

**EDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8:00pm.**  
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**Minutes**

**Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Morgan Jackson, Julie Morten, David Shirt.**  
**Clerk – Tracy Whitley and 3 members of the public.**

**23/09/1 Apologies for absence.** None

**23/09/2 Declarations of interests.** None

**23/09/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.**

- (i) Local resident James Toyne attended to speak about his planning application for Upper Holt Farm (item 23/09/8.1). He explained that the application is to remove an existing agricultural barn and replace it with a stone-built garage incorporating a workshop and ancillary accommodation. The building will be constructed from reclaimed gritstone and will include solar panels, air-source heat pumps and high levels of insulation for energy efficiency. Mr Toyne stated that he believes the new building will be less visible than the existing one, particularly from the hills above, and that it is 20% smaller. He said that the proposed ancillary accommodation is for family use only and will not be used as holiday accommodation. He has confirmed with the planning authority that he would be prepared to accept a restriction to ensure this.
- (ii) Local resident Margaret Plant attended to speak about her planning application for Waterside Cottage (item 23/09/10.2). She said that the windows in her property were being repaired or replaced like-for-like, but not altered. The work will include replacing the existing glazing with heritage approved double-glazing.
- (iii) Simon Cocksedge attended to ask about progress in relation to the request for a reduced speed-limit to be imposed on Hope Road right through Edale. He said he understands that these things take time but he feels that it is important to keep it ‘on the front burner’.
- (iv) HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins reported that a number of parishes within Hope Valley have road problems and that the Borough Councillors for Hope Valley have written to Charlotte Cupit, the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport to inform her of this and to invite her to visit the area.
- (v) Cllr. Collins also reported that HPBC have grants available for local businesses and community projects.

**23/09/4 Chairman’s announcements** (Not for discussion). The Parish Council have been informed that planning application NP/HPK/0422/0493 for Land West of Edale, Barber Booth has been withdrawn. Any new application pertaining to this land will be advertised in the normal way.

**23/09/5 Minutes of previous meetings.**

Minutes for the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Morten. Adopted and signed by the Chair.

**23/09/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).** None.

**23/09/7 Items for discussion/ decision.**

23/09/7.1 Road safety on Hope Road. Following discussion at the last meeting (item 23/07/7.3(a)), the Clerk sent a letter from the Parish Council to DCC Highways with requests, including a 30mph speed limit, to aim to improve safety on Hope Road. No reply has been received yet. The Clerk will send a reminder if no reply is received within 14 days of this meeting. **ACTION: Clerk.** The PDNP Ranger, Nick Baker, has agreed to help with more work to improve safety at the stile opposite Skinners Hall.

23/09/7.2 Request from local resident to add land to their property. Mr Ashlin Bower of Littlewood, Barber Booth made an enquiry at the meeting in July as to whether he could make a claim to add a piece of common land to his property (item 23/07/7.8). He has been maintaining this land adjacent to his garden with the agreement of the Parish

Council for several years. The Clerk tabled the following excerpt from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 “ *Item 9.2 Barber Booth Common land. The registration and present use of the common land in Edale was discussed. Cllr Jackson explained that whilst most of the common land is maintained by the council, two plots are maintained as garden areas by two individual parishioners [David Baird at ‘The Old Barn’ and Ashlyn Bower at ‘Littlewood’] under licence to the Parish Council. Licences to Parish land adjacent to the properties are personal to the present occupants and terminate automatically should the properties change hands. The licensed land is not part of the curtilage of the property, and the Parish Council will decide on the future use of the land as and when the question arises.*” Councillors all agreed that Common Land must remain under the protection of the Parish Council. It was proposed that the agreement for Mr Bower to maintain the land as a garden area could continue as it is with the same stipulation that it will terminate automatically should Mr Bower leave the property or should the property change hands. Proposed by Cllr. Morten, seconded by Cllr. Shirt. The Clerk will contact Mr Bower to advise him of this. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/09/7.3 Appointment of co-ordinator for the Edale Charities Car Park. John Payne has kindly agreed to take over the role of co-ordinator. The Clerk has already sent him all the paperwork involved.

23/09/7.4 PROW Minor Maintenance Grant 2023/2024 - Invitation to tender for work. This has been advertised in Ringing Roger and on Edalelist. No tenders have been received. The Clerk is to contact Richard Wainwright and Dean Sowerby, who have both previously undertaken footpath work under this grant, to see if either of them is able to carry out the work for 2023/24.

23/09/7.5 Internet security software. The Clerk reported that she has discovered that the existing internet security software used by the Parish Council is owned by a Russian company. In light of the war with Ukraine the Clerk suggested changing to another internet security provider. Norton Antivirus provide the same protection at a similar cost of £19.99 for one year. It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and sign up for the new contract as soon as possible.

23/09/7.6 Increase to 60 days for recreational/pop up campsites. The Parish Council have received a letter from Castleton Parish Council with questions about the increase to 60 days. The Clerk is to reply that Edale Parish Council are not aware of any impact so far. That they have not had anything raised by local residents, and that they are not aware of any schemes in regard to this issue. The Parish Council will get in touch with Castleton PC if any problems arise. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/09/7.7 Parish noticeboards. Following the survey on Edalelist, and in Ringing Roger regarding the use of the Parish Noticeboards, the Clerk reported that she has received several replies. The general consensus is that the minutes and agendas posted on the boards are read by some people and that people wish for them to remain. Several people also mentioned that the noticeboards used to be available for use by other village organisations. The Councillors agreed that there is no reason that this could not be reinstated. The Clerk is to contact organisations within the village to let them know and find out if anyone still has keys. **ACTION: Clerk.** The issue of ongoing maintenance for the boards is to be added to the October agenda.

23/09/7.8 Purchase of a commemorative Coronation bench for the playing field. The Village Hall Committee have agreed to pay the balance to purchase the large bench with engraving. The cost for a 1.8m bench is £507.89 ex-VAT (£609.47 total) from TDP. It was proposed by Cllr. Shirt, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert that the Parish Council will contribute all of the remaining Coronation Grant Fund of £361.14. Plus they will pay the VAT element of £101.58 which will be claimed back. That leaves a balance of £146.75 for the Village Hall to contribute. The Clerk is to liaise with the bench supplier and the Village Hall to complete the purchase. Agreed.

23/09/7.9 Sign on parish land opposite the Old Nags Head. The no parking sign on this piece of grass is very weathered and needs refurbishing. It was suggested that a local resident may be willing to do the work. Cllr. Collins will contact them. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**

23/09/7.10 Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme 2023-24. Nigel Lawford carried out this role last year. The Clerk will contact him to find out if he is willing to do it again. **ACTION: Clerk.**

## **23/09/8 Planning.**

### **New Applications:**

23/09/8.1 NP/HPK/0723/0771 Upper Holt Farm, Barber Booth, Edale. Demolition of existing workshop/storage building and erection of building for garage, workshop and ancillary residential accommodation. Following a discussion, the Councillors agreed that the proposed plans are appropriate for the area and that the new building will blend well into the existing site. They voted unanimously to support this application. The Clerk will report this to the planning officer. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/09/8.2 NP/HPK/0623/0659 Waterside Cottage, Grindsbrook, Edale. Listed Building consent - Alterations to all windows and alterations to listed building. The Councillors all agreed that they are strongly in support of this application. They feel that listed buildings must be able to be well insulated as long as it doesn't affect the character of the building. The Clerk will report this to the planning officer. **ACTION: Clerk**

## Decisions:

23/09/8.3 NP/HPK/0723/0781 Nether Ollerbrook Farm, Ollerbrook, Edale. Demolition of existing farm outbuilding and replacement with new. Granted Conditionally. Noted.

## 23/09/9 Finance.

23/09/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. The Clerk reported that she made an error when writing out a cheque last month. It was made out for £3 more than it should have been. The £3 has now been repaid. Noted.

23/09/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

23/09/9.3 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved and signed by the Chair.

23/09/9.4 Banking switch to Unity Trust. The Clerk reported that the new account with Unity Trust is now open and that the switch from RBS is due to complete on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. The new account has the same signatories as the RBS account. It was agreed that Cllr. Shirt should also be added as an authorised signatory. Proposed by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Morten. Agreed. The Clerk is to complete the required paperwork. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/09/9.5 HPBC Charge for contested election. An invoice for £1489.76 has been received. This will be paid from reserves built up over the past 3 years for this purpose. The provision of a reserve for future election costs will be continued in each budget. Agreed.

23/09/9.6 Invoices & Payments. Due to the banking switch being in progress, the following payments have not yet been made. They will be set up and authorised electronically following the completion of the switch to Unity Trust Bank on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Noted.

i	31-Jul-23	T. Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)	£307.30
ii	31-Jul-23	David J Howe Landscaping (mowing R1 2 cuts July)	£70.00
iii	31-Aug-23	HPBC (charge for contested election)	£1,489.76
iv	31-Aug-23	Edale Village Hall (June & July meetings)	£30.00
v	31-Aug-23	David J Howe (mowing R1 3 cuts August)	£105.00
vi	31-Aug-23	T. Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)	£297.44

## 23/09/10 Items for Information

23/09/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) Flooding at Nether Booth. Highways have been out and 'rodded' the drains (b) Pothole at Mill Cottages. Now filled in (c) Pothole at Barber Booth. Now filled in (d) Holly bushes at Back Tor bridleway. The Clerk has received notification that these have been done, however Cllr. Gilbert said they are still overhanging. Clerk to follow up. **ACTION: Clerk** (e) Overhanging trees at Norman's Bank. Now cut back but may need doing again soon.
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues (a) A report of bad potholes on the road to Upper Booth has been received. Clerk to find out exactly where they are. **ACTION: Clerk** (b) The previously repaired pothole on road up to Mam Nick has sunk again. Clerk to report both of these issues to DCC Highways. **ACTION: Clerk** (c) The new hedge on the right hand side of the road up to Mam Nick (near Upper Holt) needs cutting back. Clerk to report to National Trust. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/09/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. The meeting was cancelled. Noted

23/09/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. Car park income for August was £691 for 2 days. 9 days remaining at the end of August.

23/09/10.4 DALC Circulars and training

- (i) August Newsletter. Noted.
- (ii) September Newsletter. Noted.
- (iii) Training. The Clerk is to send dates for DALC 'Councillors Essentials' training to Cllr. Shirt. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/09/10.5 Police Reports. PC Carl Davies sent a report: Two reported crimes in Edale area during August but only one that he is able to share the details of; 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Assault - Newfold Farm - Intoxicated male threatens his female partner whilst camping. Male arrested however no further action taken once investigated.

PC Davies will be leaving the Hope Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team in September for a promotion. He will be replaced by PC Alex Simpson. The Clerk is to write to PC Davies to thank him for his work during his time here, and to PC Simpson to invite him to a Parish Council meeting as an introduction.

23/09/10.6 Village Events. Two events are taking place in Edale in September, the Beer Barrel Race and the Ultra X Marathon. The organisers of both events have been sent the document 'Guidance for Organising Events in Edale'

23/09/10.7 Meeting with National Trust Countryside Engagement Officer. Cllr. Jackson and the Clerk met with Matthew Pocock and Seb Chew from the National Trust in August to introduce Mr Chew in his role as Countryside Engagement Officer.

**23/09/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless noted below.**

23/09/11.1 DCC Community News

- (i) Community news 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- (ii) Community news 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
- (iii) Community news 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- (iv) Community news 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023
- (v) Community news 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

23/09/11.2 Hope Valley Climate Action

- (i) August Newsletter
- (ii) September Newsletter

23/09/11.3 HPBC Possible Funding Opportunities

23/09/11.4 Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter July 2023

23/09/11.5 High Peak Safer Neighbourhood Team – July newsletter

23/09/11.6 UK Shared Prosperity Fund – new funds

23/09/11.7 ASB Funding Available: Councillors Briefing from the Police and Crime Commissioner

23/09/11.8 Hope Valley Borough Councillors Report

23/09/11.9 HPBC Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Nuisance)

**23/09/12 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8pm in Edale Village Hall. Regular Parish Council meeting.

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