

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8th June at 8:00pm.
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Julie Morten, Cedric Gilbert, John Gould. Tracy Whitley (Clerk).
DCC Cllr. Nigel Gourlay.

22/06/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Morgan Jackson. Accepted.

22/06/2 Declarations of interests. None.

22/06/3 Public speaking – max 10 min. DCC Cllr. Gourlay reported that the grant money for the Village Hall playground equipment will be transferred in the next few days.

22/06/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion). Cllr. Collins thanked Cllr. Morten for her hard work as Chair over the past four years. She also thanked her for organising the village Jubilee events which were a great success.

22/06/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 11th May 2022. Proposed by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Gould. Signed by Cllr. Collins as Chair.

22/06/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting). None

22/06/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

22/06/7.1 Policies and Procedures

- (i) Statement on Internal Control review and approval. The Clerk reported that she is working on this review and also changes to the Data Protection Policy. Carried forward to July.

22/06/7.2 Platinum Jubilee celebrations & funding (22/03/7.1). Cllr. Morten said that the Jubilee ‘picnic’ had been held in the Village Hall due to bad weather, but had been a very enjoyable occasion with a good turn out. She thanked all those who had helped, with a special mention going to Andrew and Anita Critchlow, and Paul & Michelle McIntyre. The Clerk is to send a letter to Neil Coverley to thank him for doing the photography on the day. Most of the Jubilee mugs have been given out to the village children, Cllr. Morten will distribute the rest. She reported that there was some of the celebration prosecco left and this would be stored by the Parish Council until the next village event. Cllr. Morten handed bills for expenses to the Clerk for payment – see item 22/06/9.5 (iii)

22/06/7.3 Edale Horticultural Society request to plant a tree for the Jubilee (22/05/7.9). Cllr. Morten had spoken with the EHS and they had agreed that there was space at Barber Booth for two commemorative trees – one funded by the Parish Council and the other by EHS. The Parish Council tree will be a mature specimen funded by the Jubilee grants. Both trees will be planted at the end of the year. Cllr. Morten will liaise with EHS on the exact placement of the trees and the commemorative ‘Queen’s Green Canopy’ plaque, which is to be mounted on an oak backing.

22/06/7.4 Pre-submission Consultation Vision4Whaley on behalf of Whaley Bridge Town Council. It was decided that ‘no comment’ was to be submitted to this consultation.

22/06/7.5 Letter from resident re: management of the Old Churchyard. A resident complained that the Old Churchyard has recently been strimmed and that particularly at this time of year this is not good for birds, small mammals, invertebrates and plants that live in that habitat. A point was made that the Churchyard vegetation should be maintained to some extent to show respect to the graves there. However, the Council agreed that the timing is poor and the Clerk will send a letter to HPBC asking that the strimming is done much later in the year, after wildflower and nesting seasons.

Cllr. Collins reported that the Old Churchyard wall has now been mended by HPBC.

22/06/7.6 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2022-23

- (i) Intention to participate - deadline 24th June. Clerk to send letter of intention to participate for 2022-23

- (ii) Proposed works for 2022-23. Cllr. Gould tabled the suggestion that the footbridge at Footpath 6 could be repaired under this agreement, however it was found that footbridges are not eligible for this funding. The Clerk is to report the poor condition of this bridge to the Public Rights of Way team for their attention. The decision on proposed works for the Minor Maintenance Agreement is carried forward to the July meeting.

22/06/7.7 Introduction and Update to Local development in the High Peak and Cheshire in hosting, matching and supporting people from the Ukraine who are seeking to relocate to Areas of The High Peak Hope Valley and East Cheshire. Following discussion it was agreed that there is already good support in this area.

22/06/8 Planning.

New Applications: None.

Decisions:

22/06/8.1 NP/HPK/0222/0277 Ollerbrook Farm. Listed building consent - Replacement of windows. Granted Conditionally. Noted.

22/06/8.2 NP/HPK/0521/0508 Edale Methodist Church – works associated with refurbishment. Granted Conditionally. Noted

22/06/9 Finance.

22/06/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2022/23. The Clerk reported that the first half of the Precept has been received (£2,905) along with the whole Parish Grant (£561) and the first half of the Council Tax Support Grant (£29). She commented that there is a cheque for £35 paid to David Howe for mowing in November 2021 that has yet to have been presented to the bank. She is following this up with Mr Howe. Daily accounts approved and signed by the Chair.

22/06/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

22/06/9.3 Clerk’s pay and expenses May 2021. Approved and signed by the Chair.

22/06/9.4 Internal audit for year ended 31st March 2022. The Clerk reported that the internal audit and required AGAR forms have been completed. The following actions were taken:

- (i) Internal Auditors Report 2021/22 received and noted by the Council
- (ii) Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 approved and signed by the Chair & Clerk
- (iii) Accounting Statements 2021/22 (signed by the Clerk on 1st June 2022) considered, approved and signed by the Chair.
- (iv) Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22 Form 2 approved and signed by the Chair & Clerk
- (v) The Clerk as RFO set the dates for the period of Exercise of Public Rights as Wednesday 22nd June 2022 to Tuesday 2nd August 2022. In line with Government legislation all the required documentation will be published on or before the 21st June.

22/06/9.5 Invoices & Payments

		Amount	Chq	Comment
i.	T Thorpe (Clerk)	£288.89	1384	May pay & expenses
ii	Community Heartbeat Trust	£151.20	1385	Annual Support Cost for defibrillator

(iii) Additional payments from Jubilee Grants Fund ref: 22/05/7.5(ii). Supporting invoices presented by Cllr. Morten. Cheques drawn up and signed at this meeting as follows:

- (a) J. Morten (reimbursement for Jubilee celebration items: Union Jack napkins, large Celebration cake, medals for prizes at picnic, Union Jack bunting) £108.43. Chq. 1386
- (b) HWS Catering Ltd (chocolates presented to village children with commemorative mugs & medals) £47.50. Chq. 1387

The Clerk will draw up a set of accounts for the Jubilee Grants Fund to present at the July meeting.

22/06/10 Items for Information

22/06/10.1 Highways & Footpath issues that have been reported in the parish

- (i) Updates on outstanding Highways & Footpath issues from May. No updates on outstanding issues.
- (ii) Still no action on the landslip affecting the left-hand side of the road coming down from Mam Nick. Barriers have been in place there for several months. The Clerk will get back in touch with DCC Highways. Cllr. Gourlay also stated that he would contact Highways about this.
- (iii) New report of an issue on the Back Tor bridleway. The holly trees are almost meeting in the middle making it difficult to pass through on a horse. The Clerk will report this to the PROW team at DCC.
- (iv) New report of a large pothole on Hope Road going East past Carr House Farm, on the right-hand side of the road. Clerk to report this to DCC Highways.

22/06/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Gould reported that the Village Hall is now looking at an alternate quote for the play equipment as negotiations on the first quote have stalled.

22/06/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. Cllr. Gould reported that the lock is back on the gate – there is an issue with the signalmen not locking it. The equipment and materials stored on the car-park yard by contractors is still there and is severely reducing the number of car-parking spaces available. It was agreed that Cllr. Gould will contact the contractors directly to ask them to clear the site, he will copy the email to Network Rail and also to the Clerk.

22/06/10.4 DALC Circulars and training

- (i) DALC Clerk & Chair forum on recycling, repair & reuse initiatives. The Clerk was unable to attend this meeting. Notes from the meeting have not yet been received. Cllr. Gould reported that the red recycling bin for plastic bottles is now in place near the school. He has been emptying it and reports that the first bag was contaminated with other waste and had to go to landfill, but he then put a sign in place and the 2nd bag of waste, so far, is just bottles. He will continue to monitor the situation. The Chair thanked Cllr. Gould for his work.
- (ii) Free training for councils from Cloudy IT. Noted.
- (iii) DALC Newsletter. Noted.

22/06/11 Correspondence (circulated) All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

22/06/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (x2)

22/06/11.2 HVCA June newsletter

22/06/11.3 PDNP Visitors can enjoy greener day out to the Peak District as seasonal bus service returns

22/06/11.4 Tideswell and Hope Valley Community First Responders reorganisation and update

22/06/11.5 HVCA Renewables in Hope Valley

22/06/11.6 Latest Parishes Bulletin, plus Local Plan Survey. Cllr. Collins stressed that the Local Plan Survey is very important as it will form the basis of the planning policy for this area in the future. She believes that the Parish Council should respond to the survey but suggested that it would be good to have some input from local residents first. It was agreed that a public meeting could be set up at 7pm on the 13th July – 1 hour prior to the next regular Parish Council meeting. The Clerk is to circulate the details on Edalelist.

22/06/12 Date of next meeting

Wednesday	July	13 th	Regular Council Meeting	Edale Village Hall	8:00pm
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