

**Hope with Aston Parish Council – minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2021**

**Present:** Dominic Swords (Chair); Stephen Barr, David Garwes; Richard Henson, Gordon Hopewell; Chris Ord, Susan Worsley

**In Attendance:** Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay; members of the public Roger Elliott and Stephen Fox

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Issues raised - information shared – proposals - solutions</b>	<b>Decision/Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
001/21	<b>Apologies</b>	Received and approved from Cllrs Chris Perkins and Stephen Price			
002/21	<b>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</b>	Chair: Cllr David Garwes nominated Cllr Dominic Swords, seconded by Cllr Gordon Hopewell and unanimously agreed. Vice Chair: Cllr Swords nominated Cllr Chris Ord, seconded by Cllr Garwes and unanimously agreed.			
003/21	<b>Any variation in the order of business</b>	None.			
005/21	<b>Any declarations of Interests relevant to agenda items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Henson in relation to agenda item 017/21c – planning application for 2 Castleton Road (Old Bank)</li> <li>• Cllr Garwes in relation to agenda item 008/21e noting he is a trustee of the Cresswell charity</li> <li>• Cllr Garwes in relation to agenda item 017/21b – planning application for Torre, Castleton Road, noting he lives next door to the property</li> <li>• Cllrs Perkins and Price in relation agenda item 014/21 – tree planning initiative – they have both offered their own land for the planting of trees</li> </ul>			
006/21	<b>Committees: terms of reference and membership</b>	<p>Terms of reference for all committees were reviewed in September 2020. Membership was confirmed:</p> <p><b>Finance Advisory Committee (FAC):</b> Cllrs Garwes, Hopewell and Worsley</p> <p><b>Policy and Procedures Advisory Committee (PPAC):</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Planning Advisory Committee (PAC):</b> Cllrs Hopewell, Perkins and Price</p> <p><b>Human Resources Committee (HR):</b> Cllrs Hopewell, Ord and Swords</p>			
007/21	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>	Noted all had been reviewed across September and November 2020.			
008/21	<b>Representatives on external groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Breedon Liaison Group – Cllr Perkins</li> <li>b) PDNP Area Management Group – Cllr Henson</li> <li>c) Peak Park Parishes Forum – Cllr Swords (as and when relevant issues arise)</li> <li>d) Hope Valley Parishes Forum – Cllr Garwes (as and when relevant issues arise)</li> </ul>			

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		<p>e) Mrs Creswell's Apprenticing Charity – Cllr Garwes is a Trustee and Secretary. Noted the charity is looking to use existing funds to set up an annual award to Hope Valley College students.</p> <p>f) Any other external group – none noted.</p>			
009/21	<b>Subscriptions</b>	Noted subscriptions for 2021 to DALC, PPPF and the ICO. Noted the subscription to SLCC had been discontinued.			
010/21	<b>Public participation</b>	<p>Mr Roger Elliott and Mr Stephen Fox raised some issues:</p> <p><b>1. Graffiti</b> – on the Severn Trent Meter Point sited on the A6187 opposite Laneside Caravan Park.</p> <p><b>2. Edale Road and yellow lining</b> – an ongoing issue with ongoing liaison with DCC Highways over the last three years. Noted yellow lining currently being undertaken across the Hope Valley. Cllr Ord has raised it with MP Robert Largan on a recent walkabout; Edale Road residents also flagged their concerns with Mr Largan. HwAPC is keeping a log of incidents; a summary of incidents, near misses, access and parking problems was noted. Cllr Nigel Gourlay agreed to raise HwAPC concerns – and calls for action – with DCC Highways.</p> <p>Re yellow lining, and parking, Cllr Hopewell noted lines on the corner of Edale Road were repainted last year. Cllrs acknowledged yellow lining in one area moves the problem elsewhere – Cllr Ord suggested lining Edale Road could push parking onto Eccles Close. Also noted parking problems are likely to worsen over the summer. Noted potential sites for overspill parking are very limited. Noted issues of yellow lining, parking provision, access etc needs an overarching, cohesive approach and consultation with residents - Cllr Gourlay asked to make appropriate representations to DCC Highways.</p> <p><b>3. Overgrown hedges impeding pedestrians:</b> Edale Road to Bowden Lane – suggested DCC Highways responsibility. Noted the site will need to be cut by hand (highlight with DCC Highways).</p> <p><b>4. Summer bus service:</b> noted the resumption of the summer 'hopper' bus service, possibly on weekends only – and removing the Edale stop from the route. Cllrs expressed disappointment noting the bus service could mitigate Edale Road parking problems to some extent.</p>	<p>Liaise Severn Water</p> <p>Further highlight Edale Road concerns / call for action from DCC Highways</p> <p>DCC Highways - overarching plan to address parking and related issues</p> <p>Liaise DCC Highways</p> <p>Highlight impact of removing Edale stop with service operator</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Gourlay</p> <p>Cllr Gourlay</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p><b>Done</b></p> <p><b>Done</b></p> <p><b>Done</b></p> <p><b>Done</b></p>

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012/21	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 12 April 2021</b>	The minutes were <b>approved</b> as a correct record. There were no matters arising not dealt with in the agenda.			
013/21	<b>Chair's report/ update</b>	Nothing additional to the agenda items.			
014/21	<b>New website - quotes</b>	Cllrs considered the three quotes tendered and <b>agreed</b> to award the contract to <a href="http://anycomp.co.uk">anycomp.co.uk</a> - £400.00 for a new WordPress website including one year's hosting and an SLL certificate.	Clerk to liaise with anycomp	Clerk	<b>Done</b>
015/21	<b>PDNPA Tree Planting Fund</b>	Cllr Perkins had circulated a detailed report and proposals on sites for trees, and types of tree appropriate to each site. Cllrs <b>fully supported and ratified proposals.</b>	Submission of proposals for tree planting in/around Hope	Cllr Perkins	
016/21	<b>Smart Trail</b>	Cllr Henson had circulated a report bringing together previous discussions and proposals on management and maintenance of footpaths and cycle trails, across the Hope Valley. He expanded on the detail. Noted next steps would be to get relevant bodies – PDNP, DCC, NT - to endorse and support proposals including taking the lead on liaison with landowners. Cllr Gourlay agreed to highlight the initiative with DCC Footpaths Officers and with Cabinet Officers including the DCC Leader who is also the DCC Lead on green issues. More broadly, Cllrs noted financial costs to some elements of the proposals but others are about strategy and better co-operation between stakeholders. The Monsal Trail was cited as an example of good management and promotions. Highlighted that much Hope Valley tourism is related to walking and queried whether tourist revenue could be generated/accessed to support changes to trails and paths. Referencing previous discussions on a local data monitoring initiative, Cllr Swords noted data gathered on path and trail users could be used to support the need for a fully-fledged, overarching plan for footpath and trail management across the Hope Valley.	Representation to DCC Cllrs and Officers	Cllr Gourlay	
017/21	<b>Highways and rights of way</b>	<p>a) <b>FP1:</b> noted recent maintenance work <i>Clerk to write note of thanks to volunteers.</i> Two bags of stones remaining – some to be used to top-up FP1; the remainder used on other paths. CO/GH to liaise on moving remaining bags to another location <i>Clerk to write note of thanks to CO's neighbour, re storage.</i></p> <p>b) <b>Remaining gravel for path maintenance:</b> <i>see above.</i></p> <p>c) <b>Edale Road:</b> further incident noted and added to Edale log – speeding van - adult and child had to take evasive action. Also noted recent walkabout (CO</p>	Relocation of remaining bags of stones Letters of thanks to vols and CO neighbour	CO/GH to coordinate  Clerk	<b>Done</b>

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		<p>with MP Roert Largan) where other residents’ had shared their concerns about safety on Edale Road. <i>NG recommended sharing Edale Road log with Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team and reporting all incidents to the team.</i></p> <p>d) <b>Carbolite, Parsons Lane:</b> verbal report from Cllr Swords on meeting with Carbolite Facilities Manager, onsite. Carbolite agreed some changes to the signage – shared with Cllrs – Cllrs noted the map directing users to an alternative path should be removed, as agreed.</p> <p>e) PROW – Clerk to liaise DCC Highways, re progress</p>	Liaison with Carbolite re map removal	DS/Clerk Clerk	<b>Done</b>
018/21	<b>Planning applications</b>	<p>a) <a href="#">NP/HPK/0321/0330</a> 15 Marsh Avenue – no objections.</p> <p>b) <a href="#">NP/HPK/0421/0423</a> Torre, Castleton Road – support.</p> <p>c) <a href="#">NP/HPK/0421/0469</a> The Old Bank, 2 Castleton Road (<i>Cllr Henson declared an interest</i>) – no objections.</p> <p>d) <a href="#">NP/HPK/0321/0326</a> 2 Railway Cottages, Station Road – noted the application had been refused.</p> <p>e) Noted ongoing Planning Enforcement Team investigation into concerns raised about work being undertaken at a property in the village</p> <p>f) <b>Erection of metal fence by Network Rail on Bowden Lane:</b> issue raised by resident - noted PDNP also concerned and are investigating <i>Clerk to inform resident.</i> GH noted this has also been raised with the Hope Valley Rail Users group.</p>	<p>Post response on PDNPA portal</p> <p>Share PDNP response with resident</p>	Clerk Clerk	<b>Done</b>
019/21	<b>Finance</b>	<p>Bank balances @ 20/4/21 current (£3951.91) and reserves (£6003.94) noted. Deposit of £500.00 to open Unity bank account <b>approved.</b> Payment of £302.40 to Markovitz for FP1 stones <b>noted.</b></p> <p>Accounts for Payment <b>approved:</b></p> <p>i) Unity Bank account opening deposit £500.00</p> <p>ii) M Sorensen, Clerk wages £292.90</p> <p>iii) M Sorensen, expenses (additional keys for noticeboards) £14.00</p> <p>iv) Peak Park Parishes Forum annual subscription £24.00</p> <p>v) Information Commissioner’s Officer £40.00</p> <p>vi) Parish Council Insurance (Zurich Insurance) £381.64</p> <p>vii) Julie Gough postal expenses £4.76</p> <p><b>Total £1,257.30</b></p>			

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020/21	Clerk's correspondence/items for information/AOB	<p><b>Defibrillators:</b> SB queried responsibility for maintenance rillators; noted this was not the remit of HwAPC.</p> <p><b>Welcome Back Fund:</b> NG referenced Chapel-en-le-Frith initiatives. Cllrs <b>agreed</b> to request funding for two picnic tables (as per the tables purchased by the Friends of Hope Station) <i>Clerk to liaise with HBPC Officer.</i></p> <p><b>Churchyard maintenance:</b> SB queried responsibility for churchyard maintenance; noted this was the responsibility of the parochial church council - DW suggested SB liaise with Margaret Drabble (churchyard secretary).</p> <p><b>Benches:</b> Cllrs noted benches purchased Aston Lane, Eccles Lane and Parsons Lane – not yet installed <i>Clerk to investigate/pursue.</i></p> <p><b>Hope Valley College:</b> NG noted challenges with maintenance given the age of the buildings. Noted the HVC Trust is looking to replace the entire school via central government funding – proposing a new building at the back of the playing fields, possibly retaining the current premises for community use. Noted proposals are at an early stage. Noted student numbers are currently below the stated pupil admissions number (PAN) and consideration is being given to expanding the catchment areas. Noted HVC has been in special measures but it is anticipated the college will move out of this category at the next Ofsted inspection.</p>	<p>Request WBF funding for picnic tables</p> <p>Liaise RJA Consulting/Agri-Cycle</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p><b>Done</b></p> <p><b>Done</b></p>
021/21	<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>Monday 5 July, 7.45pm, at the Old School.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 9.30pm</p>			