

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 8:00pm.
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Minutes

PRESENT: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair) Cedric Gilbert, Julie Morten. Tracy Whitley (Clerk). Plus two local residents – Tony Favell and John Tupholme

24/03/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. David Shirt and Cllr. Morgan Jackson. Noted.

24/03/2 Declarations of interests. None.

24/03/3 Public speaking – max 10 min.

- Tony Favell attended to voice his objection to the plan for ‘No Mow May’ combined with general reduced mowing in various parts of the Churchyard, as detailed in the notes from the public meeting on biodiversity held on 14th February. He said that he feels very strongly that the Churchyard should be fully mown to a short sward with no areas of longer grass. Cllr. Collins explained that the biodiversity meeting had been a public meeting – not a Parish Council meeting – with the objective of various local organisations and local residents coming together to share ideas to promote biodiversity in the areas of land that they are responsible for. The Parish Council was just one of the organisations present. The Parish Council has no influence over what happens in the Churchyard, which is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. Residents with strong opinions about the maintenance of Church land may contact the PCC.
- John Tupholme attended to talk about his concerns regarding the maintenance of the 4 areas of land at the top of Grindsbrook, collectively known as the Village Greens. He said that he disagrees with the idea of reducing mowing in May/June and thinks that this will cause the greens to be overrun with weeds. He believes that the grass should continue to be cut short all year round. Cllr. Collins explained that the reduced mowing should not result in excessive weeds or damage to the grass. It will be started this year on a trial basis to see what happens. The Parish Council now have a statutory duty through the 2021 Environment Act to maintain and promote biodiversity on the land it manages. All public authorities have to re-think the way that public land is maintained.
- Cllr. Collins, as HPBC reported that the Parish Council is eligible to receive a free portrait of HM King Charles II to display in a public place. As Edale Parish Council does not have its own property the Village Hall will be asked if they would like to receive the portrait. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall Committee. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion) None.

24/03/5 Minutes of previous meetings.

Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 14th February 2024 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert, seconded by Cllr. Morten. Adopted.

24/03/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).
None.

24/03/7 Items for discussion/ decision

24/03/7.1 Tenders for maintenance of public land 2024 / 2025 / 2026

- (i) Regime 1 – Four areas of land at Grindsbrook (Village Greens). A tender for the maintenance of this land has been received from David Howe at £40 per cut. The price per cut for the previous contract was £35. It was agreed that there should be a four-week gap in mowing during May/June at the discretion of the Parish Council. Otherwise the grass will be cut approximately every two

weeks during the summer. The Parish Council will retain the right to alter the mowing regime in periods of extreme weather (e.g no cuts during periods of drought). The increase in the price per cut was proposed for approval by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Approved. Contract awarded to David Howe. The Clerk will prepare the contract for signing. **ACTION: Clerk**

- (ii) Regime 2 – Four areas of land; Upper Booth, Barber Booth, Station Approach & Station Steps. A tender for the maintenance of this land has been received from Mark Cooper at £175 per cut. The price per cut for the previous contract was £160 per cut. It was agreed that the contractor will not remove the clippings which should be left for a few days to allow for the dropping of seeds before being collected by volunteers. The contractor must notify the Parish Clerk when the cutting is taking place. There will only be two cuts per year. The second cut should not be before late August. The Parish Council will retain the right to alter dates of mowing to maximise biodiversity. The increase in the price per cut was proposed for approval by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Approved. Contract awarded to Mark Cooper. The Clerk will prepare the contract for signing. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/7.2 Edale Charities Car Park

- (i) Distribution of funds from year ending 31st March 2024. The total of available funds currently stands at £8812.03. As there are still three days remaining in this financial year for the car park to operate, the final distribution of funds will be agreed at the April meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ii) Expressions of interest for beneficiaries of the funds for the year to 31st March 2025. The Clerk reported that she had received expressions of interest from 5 local organisations: Edale Parish Church, Edale Methodist Chapel, Friends of Edale School, Edale Village Hall & Playing Field, and Edale Tennis Club. All proposed to be approved by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Collins. Approved. The Clerk will send details to John Payne as coordinator. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (iii) Request to use the carpark for Ranger Anniversary Event. The Parish Council have received a request from Mike Rhodes at the PDNPA to use the Edale Charities car park for an event at the village hall on 16th April, to mark the 70th anniversary of the National Park Ranger Service. The Councillors agreed to allow this at no charge, but they would welcome a donation to the Edale Charities Car Park fund. The Clerk will pass this information on Mr Rhodes and ask John Payne as car park coordinator to liaise with him.

24/03/7.3 Arrangements and advertising for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in April. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 10th April. This is a public event where all members of the parish are entitled to attend, speak and vote on any matter of relevance to the Parish. Refreshments will be provided. The Clerk will advertise this event in Ringing Roger and on Edalelist. The regular meeting of the Parish Council in April will be brought forward to 7pm on the same day. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/7.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor. It was agreed to appoint John Marriot as auditor for the internal audit of the financial year March 2023 to April 2024. The Clerk will write to notify him of his appointment. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/7.5 PRow Minor Maintenance Grant. The contractor has advised that he will invoice the completed works to footpath 23 before the end of March.

24/03/7.6 Environment Act 2021 – Complying with the Biodiversity Duty. Arrangements for next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting on biodiversity will take place on Wednesday the 8th May at 7pm to 8pm and involve short talks from invited speakers followed by a more general discussion. Suggested speakers include Derbyshire Wildlife Trust; Andrew Critchlow; someone to talk about nature friendly gardening (perhaps from Edale Horticultural Society). Cllr. Collins will organise speakers. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**. It should be noted that this is a public event being facilitated by the Parish Council – it is not a Parish Council meeting.

24/03/8 Planning.

New Applications:

24/03/8.1 NP/HPK/1223/1521 and NP/DDD/1223/1527 Hope Shale Quarry, Pindale Road, Hope. Review of Minerals Permissions - First Periodic Review. The Clerk will advise the planning department that Edale Parish Council have no comment on this application.

Decisions: None

24/03/9 Finance.

24/03/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2023/24. Noted.

24/03/9.2 Bank reconciliation. For approval. Approved and signed by the Chair.

24/03/9.3 Clerk's pay and expenses. For approval. Approved and signed by the Chair.

24/03/9.4 Month 11 Budget review. The Clerk tabled the budget review as at the end of February which showed no major deviation from the agreed budget. Noted.

24/03/9.5 Invoices & Payments for approval for payment by bank transfer. Approved.

(i)	T.Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses)	£329.89
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(ii) The Clerk reported that the two bank transfer payments approved at the January meeting were not processed for approval through the online banking system within the regulation 30 days and were therefore automatically removed by the bank. The Clerk will re-submit the two payments; T.Whitley - Clerk (salary, allowance & expenses) £493.29; Wm Eyre & Sons (Christmas tree for parish church) £26.57. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/10 Items for Information

24/03/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) Handrail at FP 32 near Gibraltar Bridge. An opinion on the safety of the handrail will be sought from a structural engineer. **ACTION: Clerk** (b) Cracks in the road up towards Mam Nick. These have been filled in again. DCC Highways will monitor the situation (c) The large pothole at Barber Booth has been filled, but still has a dip in the middle.
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues. The Clerk is to report the following potholes to DCC Highways: near Nether Booth Farm; at Mill Cottages; on the lower section of road up to Mam Nick. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. None.

24/03/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park

- (i) Report on income & usage. £8812.03 taken to date. 3 days remaining to open in 2023/24 financial year.
- (ii) A local resident suggested that takings could be increased by putting up the parking charge from £5 to £10 per day. The Councillors all agreed that £5 is a reasonable fee for an informal car park. They are concerned that increasing the price would exacerbate the problem of people parking obstructively on the sides of the roads.

24/03/10.4 DALC

- (i) Tree Survey course. Booked for 9th May. Cllr. Shirt will be asked if he is able to attend. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ii) Cyber Crime Prevention Training. Noted.
- (iii) DALC March Newsletter. Noted.

24/03/10.5 Police Reports. 22nd January to 10th March. No crimes reported in Edale during this period. However there has been a spate of thefts, shed break-ins and burglaries in the Hope Valley. Local officers have been working with Peak Parks, Highways, Parking Enforcement and MP Largan to try to find a long solution for the parking obstructions which occur most weekends in the Hope Valley.

24/03/10.6 Village Events. Tor Divide Bike-packing event. In response to the letter from the Parish Council the organiser has removed the reference to wild-camping from the FAQ section of his website. However, Cllr. Collins has noticed that the Rules section of the website still refers to wild-camping being possible. The Clerk is to write and ask that this reference is also removed, and that it is made clear to all participants that wild-camping is illegal in the Peak District without express permission from the land-owner, even on open-access land. **ACTION: Clerk**

24/03/10.7 Peak Park Parishes Forum - Training on Planning matters. Date still to be confirmed.

24/03/10.8 Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 16 April 2024. Cllr. Collins will attend if possible.

24/03/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

24/03/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (also posted on Edalelist)

- (i) Community News 20th February 2024
- (ii) Community News 5th March 2024

24/03/11.2 Northern Powergrid's Regional Net Zero Workshops Series Invitation: March-April 2024

24/03/11.3 Derbyshire Connect Shopping Bus to Chapel

24/03/11.4 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – 15 Minutes to Save a Life poster. Cllr. Collins will print these posters to be displayed on the village noticeboards. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**

24/03/11.5 PDNPA - Winter 2023 /2024 Parishes Bulletin

24/03/11.6 HPBC Possible Funding Opportunities

24/03/11.7 Letter from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner - ANPR Pilot Scheme

24/03/11.8 Hope Valley Climate Action March Newsletter

24/03/12 Date of next meeting – Note change of time.

Regular Parish Council meeting. **Wednesday 10th April at 7pm.** To be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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