

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 8:00pm.
www.edaleparishcouncil.org.uk

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllrs. Joanna Collins, Cedric Gilbert, Julie Morten, David Shirt. Clerk – Tracy Whitley

24/01/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Morgan Jackson. Noted.

24/01/2 Declarations of interests. None

24/01/3 Public speaking – max 10 min. None.

24/01/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion) None

24/01/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

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

24/01/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).
None.

24/01/7 Items for discussion/ decision

24/01/7.1 Environment Act 2021 – Complying with the Biodiversity Duty. With regard to Edale Parish Council’s resolution at the December meeting to publish a document outlining its policies and objectives for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity by June 2024 (minute 23/12/7.1) it was agreed to hold a public meeting for input from local residents. The meeting is to take place on the same evening as the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm on Wednesday 14th February. The Clerk will advertise this online on Edalelist and in Ringing Roger. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/7.2 Maintenance of parish noticeboards. The Clerk reported that several of the boards are suffering badly in the wet weather. A local contractor has been approached to assess and possibly quote for the work needed but he would be unable to undertake any work prior to the year end. The Clerk will meet with him to assess the work. **ACTION: Clerk** It was agreed that the £200 for ‘Asset Repairs’ in this year’s budget would be carried forward in reserve to the next financial year if work to the noticeboards does not take place before the end of March. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/7.3 Expressions of interest for Edale Charities Car Park beneficiaries for year 2024/25. It was agreed that the Clerk will advertise this on Edalelist, Ringing Roger and on the noticeboards. The deadline for expressions of interest is Tuesday 12th March, no applications can be considered after that date.
ACTION: Clerk

24/01/8 Planning.

New Applications: None. Noted.

Decisions:

24/01/8.1 NP/HPK/1023/1284. 4 Water Meadows, Hope Road, Edale. Erect a small summerhouse. Granted conditionally. Noted.

24/01/9 Finance.

24/01/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. Noted.

24/01/9.2 Bank reconciliation. Approved and signed by the Chair.

24/01/9.3 Clerk’s pay and expenses. Includes backdated NJC pay award approved 23/12/9.3(i). Approved and signed by the Chair.

24/01/9.4 Current Financial Year 2023-2024 Budget

(i) Q3 Budget report. Noted,

(ii) Predicted budget at year end. The Clerk tabled the financial predictions for the year end in relation to the budget. She reported that there are no unexpected variations. Noted.

24/01/9.5 Financial Year 2024-2025 Budget and Precept.

- (i) Approval and adoption of Budget for 2024-2025 financial year. The preliminary budget tabled by the Clerk at the last meeting was approved and will be signed off at the February meeting.
- (ii) Approval and signing of Precept Request. The Clerk tabled calculations showing the impact on the budget of various increases to the precept. An increase of 21% would be needed to balance the budget with no shortfall but this was deemed to be too much. Increases of between 5% and 9% were discussed. The councillors agreed on a 7% increase which will result in a shortfall of £843 to be covered from reserved funds. Due to a rise in the tax base from 140 to 142 the actual increase to Band D will be 5.5%, a rise of £2.37 on last year. The precept requirement will be £6464.97. The precept and budget were proposed for adoption by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Collins. The Chair and Clerk signed the precept request to be sent to HPBC. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/9.6 Invoices & Payments for approval for payment by bank transfer. Approved.

(i)	31-Dec-24	T.Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)	£493.29
(ii)	01-Dec-23	Wm Eyre & Sons (Christmas tree for parish church)	£26.57
(iii)	31-Dec-23	Unity Trust Bank (service charges)	£16.63

24/01/10 Items for Information

24/01/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues. No action regarding the footpath fence leading up from Gibraltar Bridge. Cllr. Collins will telephone the PRoW team if no response is received within the next two weeks. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues The Clerk is to report the following potholes (a) a previously filled-in hole at the bottom of Mam Nick road (b) in the middle of the road on the corner at Barber Booth (c) above the small bridge on the road to Upper Booth. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (iii) PRoW Minor Maintenance Grant – 2023/24. The Clerk has not received any response from contractors regarding proposed work to footpath 23 opposite the church. The work must be completed and signed-off before the meeting on 13th March. Cllr. Gilbert will follow this up. **ACTION: Cllr. Gilbert.**

24/01/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. None.

24/01/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. No usage in December.

24/01/10.4 DALC

- (i) DALC AGM Tuesday 9th January – online via Zoom. Noted.
- (ii) Training. Cllr. Jackson had been unable to attend the Tree Survey Course. The Clerk will enquire about re-booking. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/10.5 Police Reports. PC Alex Simpson sent the monthly crime report. The following incidents were highlighted: 20th December, Station Road, Hope. Suspects cut lock on outbuilding and take quad bike and welding tools; 28th December, Station Cottages, Edale. Suspects have forced open garage door and left. Nothing believed to have been taken; 29th December, Station Road, Hope. Vehicle in car park is broken into and 2 mountain bikes stolen from the vehicle. The Clerk is to contact PC Simpson to ask if he is available to come to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the parking issues on Hope Road. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/10.6 Village Events

- (i) Ultra X England - Ultramarathon - 14-15 September. The Clerk is to send the organisers the document 'Organising Events in Edale' and ask them to comply with the requests therein. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below)

24/01/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters

- (i) Community news – 11th December (previously posted on Edalelist)
- (ii) Response to question re: East Midlands Devolution.

24/01/11.2 UKSPF Business Support and Community/Voluntary Sector Support Grants. The Clerk is to post this on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/01/12 Date of next meeting

Regular Parish Council meeting. **Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 8:00pm in Edale Village Hall.**

Tracy Whitley, Clerk to Edale Parish Council,

Middle Ollerbrook Cottage, Ollerbrook, Edale. S33 7ZG

Email: edaleparishcouncil@gmail.com