuss this.
- (ii) Cllr Gould reported that there had been a negative interaction with Network Rail due to them delivering equipment to the station yard during car park operations.
- (iii) Cllr. Gould requested reimbursement of £40 for printing costs as he has been printing all the car park tickets on his personal printer. He also requested approval to purchase a mobile phone and sim card to run the app for the card payment reader, at a cost of approximately £100. Both these items were approved. It was agreed that these operational costs will be paid for from the car park income.

22/02/10.5 Special Parish Forum - Discussion around Electric Vehicle Charging Points. In response to a DCC consultation with HPBC, Cllr. Collins, in her role as HPB Councillor, reported that she had suggested Edale and Castleton as potential sites for EV charging points.

22/03/10.6 Edale Parish Council response to Landscapes Review. The response Cllr. Collins had sent on behalf of the Parish Council (22/02/7.5) has been circulated to all members. Noted.

22/03/10.7 Hope Valley Parishes Meeting - footpaths and trails – 15<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. Gould will attend and report at the April meeting.

22/03/10.9 DALC Circulars and training

- (i) DALC Newsletters (x2). Noted.
- (ii) DALC Spring Seminar April 5<sup>th</sup> – Chesterfield. Cllr. Collins asked the Clerk to send her the invitation details.
- (iii) Climate Action support for Parish Councils. Noted.

22/03/10.10 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting in April. Arrangements agreed as below (item 22/03/12). The Clerk will post a notice in Ringing Roger, on the parish noticeboards and on the Parish Council website

**22/03/11 Correspondence (circulated).** All noted and no action required unless otherwise stated.

22/03/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (x2)

22/03/11.2 Hope Valley Climate Action newsletter

22/03/11.3 Great British Spring Clean 2022

22/03/11.4 Help set policing priorities in High Peak – public survey

**22/03/12 Dates of next meetings**

Wednesday	April	13 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Parish Council Meeting	Edale Village Hall	7:00pm
Wednesday	April	13 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	Edale Village Hall	8:00pm

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