

**EDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Edale Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 8:00pm.  
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**Minutes**

**PRESENT: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Julie Morten, Cedric Gilbert. Clerk – Tracy Whitley.  
Plus 2 local residents**

**25/02/1 Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Morgan Jackson, Cllr. David Shirt. Noted

**25/02/2 Declarations of interests.** None.

**25/01/3 Public speaking. Maximum 10 minutes**

- (i) Penny Cooper attended to speak about some comments from MP Jon Pierce regarding the possibility of High Peak being merged under Greater Manchester in the proposed restructuring of local councils. She stated that she is extremely opposed to this idea and had come to meeting to ask the Parish Council to facilitate some sort of public discussion on the subject. The Clerk will write to Jon Pierce to ask if he is available to come to talk to Edale residents just prior to the next Parish Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. **ACTION: Clerk.** In the meantime the Clerk will circulate a request on Edalelist for feedback from residents on this subject. The deadline for preliminary proposals from district councils is the 21<sup>st</sup> March, so comments should be sent to the Clerk asap. **ACTION: Clerk.** HPBC have said that they will bring all the Parish Councils together for a discussion prior to submitting their proposal. Cllr. Collins will follow this up. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**
- (ii) Cllr. Collins reported that HPBC and Derbyshire Dales are hoping to work together on issues such as parking and visitor numbers. They are also meeting with the National Trust.
- (iii) Cllr. Collins said that the plan for a Repair Café in conjunction with Castleton PC is progressing. A request will soon be put out for volunteer 'repairers'.

**25/02/4 Chairman's announcements** (Not for discussion)

The Chair requested that slots for reports from the Borough Councillor and County Councillor be added to the 'Public Speaking' item on future agendas to give more time for local residents to speak. **ACTION: Clerk.**

**25/02/5 Minutes of previous meetings.** Minutes for the regular meeting of the Parish Council of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Morten, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Adopted.

**25/02/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).** None.

**25/02/7 Items for discussion/ decision.**

25/02/7.1 Hope Valley ANPR Project. PCSO Will Brocket has set up a meeting at Bradwell Village Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 11am-12:30pm when he will give a recap on the project and explain a bit more about ANPR. Representatives from each of the Hope Valley parish councils are invited to attend to raise any questions. Cllr. Jackson will be asked if he would like to attend. The Clerk will also try to attend. **ACTION: Clerk.**

25/02/7.2 Expressions of interest for beneficiaries to Edale Charities Car Park funds 2025/26. Applications from FOHES, Edale Church, Edale Methodist Chapel, Edale Village Hall and Edale Tennis club were approved. An application from the Peak Centre was also considered, but a concern was raised that the Peak Centre primarily provides services for groups and individuals from outside Edale and does not directly benefit Edale residents. It was felt that to be part of the scheme local charities and organisations should be operating to provide services and facilities predominantly for residents of the village. A vote was taken and it was decided by two votes to one not to include the Peak Centre as a beneficiary. The Clerk will contact all concerned, including the car park co-ordinator John Payne. **ACTION: Clerk.**

25/02/7.3 Purchase of additional grit bin. The Snow Warden has requested extra grit bins to enable grit to be stored in more areas around the parish. It was proposed by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Morten to purchase two bins at a cost of £95.95 each plus VAT. This expenditure is within the budget. Agreed. The Clerk will organise the purchase. **ACTION: Clerk.**

25/02/7.4 Local restriction order for low-flying helicopters in March and April. An annual request for a temporary restriction on training exercises using low-flying helicopters in the Hope Valley will be sent to the Chief Pilot at Bristow SAR (search and rescue), to minimise distress to animals during lambing season.

**ACTION:** Clerk.

### **25/02/8 Planning.**

#### **New Applications:**

25/02/8.1 NP/HPK/1124/1254 National Trust. Development of three new public footpaths and associated Biodiversity Net Gain interventions across Kinder Plateau in the Peak District National Park. Edale Parish Council have no objections to this application but would like to ask the following questions. What are the National Trust doing to minimise disruption to wildlife, including ground nesting birds, both during the works and once the footpaths are in place? How is the biodiversity net gain calculated considering that conservation work is happening on the Kinder Plateau regardless of this application? Also the Parish Council request that low-flying helicopters are not used to deliver materials to the work site during lambing season. The Clerk will convey this information to the planning officer. **ACTION:** Clerk.

#### **Decisions:**

25/02/8.2 NP/HPK/1224/1299 Upper Booth Farm, Edale. Change of use of existing traditional agricultural barn (Sui Generis) to a vending machine shop (Class E(b)). Granted conditionally. Noted.

#### **Appeal Decisions:**

25/02/8.3 Planning Inspectorate Appeal APP/M9496/W/24/3351892 Land West of Edale Road, Barber Booth, Edale. 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. Appeal allowed. Planning permission granted. Noted.

### **25/02/9 Finance.**

25/02/9.1 Updated daily accounts. Noted.

25/02/9.2 Bank reconciliation & record of balance of funds. Currently funds stand at £17,542.10 comprising £7,345.68 of council funds and £10,196.42 held for the Edale Charities Car Park fund. Approved and signed by the Chair.

25/02/9.3 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved and signed by the Chair.

25/02/9.4 Final budget 2025/26 with approved precept requirement. Signed by the Chair.

25/02/9.5 Invoices & payments for approval for payment by bank transfer

(i)	Edale Village Hall (Nov, Dec, Jan)	£49.50
(ii)	Tracy Whitley - Clerk (salary & expenses inc overtime for training)	£428.11
(iii)	Unity Trust Bank (service fee)	£6.00

### **25/02/10 Items for Information**

#### **25/02/10.1 Highways & Footpaths**

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues (a) no action yet on collapsed verge near Rowland's Farm (b) large dip in road going up to Mam Nick getting worse. Clerk is to chase up both these reports with DCC Highways. **ACTION:** Clerk.
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues (a) loose paving stone in Station Car Park. Clerk to check if Network Rail know about this. **ACTION:** Clerk. (b) the cracks in the road near the top of Mam Nick have reopened again. Clerk inform Highways. **ACTION:** Clerk.
- (iii) PRoW Minor Maintenance Grant work. The minor resurfacing work to the wet stretch of footpath 23 opposite Skinner's Hall is due to start before the end of February.

25/02/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Village Hall Committee meeting scheduled for later in February. Cllr. Shirt will attend and report at the next meeting.

25/02/10.3 Edale Charities Car Park - Report on income & usage. No usage in January. 3 days remain until end of financial year

#### **25/02/10.4 DALC**

- (i) February newsletter. Noted.
- (ii) Tree Survey Course. 11<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. Jackson will attend.

25/02/10.5 Police Reports. Crime report for January. Nothing received.

25/02/10.6 Village Events

- (i) The organisers of the Spine Race will be contacted to request actions to encourage more of the entrants and supporters to use public transport to travel to Edale for the start of the race next year. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- (ii) The organisers of the Endurance Life trail running event which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February will be contacted to ask that all remaining race markers are collected. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- (iii) It was agreed that all landowners in the parish should be contacted when the Parish Council are informed of an event such as trail running. The landowners can then contact the organisers themselves to check whether all necessary permissions are in place and that they are happy with arrangements for any events that cross over their land. **ACTION: Clerk.**

25/02/10.7 Report from Edale event – Warmer Homes Derbyshire. Cllr. Collins reported that this was a very successful event with a good turnout. Approximately 25 people attended with around 12 signing up for home energy surveys.

25/02/10.8 Report from Peak Park Planning training. This event was held in Bakewell by the PDNP Planning authority. Cllr. Collins and the Clerk attended. They reported that it had been very interesting and gave a really good insight into aspects of the planning process specific to the Peak Park. One important point is that if a Parish Council objects to an planning application which the planning officer was going to grant then the application will automatically go to the planning committee - providing that the PC clearly states their material reasons for objecting. It was emphasised that when making any representations on applications it is vitally important to state material reasons as defined by the planning authority otherwise comments can not be taken into consideration.

25/02/10.9 Report from Peak Park Parishes Forum. Cllr. Collins reported that one outcome of the meeting was a request for Parish Councils to write to their MP to express concern that the current funding system for National Parks is not working due to years of cut-backs. The Councillors agreed to do this. **ACTION: Clerk.** Cllr. Collins also reported that the PPPF are looking to recruit a new secretary following the retirement of Peter Leppard. The Clerk will circulate the details on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk.**

25/02/10.10 Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 5 March 2025. It was agreed that someone from Edale PC will try to attend this meeting, possibly Cllr. Collins.

**25/02/11 Correspondence (circulated)** All noted and no action required unless stated below.

25/02/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (also posted on Edalelist)

- (i) Community News – 6<sup>th</sup> January
- (ii) Community News – 13<sup>th</sup> January
- (iii) Community News – 20<sup>th</sup> January

25/02/11.2 Hope Valley Climate Action newsletter

25/02/11.3 Your Severn Trent Councillor Newsletter

25/02/11.4 February Update Safety of lithium-ion batteries campaign

**25/02/12 Date of next meeting.**

Regular Meeting of the Parish Council. **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 8pm in the Village Hall.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO THE PANTOMIME.**

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