

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

Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins, Cedric Gilbert, Morgan Jackson, David Shirt. Tracy Whitley – Clerk, and 10 members of the public.

23/10/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Julie Morten. Noted.

23/10/2 Declarations of interests. None.

23/10/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.

- (i) Three local residents spoke about their objections to the planning application for a campsite on land west of Edale Road, Barber Booth (item 23/10/8.1). They spoke of increasing anxiety that the plan ignores the view of locals regarding wildlife at the site and the belief that the site is in the wrong place. Other objections raised include:
 - that it presents at pollution risk to the river,
 - that the access to the site from the Mam Nick road is dangerous
 - that the sound test carried out did not engage the local population and was a computer modelled test using national averages,
 - that there is no local need for an additional glamping site as this need is already covered by other sites in the area,
 - that the rewilding proposal doesn't need to be attached to an application for a commercial venture. Rewilding can be carried out for little cost and financial help is available.
- (ii) George Galbraith attended to speak about his planning application (item 23/10/8.1). He stated since the original application was lodged 18 months ago great deal has changed and a lot of additional work has been done - this new application reflects those changes. He stated that a full mock-up of the site has been done for the planning officer, the drainage plan has been updated and now accepted by the Environmental Health Officer, changes have also been made to the vehicular access plan to come in line with recommendations by the Highways department, and the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are now supportive of the plans.
- (iii) Jan Hardy reported that the 'access only' sign on the road to Upper Booth still has not been replaced as promised by DCC. The Clerk requested that she forwards the relevant correspondence so it can be chased up. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/4 Chairman's announcements. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending the meeting She pointed out that in planning matters the Parish Council is classed as a single consultee and only counts as one opinion. No more weight is given to the response of the Parish Council than to the responses of any members of the public. Local residents are always welcome to come to Parish Council meetings to speak on planning matters but they are also encouraged to send their comments directly to the planning officer via the online portal.

23/10/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 13th September 2023 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Jackson, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Adopted.

23/10/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).
None.

23/10/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

23/10/7.1 Road safety on Hope Road. Philip Braisby has acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's letter regarding road safety, and has said that a reply will be sent in due course. The Clerk is to wait two weeks then send another reminder, cc'd to Charlotte Cupit, the cabinet member for Highways Assets and Transport.

Action: Clerk. The letter has also been re-sent to DCC. Cllr. Gourlay. The stile opposite Skinners Hall has been worked on and now offers better visibility to oncoming traffic plus a larger area between the exit from the stile and the road.

23/10/7.2 Correspondence from local resident re common land adjacent to their property. An enquiry has been received from the family of Mr Ashlin Bower asking whether the agreement to use the land adjacent to 'Littlewood' would be passed on to a new owner if the property is sold. The Parish Council decided that as the current agreement clearly states that it will end when the property changes hands, any new agreement pertaining to that piece of land must be negotiated with a new owner **after** they have taken over the property. It cannot be guaranteed in advance that the agreement will continue. The Clerk will convey this to Mr Bower.

Action: Clerk.

23/10/7.3 Maintenance of parish noticeboards. The Clerk reported that all the parish noticeboards are in need of some level of maintenance. She suggested that a provision is made in the budget to work on one or two of them per year on a rolling basis. Agreed. Cllr. Gilbert will go with the Clerk to appraise the boards and decide which of them should be worked on first. **Action: Cllr. Gilbert & Clerk**

23/10/7.4 Withdrawal of Stepping Stones Nursery as a beneficiary to Edale Charities Car Park fund. Notice has been received of the withdrawal of Stepping Stones Nursery from the Edale Charities car park scheme. The councillors agreed that the other four charities will pick up the responsibility for the remaining days and the funds from the Nursery's share will be divided equally between them. The Clerk is to inform the other beneficiaries and John Payne, the car park co-ordinator, of this. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/7.5 Council Remembrance Day wreath. It was suggested that to reduce plastic waste the Parish Council could buy a smaller wreath this year but make up the difference in price to £50 (the same as last year) by a donation. Proposed by Cllr. Shirt, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/7.6 Repair café. Cllr. Collins is liaising with Castleton regarding holding repair café. She is going to be attending one soon to get a feel for what is required.

23/10/8 Planning.

New Applications:

23/10/8.1 NP/HPK/0923/1055 Land west of Edale Road, Barber Booth. Proposed seasonal use of land for eco-camping, siting of 3no. bell tents and amenity facilities along with associated access, parking and landscaping with associated ecological enhancements and conservation. Cllr. Jackson said that he has read through all the documents associated with this application and that there are a lot of improvements over the previous application which the Parish Council objected to due to a lack of clarity. He is satisfied that any previous concerns have now been addressed. Cllr. Shirt commented that he has a slight concern regarding the removal of waste water from the hot tubs on the site and that it should be ensured that enough space is in the plan for the waste water tankers to get in and out, but otherwise he supports the application. Cllr. Collins said that she still has a slight concern about noise and the visibility of the tents, but agreed that new application addresses these concerns in a better way. She also has a concern regarding the vision splays at the entrance but notes that the Highways department have recommended certain conditions to be imposed if permission is granted. A vote was taken - three Councillors voted to support the application and one voted 'no objection'. The Clerk will relay this to the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

Decisions:

23/10/8.2 NP/HPK/0623/0659 Waterside Cottage, Grindsbrook, Edale. Listed Building consent - Alterations to all windows and alterations to listed building. Granted conditionally. Noted

23/10/9 Finance.

23/10/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. The Clerk apologised that she has had a printer problem and did not have the finance documents (including the budget report & bank reconciliation) printed for approval at this meeting. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk could send out copies of the reports the following day.

Action: Clerk. The Clerk reported that the second half of the precept and the Council Tax Support grant has now been received. Noted

23/10/9.2 Budget report – 2nd quarter – see item 23/10/9.1 and add to October meeting. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/9.3 Bank reconciliation. For approval – see item 23/10/9.1 **Action: Clerk**

23/10/9.4 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved. Signed by the Chair.

23/10/9.5 Banking switch to Unity Trust. The Clerk reported that the bank switch is now complete and that the RBS current account has now been closed. She presented the last bank statement from RBS and the first bank statement from Unity Trust showing the transfer of funds from one to the other. Noted. It was agreed that the savings deposit account should also be moved to Unity Trust. Proposed by Cllr. Gilbert, Seconded by Cllr. Jackson. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/9.6 Invoices & Payments. To be made by bank transfer. Agreed

i	30-Sep-23	TDP Ltd (Coronation commemorative bench)		£548.52
ii	25-Sep-23	Mark Cooper (mowing R2 2 cuts)		£320.00
iii	30-Sep-23	T.Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)		£327.18
vi	30-Sep-23	David J Howe (Mowing R1 2 cuts September)		£70.00

23/10/10 Items for Information

23/10/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) National Trust will trim the overgrown hedge on Mam Nick road within the next two weeks (b) the holly trees on Back Tor have now been cut (c) the potholes on Mam Nick road have not yet been filled. Clerk to chase this up. **Action: Clerk**
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues (a) water pouring down Mam Nick road possibly from a blocked drain on National Trust land. Clerk to discuss with NT. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. A meeting is scheduled for 17th October. Cllr. Shirt will attend.

Action: Cllr. Shirt

23/10/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. £1,127.40 was taken in September over three days. Six operational days are left until the end of March 2024.

23/10/10.4 DALC

- (i) October newsletter. DALC Election Survey requesting feedback on the elections held in May. Cllr. Collins will complete it.
- (ii) Training. (a) Cllr. Shirt has completed the Councillor Essentials training (b) the new date for the Tree Survey course is 9th January. Cllr. Jackson will attend.

23/10/10.5 Police Reports. PC Carl Davies has now moved on from the Hope Valley Safer Neighbourhood team. The Clerk has so far been unable to contact his replacement. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/10.6 Village Events. The Parish Council have received complaints from several local residents regarding the cycling event held on Saturday 7th October. It was commented that it was chaotic in the village with cyclists moving up and down the village to register their entries. Also it was reported that there were large numbers of cyclists racing up Mam Nick road, overtaking and undertaking vehicles (including HGV's) and endangering pedestrians. This was an organised event with an entry fee. The Clerk is to contact the police to find out if this type of event is allowed without prior permission either from the police or the highways department. Also to contact the organiser to pass on the complaints and ask that the Parish Council be informed of any plans to hold future events. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

23/10/11.1 DCC Community News

- (i) Community news 12th September 2023. Information regarding the 'Million Tree' project is to be posted on Edalelist. **Action: Clerk**

23/10/11.2 Hope Valley Climate Action – October newsletter

23/10/11.3 High Peak Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair 2023

23/10/11.4 HPBC Residents Survey. This is to be posted on Edalelist. **Action: Clerk.**

23/10/11.5 Consultation response to proposed changes to Town and Country Planning Order 2015

23/10/11.6 PPPF Annual General Meeting & Parishes Day, 7 Oct

23/10/11.7 National Trust: Our work at Dalehead

23/10/12 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 8pm in Edale Village Hall. Regular Parish Council meeting.

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