

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8th November 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. PC Alex Simpson.

23/11/1 Apologies for absence. None.

23/11/2 Declarations of interests. None.

23/11/3 Public speaking – max 10 min. PC Alex Simpson attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Safer Neighbourhood Officer following the promotion of PC Carl Davies. He presented the local crime report covering the period since the last report was presented by PC Davies at the end of August. Nothing serious to report in Edale. PC Simpson had also looked into the complaints regarding the cycling time trials which took place on Mam Nick Road in September. He reported that the event had been registered with DCC Highways but had been determined by them as being ‘low impact’ as the cyclists were starting at intervals. He is still to speak with the organiser about the event. The Councillors requested that PC Simpson ask the organiser to give the Parish Council prior notice if another event is to take place.

23/11/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion). None.

23/11/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

The minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 11th October 2023 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Shirt. Adopted.

23/11/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).

Cllr. Gilbert and the Clerk reported that they had carried out a survey of all seven of the village noticeboards (item 23/10/7.3 at the previous meeting). The noticeboard at Barber Booth needs the most attention, but they all would benefit from some maintenance. To be added to the next agenda under the preliminary budget discussions for 2024/25 **ACTION: Clerk**

23/11/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

23/11/7.1 Road safety on Hope Road. The Parish Council have received a very detailed reply from Philip Braisby at DCC regarding the Parish Council’s request for a 30mph speed limit to improve road safety on Hope Road. In summary he outlined reasons why the road through Edale does not fulfil the criteria for a 30mph limit and concluded that at this time, the County Council would not consider amending any of the speed limits at this location. The Councillors asked that the letter be forwarded to Tara Tobler and Simon Cocksedge who have both attended previous Parish Council meetings to talk about this subject. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/11/7.2 Request for Parish Council support for Climate and Ecology Bill. The Councillors agreed that Edale Parish Council will support the Climate and Ecology Bill which aims to tackle the climate crisis and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030. The Clerk will send a letter to register the Parish Council’s support. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/11/7.3 Edale & Hope Primary Schools – Funding request for sports sweatshirts. The Clerk is to write to the Valley Federation to explain that unfortunately the Parish Council does not have a budget to support donations such as this. The Councillors suggest that the schools contact local charities or Breedon who may be able to help with sponsorship. **ACTION: Clerk.**

23/11/7.4 Sewage plant. Following comments from village residents regarding the increased number of tankers through the village, Severn Trent have been asked for an update. They explained that the gearbox had failed on one of the units so half the flow needed to be removed by tankers until the part was sourced. The gearbox has now been replaced with a new one, and the failed unit has been refurbished and kept as a spare to

minimise disruption should this happen again. Severn Trent apologise for the disruption this time. The Clerk is to ask that Severn Trent keep the Parish Council informed of any operational problems. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/11/7.5 Low-flying helicopters. The number of low-flying helicopters over the valley seems to have eased off. No further action required.

23/11/7.6 Christmas

- (i) Christmas tree for Parish Church. The National Trust had been contacted to see if they could provide a free Christmas tree, as it had been noted that Castleton PC gets one from them. They replied that all the trees have been allocated this year. The Clerk is to add this as a regular item on the agenda for September in future years, so the Parish Council can make a request for a NT tree in good time. It was agreed that this year the tree will be sourced from Eyres again by Cllr. Morten. A budget of up to £50 was agreed. **ACTION: Cllr. Morten**
- (ii) Ringing Roger message from Parish Council. A message was agreed. The Clerk will submit it to Ringing Roger. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/11/8 Planning.

23/11/8.1 The role of the Parish Council in planning matters and list of material considerations. It was agreed that these documents will be added to the website and sent out on Edalelist, in order that residents understand the planning considerations and constraints that the Parish Council are bound by. The Parish Council welcomes local residents to speak on planning matters during the Public Speaking session at the beginning of meetings, and hopes that these documents will help. **ACTION: Clerk**

New Applications:

23/11/8.2. NP/HPK/0923/1167 Greenacres, Nether Booth, Edale. Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling. Following a discussion the Parish Council agreed that they have no objections to this application. **ACTION: Clerk.**

Decisions: None

23/11/9 Finance.

23/11/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. Noted.

23/11/9.2 Final accounts for Jubilee Grant & Coronation Grant. The Clerk reported that all the grant money has now been spent and the fund has a zero balance. £95.96 has been received from the Village Hall for their contribution to the commemorative bench.

23/11/9.3 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair

23/11/9.4 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved and signed by the Chair.

23/11/9.5 Clerk's performance & salary review. The Clerk asked the Councillors to consider an increase in her contracted hours from 20 to 22 hours per month. The increase will be worked into the 2024/25 budget and will start at the beginning of the new financial year in April 2024. Proposed by Cllr. Gilbert. Seconded by Cllr. Morten. Agreed.

23/11/9.6 Budget

- (i) Current year budget report to end of October. Noted.
- (ii) Preliminary discussion of budget for 2024/25. Each line of expenditure in the existing budget was discussed with regard to setting the budget for next year. Using this information the Clerk will present a provisional budget for consideration at the December meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/11/9.7 Unity Trust Bank

- (i) Change to mandate. Forms have been lodged to add Cllr. Shirt as a signatory on the Unity Trust Bank account. The bank has not yet completed the request. Add to December agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ii) Moving deposit account funds from RBS to Unity Trust. The Clerk will complete the forms to close the RBS deposit account and transfer the funds to the Unity Trust current account. Cllrs. Collins and Jackson will provide online signatures to authorise the closure. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Collins & Cllr. Jackson**

23/11/9.8 Invoices & Payments for approval for payment by bank transfer. Approved. ACTION: Clerk

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| (i) | 31-Oct-23 | T.Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses) | £313.26 |
| (ii) | 19-Oct-23 | The Poppy Shop (remembrance day wreath) reimbursed to T. Whitley - Clerk | £50.00 |
| (iii) | 31-Oct-23 | David J Howe (Mowing R1 1 cut in October) | £35.00 |

23/11/10 Items for Information

23/11/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) the potholes on Mam Nick Road have been filled in (b) The dangerous handrail near Gibraltar Bridge still hasn't been fixed and is getting worse. The Clerk is to write again to the Public Rights of Way Team.
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues. Dying trees behind the Old Nags Head pub are overhanging the path and causing a hazard. The Clerk is to report this to Severn Trent as the trees are thought to be on their land. ACTION: Clerk

23/11/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Shirt reported that the Village Hall prices are going up from the 1st January 2024. The fee for holding Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall will increase from £15.00 to £16.50.

23/11/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. No usage in October. Noted.

23/11/10.4 DALC Newsletter - November 2023 (a) The Woodland Trust are giving free trees to Parish and Town Councils. Cllr. Collins is to check whether the Parish Council can apply on behalf of local organisations. ACTION: Cllr. Collins (b) Parish Councils must complete their first consideration of what action to take to meet their biodiversity duty by 1 January 2024. The Clerk will attend a DALC forum on the subject on 22nd November and report at the December meeting. ACTION: Clerk.

23/11/10.5 Police Reports. See Public Speaking (23/11/3)

23/11/10.6 Village Events. Nothing reported. Noted.

23/11/10.7 Breedon's CCS plans and proposals for 2042 legacy – Hope Valley parishes meeting 20th November at 7:30pm. Cllr. Collins will attend. ACTION: Cllr. Collins

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

23/11/11.1 DCC Community News

- (i) Community news 2nd October
- (ii) Community news 17th October

23/11/11.2 Polling District and Polling Place Review – High Peak

23/11/11.3 Peak Park Parishes Forum – Minutes from AGM

23/11/11.4 High Peak Community Grants Programme. Clerk to circulate on Edalelist. ACTION: Clerk

23/11/11.5 High Peak Borough Council - Planning policy updates

23/11/11.6 Severn Trent - Update on the UDVRE SRO Project

23/11/11.7 HVCA Newsletter

23/11/12 Date of next meeting – note change of time to 7pm

Regular Parish Council meeting. **Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7pm in Edale Village Hall.**

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