

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7:00pm.
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Minutes

Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Morgan Jackson, Cedric Gilbert, Julie Morten, David Shirt.
Clerk – Tracy Whitley

23/12/1 Apologies for absence. None.

23/12/2 Declarations of interests. Cllr. Jackson declared an interest in item number 23/12/8.2.

23/12/3 Public speaking – max 10 min. Cllr Collins reported in her role as HPBC Cllr. (a) The HPBC Councillor Initiative Fund is still open to applications. (b) The Public Spaces Protection Order regarding the ban on fires is suffering from not enough monitoring. Parish Councils can put pressure onto HPBC to request another monitoring person. **ACTION: Clerk** (c) HPBC has published a plan for nature.

23/12/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion) None.

23/12/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 8th November 2023 proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Shirt. Adopted.

23/12/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).

Cllr. Collins reported that she has had a reply from the Woodland Trust regarding their offer of free trees. Community Groups requiring trees can apply.

23/12/7 Items for discussion/ decision

23/12/7.1 Environment Act 2021 – Complying with the Biodiversity Duty. The Environment Act requires all councils to ‘complete a first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1st January 2024’. In accordance with this, Edale Parish Council resolves to publish a document outlining its policies and objectives for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity by June 2024. Discussions to formulate this document will take place over the coming months including a public meeting for input from local residents. In the meantime, all decisions taken by the Parish Council will include consideration of any possible impact on biodiversity. Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr Shirt. Resolved.

23/12/7.2 Grass cutting contracts – for 2024 / 2025 / 2026. With regard to the Parish Council’s biodiversity duty Cllr. Collins suggested that mowing regime 1 adopts the ‘No Mow May’ scheme to encourage the growth of wildflowers. Following the initial cut the areas would not be cut again until the end of May/ beginning of June. It was agreed that this would be on trial for the 1st year of the contracts with an option to continue in the following years. The Clerk will make the necessary adjustments and then advertise for tenders for the contracts. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/12/7.3 Dangerous parking restricting the road at Barber Booth. Dangerous parking had been reported to the police and the Parish Council by a local resident. The Clerk passed the report on to PC Alex Simpson at the High Peak Safer Neighbourhood team. PC Simpson replied that he is aware of numerous complaints about parking throughout the Hope Valley, particularly at weekends. He is looking forward to working with the Parish Council, Highways, Parking Enforcement and local residents to look for a long term, sustainable resolution to this issue. The Clerk is to reply to PC Simpson to say that the Parish Council are very keen for this to happen and ask when it might be possible for the parties to get together to discuss this. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/12/8 Planning.

New Applications:

23/12/8.1 NP/HPK/1023/1284 4 Water Meadows, Hope Road, Edale. Erect a small summer house. The Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application. The Clerk will report this to the planning department. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/12/8.2 NP/HPK/1123/1343 Newfold Farm Caravan Site & Café. S.73 application for the removal or variation of condition 3 on NP/HPK/0921/1048. **Cllr. Jackson left the meeting.** The remaining Councillors discussed this application which was to correct an error regarding the position of a hedge. They voted unanimously to support the application. The Clerk will report this to the planning department. **ACTION: Clerk** **Cllr. Jackson rejoined the meeting.**

Decisions:

23/12/8.3 NP/HPK/0323/0351 & NP/HPK/0323/0352. Planning approval & listed building consent. The Old Parsonage, Grindsbrook, Edale. Installation of air source heat pump and underfloor heating; insulation to walls (internal surfaces), floors and ceilings; partitioning to create first floor bathroom; and other minor works. Granted conditionally. Noted.

23/12/9 Finance.

23/12/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. Noted.

23/12/9.2 Bank reconciliation. For approval. Approved and signed by the Chair.

23/12/9.3 Clerk's pay and expenses

(i) NJC National Pay Award – backdated to 1st April 2023. Approved.

(ii) Pay and expenses for November. For approval. Approved and signed by the chair.

23/12/9.4 Preliminary budget for the 2024-2025 financial year. The Clerk tabled the preliminary budget with explanatory notes. The proposed budget expenditure was approved by the Councillors. The Clerk then tabled various precept options. The Councillors agreed on an increase of between 7% and 9% to minimise the amount of budget shortfall to be funded from reserves. The exact amount of the precept increase will be decided at the January meeting once the new tax base figures have been received.

23/12/9.5 Unity Trust Bank

(i) Change to mandate. Cllr. Shirt has now been added as a signatory.

(ii) Moving deposit account funds from RBS to Unity Trust. The Clerk has prepared a letter to RBS requesting the closure. Signed by Cllr. Morten and Cllr. Gilbert.

23/12/9.6 Invoices & Payments for approval for payment by bank transfer. Approved.

i	30-Nov-23	T. Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)	£318.03
ii	13-Nov-23	Edale Village Hall (sep,oct,nov meetings)	£45.00
iii	30-Nov-23	AK Web Solutions (domain name renewal for 2 years)	£28.78

23/12/10 Items for Information

23/12/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

(i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) Dilapidated handrail on path down to Gibraltar Bridge. A reply has been received from the PRoW Team but no action is being taken. The Councillors agreed that this is not satisfactory. The Clerk will write again.

ACTION: Clerk (b) Dead trees overhanging path behind Old Nags Head pub. Severn Trent have replied to say that this is not their land. The Clerk will write to the PRoW Team as the branches are overhanging a public footpath. **ACTION: Clerk**

(ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues (a) potholes on road to Upper Booth – between the bridge and the phone box. Clerk to report to DCC Highways. **ACTION: Clerk** (b) Very deep and dangerous flood across road at Edale End. Clerk to report to DCC Highways. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/12/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. None.

23/12/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. No usage in November.

23/12/10.4 DALC

(i) Training – Tree Survey course 9th January 2024. Cllr. Jackson to attend.

(ii) December Newsletter. Noted.

23/12/10.5 Police Reports. From PC Alex Simpson – Safer Neighbourhood team. Main points: two males have been arrested for four burglaries and attempted burglaries in the Hope Valley; A stolen motor vehicle has also been recovered; PCSO Will Brocket will be joining the Hope Valley SNT team. PSCO Brocket has previously covered The Hope Valley, he has extensive knowledge of the area and is a welcome addition to the team.

23/12/10.6 Village Events. The Clerk has received notice of a cycling event to take place in May 2025. She is to send the organisers the document ‘Organising Events in Edale’ and ask them to comply with the requests therein. **ACTION: Clerk**

23/12/10.7 Minutes from Hope Valley Parishes Meeting re Breedon Carbon Capture and Futures. Noted.

23/12/10.8 Hope Valley High Peak Borough Councillors Report September to November 2023. Noted.

23/12/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

23/12/11.1 DCC Community News. Cllr. Collins commented that these newsletters often include information that may be of interest to residents. It was agreed that in future the Clerk will automatically share these on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk**

- (i) Community news – 3rd November
- (ii) Community news – 14th November
- (iii) Community news – 27th November

23/12/11.2 Special Constable Council Tax Discount - Commissioner Angelique Foster

23/12/11.3 Hope Valley Climate Action Newsletter

23/12/12 Date of next meeting

Regular Parish Council meeting. **Wednesday 10th January 2023 at 8:00pm in Edale Village Hall.**

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