

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 8:00pm.
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Minutes

Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), John Gould, Julie Morten, Cedric Gilbert. Tracy Whitley (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

23/01/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Morgan Jackson. Noted.

23/01/2 Declarations of interests. None.

23/01/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.

- (i) A local resident attended to speak about the Ultra-X event scheduled for September (item 23/01/7.2 on this agenda). She expressed a concern that there will be hundreds of extra people on the trails leading to degradation of local footpaths. She pointed out that there is also a similar event being staged from Hathersage the same week which takes in much of the same route. She is also concerned that when the event was held last year a lot of way-markers were left behind, littering the countryside.
- (ii) HPBC Cllr. Collins reported that there are still grants available to off-gas-grid homes with poor energy performance, for up to £6,000 for items such as insulation, heat-pumps, solar panels etc. Cllr. Collins will circulate the information on Edalelist. Residents are invited to contact the Parish Council if they need assistance with completing the application form for these grants.

23/01/4 Chairman's announcements (Not for discussion). A planning application has been lodged for Newfold Farm. Application to alter condition 3 for Café (opening times) - change to 10.00pm closing every evening. Paperwork has not yet been received by the Parish Council. It will be on the agenda for the February meeting.

23/01/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the regular Parish Council meeting of 14th December 2022 proposed for adoption as an accurate record by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Morten.

23/01/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting). None.

23/01/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

23/01/7.1 Queen's Green Canopy – planting a tree for the Jubilee. Planting site not yet decided upon. Carried forward to February.

23/01/7.2 Ultra X England - Ultramarathon event 16-17 September 2023 and use of Edale Charities Car Park. In addition to the opinion expressed in public speaking (this meeting item 23/01/3 (i)) a letter has been received from a local resident also raising concerns about this event regarding parking and way-marking. The event organisers had been contacted following the December meeting of the Parish Council (item 22/12/7.6) and a reply has been received stating that they were aware that some way-markers had been missed last year and so this year they will conduct an extra sweep of the course on the Monday following the event. The Clerk is to write back thanking them for this and asking that they comply in full with the guidance on way-marking (including using biodegradable markers and using the organisers name on the marks), plus request that they use less marks. In response to the Ultra-X organisers' request for sole use of the Edale Charities car park Cllr. Gould pointed out that Network Rail often use the yard at night to move the equipment and materials they store there. It was agreed that the car park may be made available at a cost, but that no overnight parking is permitted. Also regarding this agenda item, a letter has been received from a local resident putting forward the idea of a Parish Council sub-committee to look at any future events proposed for Edale. The Clerk will add this to the February agenda.

23/01/7.3 Pre-Planning Consultation - Proposed Telecommunication Installation at Lane Head Green. Cllr. Collins said that this is not at Lane Head Green, but (according to the plans sent) it is actually near the current telecommunications mast. The Cllrs. all agree that it is an unsuitable design and an unsuitable location. They also have concerns regarding the environmental impact of the construction process. The Clerk is to report these comments to Sinclair Dalby/Cornerstone Planning.

23/01/7.4 Proposal to switch to online banking. The Clerk presented the details of the bank account at Unity Trust offering online banking for Parish Councils. The cost is £6 per month (already included in 2023/24 budget). The switch was proposed by Cllr. Gould and seconded by Cllr. Morten. The Clerk is to start the process.

23/01/7.5 Location for meeting 8th March. The Parish Council have been approached by the organisers of Edale Pantomime with a request for the use of the Village Hall on 8th March for set-building. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Jackson has offered the use of the Café at Newfold Farm for the Parish Council meeting. Agreed. The Clerk is to advertise the change of venue and let the pantomime organisers know.

23/01/8 Planning.

New Applications:

23/01/8.1 NP/HPK/1122/1452 Car Park, Barber Booth Road, Barber Booth, Edale. Installation of solar powered car park machine and associated base, pedestrian area and signage. Following discussion, Edale Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.

Decisions: None

23/01/9 Finance.

23/01/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2022/23. Noted.

23/01/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

23/01/9.3 Budget for year 2023/2024

- (i) Approval of Budget. The Clerk tabled the revised budget as agreed at the previous meeting (including the addition of a provision for future village projects and bank charges to accommodate the switch to online banking). In the preliminary budget considerations it had been provisionally agreed to raise the precept requirement by 5% (item 22/12/9.3), however, that had been based on no change to the tax base. The Clerk reported that the updated figures have since been received showing a drop in the tax base for 2023/24 to 140 (down 3). This would mean that a 5% increase in the precept requirement would result in an actual increase of 7.2% for Band D. The Cllrs. all agreed that this was too much of an increase at a time of financial instability, so it was proposed to revise the precept requirement down to a 4% increase (6.2% at Band D). Further discussion on the provision for future village projects set it at £250 in order to build a reserve fund over the next few years. The final draft of the budget was proposed by Cllr. Morten, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. The agreed precept will result in a budget shortfall of £294.88 to be covered by general reserves.
- (ii) Precept Requirement. Following the above proposal, the Clerk completed the Precept Requirement form, requesting £6,042.02 from HPBC. Signed by Cllr. Collins as Chair, and the Clerk, Tracy Whitley as RFO. The Clerk will submit this to HPBC.

23/01/9.4 Clerk's pay and expenses December 2022 – Including NJC 2022 pay award, backdated to April 2022. Approved. Signed by Cllr. Collins as Chair.

23/01/9.5 Jubilee Fund accounts. Cllr. Morten reported that the framed Jubilee village photograph was ready to be picked up and that the invoice would be presented for payment at the February meeting. The photographer has not yet sent an invoice. The Clerk is to ring him to request it. Cllr. Morten is in possession of the remaining Jubilee mugs. She will bring them to the next meeting (add to February agenda).

23/01/9.6 Invoices & Payments

		Amount	Chq	Comment
(i)	T Whitley (Clerk)	£497.86	1411	December pay & expenses
	Cheque spoiled	-	1412	Not issued
	Cheque spoiled	-	1413	Not issued
(ii)	Roadware	£109.14	1414	Grit Bin
(iii)	William Eyre & Son	£26.57*	1415	Christmas Tree

* discount received - so cheque amount is less than originally reported.

23/01/10 Items for Information.

23/01/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues
 - (a) branches overhanging highway at Carr House removed 21st December - reported 22/11/10.1(v)
 - (b) still no update regarding dilapidated handrail on path down to Gibraltar Bridge. Clerk is to telephone the PROW team.
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues
 - (a) flooding at bend in road at Nether Booth causing vehicles to veer into middle of road on blind corner. Clerk to report this as an urgent issue.

(b) water running down road at the top of Back Tor Lane causing road surface to break up. Clerk to report to highways.

- (iii) PROW Minor Maintenance Claim 2022/2023. Cllr. Gould reported that the Ranger Volunteers are due to undertake this work on the 8th February (weather permitting) Cllr. Gould will organise the materials order. The Clerk will raise a cheque to send with the order prior to the next meeting. Agreed. Cllr. Gould requested that a discussion on potential work for the 2023/24 Minor Maintenance Claim be added to the February agenda.

23/01/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Nothing to report, no meetings have been held.

23/01/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park

- (i) Report on income & usage. Carpark not open in December.

23/01/10.4 DALC Circulars and training

- (i) Newsletter. Noted.

- (ii) DALC Training Calendar 2023. The Clerk will attend Election Training in January. Cllr. Collins requested dates for Chair training. Clerk to send.

23/01/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

23/01/11.1 DCC Community News – 6th December

23/01/11.2 DCC Community News – 20th December

23/01/11.3 BOG Standard – Moors for the Future

23/01/12 Date of next meeting

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