

## HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council  
 Monday 5 July 2021 7.30pm in the Old School, School Lane**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Dominic Swords, Stephen Barr, David Garwes, Richard Henson, Gordon Hopewell, Chris Ord, Stephen Perkins

**In attendance:** HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins; Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

### ACTIONS

021/21	<b>Apologies for absence</b> were received and approved from Cllrs Chris Perkins and Susan Worsley. HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell and DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay had also sent apologies.	<i>Clerk to liaise with Cllr Gourlay re engagement and attendance</i>
022/21	<b>Any variation in the order of business</b> – none.	
023/23	<b>Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items</b> – Cllr Garwes in relation to Mrs Cresswells' fund and the transfer of monies to the parish council's new Unity bank account.	
024/21	<b>Public participation:</b> no members of the public were in attendance.	
025/21	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 24 May 2021</b>	
	<b>1</b> The minutes were <b>approved</b> as a correct record. Cllrs noted membership of the Policy Procedures and Advisory Committee (PPAC).	<i>Clerk to update PPAC membership</i>
	<b>2</b> Actions arising from the minutes were <b>noted</b> .	
	<b>3</b> Noted there were no other matters arising from the minutes not dealt with in the agenda.	
026/21	<b>Chair's announcements / Clerk's correspondence / circulars</b> DS referenced removal of a plaque on the bench outside Hope Primary School. Noted council had previously formally supported this initiative. DS expressed great disappointment that someone had taken it into their hands to remove it. Agreed to liaise with the residents who initially mounted the plaque, expressing council's continued support including support for another plaque being mounted (more securely). DG formally thanked DS for representing the parish council at the Wakes Week procession. Hope Valley Capacity Scheme – the Clerk provided an update on a recent briefing and noted plans for further briefings/community engagement	<i>Clerk to liaise with residents who had mounted the plaque</i>
027/21	<b>Audit and AGAR 2021/22 for approval and signature:</b> the Clerk noted liaison with the council's internal auditor and issues to be resolved with the accounts. Noted a request had been made PKK Littlejohn had been informed of the delay with returning the Audit/AGAR. Noted an extraordinary meeting of the parish council may need to be convened to approve the Audit/AGAR	<i>Clerk to liaise with Cllrs about a date for a one-item extraordinary meeting to approve the Audit/AGAR</i>
028/21	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>	
	<b>1</b> <b>Bus shelter:</b> DCC proposals had been circulated - to upgrade the bus shelter on Parson Lane; remove the Stretfield Road stop; provide new stops on both approaches on the A6187; and fund a replacement shelter outside the Traveller's rest – noted this would entail the parish council signing a new maintenance agreement. Cllrs noted the new agreement would involve some increased costs	<i>Clerk to return the maintenance agreements (signed by the Chair) to DCC</i>

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		e.g. window cleaning. Cllrs discussed some concerns re the impact on footpath accessibility and the need for dropped kerbs. Cllrs <b>supported</b> the proposed improvements and <b>agreed</b> the new maintenance contract.	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Smart Trail:</b> Cllrs noted an earlier invitation from Hope Valley Parishes Forum to include this as an agenda item for the HPVF September meeting. HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins referenced recent discussions about lack of parish councils' engagement with HVPF, and the future of the Forum. Cllrs noted good attendance at HPVF meetings, previously, and queried whether the impact of so many meetings moving online through Covid had been a factor. Also noted recent changes in Cllr membership in neighbouring parishes. Cllrs queried whether the Forum could better target its audience both through a more action-focused agenda and direct engagement with Cllrs. Cllrs noted the difficulties of coordinating a clear response/message from all Hope Valley parish councils on common concerns. RH noted engagement with other bodies, including PDNP, on the Smart Trail initiative. Cllr Collins agreed to give further consideration to HVPF meetings and noted she would liaise with Cllr Henson on scheduling an item on Smart Trails.	<i>Cllr Collins to liaise with Cllr Henson re scheduling a Smart Trail item at an HPVF meeting</i>
	<b>3</b>	<b>Edale Road – parking restrictions and yellow lining:</b> Cllrs noted previous correspondence with DCC including representations made by the police, and more recent representations made by Cllr Gourlay. Cllrs expressed frustration with the DCC response but also noted the need for clarity on what measures are being sought, particularly with regards to areas for single or double yellow lining. Agreed the best way forward would be for a DCC Highways Officer to undertake a site visit, with Cllrs, to understand parish council concerns and assess need. <b>Agreed</b> DS and the Clerk should review correspondence, to date, and consider next steps.	<i>Cllr Swords/the Clerk to review correspondence with DCC, to date, and consider next steps</i>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Carbolite:</b> the Clerk referenced further correspondence with Carbolite requesting removal of the reference in their map/signage to an alternative route – noted the lack of response from Carbolite. <b>Agreed</b> the Clerk draft further correspondence – to be shared with DS and SP for input – clarifying the parish council's concerns about the misleading map and signage and requesting a formal response from Carbolite. Cllrs noted that, as well as referencing advice/input from DCC and PDNP, Cllrs explore whether the safety issues Carbolite cite accord with HSE guidance.	<i>DS/SP/Clerk to liaise on drafting further correspondence to Carbolite</i>
	<b>5</b>	<b>PROW:</b> the Clerk noted no further update from DCC on progress – Clerk to continue to liaise with DCC.	
	<b>6</b>	<b>FP1:</b> noted maintenance work by volunteers completed and all the materials have now been used. CO referenced some damage to gates – noted these would be the responsibility of the landowners - CO agreed to liaise with the PDNP Footpaths Officer re contacting landowners. Noted further work needed on another part of FP1 (closer to the village). Suggested a different type of aggregate would be better suited; CO to query with PDNP Footpaths Officer. Once confirmed, Clerk could order the aggregate; Cllrs can organise	<i>CO to liaise with Footpaths Officer re contacting landowners, and more appropriate footpath aggregate</i>

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		volunteers to undertake the work.	
<b>029/21</b>		<b>Planning</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>Erection of metal fence by Network Rail on Bowden Lane:</b> noted both the initial PDNPA response and that NR have since withdrawn this proposal.	
	<b>2</b>	<a href="#">NP/HPK/0421/0469</a> The Old Bank, 2 Castleton Road – noted the decision outcome (granted, conditionally).	
	<b>3</b>	<a href="#">NP/HPK/0421/0423</a> Torre, Castleton Road – noted the decision outcome (removal of conditions on previous application).	
		<i>DS ref Eccles Close and residents' displeasure ... DG ref to law re fencing ...</i>	
<b>030/21</b>		<b>Finance</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>Noted NatWest balances as of 20/05/2021</b> Current account balance <b>£7,260.54</b> Reserves account balance <b>£6,003.99</b>	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Unity Bank Account:</b> noted the account is now set up with an initial £500.00 deposit; noted signatories need to login/ensure they can access the account. Noted how to arrange transfer of remaining monies in the NatWest accounts needs to be considered/actioned.	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Accounts for payment were agreed as follows:</b>	
		<b>3.1</b> M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses <b>£588.69</b>	
		<b>3.2</b> Gillian Glen (war memorial summer planting) <b>£ 31.20</b>	
		<b>3.3</b> Old School, hire for 24 May meeting <b>£ 17.00</b>	
	<b>4</b>	<b>Purchases agreed</b>	
		<b>4.1</b> Noted it was agreed at the May meeting to purchase two plastic picnic benches from Welcome Back Funding (£1K available), administered by HPBC. Cllrs had agreed to order the same models purchased by the Friends of Hope Station. Clerk to liaise with GH re details of the provider and liaise with HPBC about placing an order.	<i>Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hopewell; and with HPBC</i>
		<b>4.2</b> GH referenced previous discussions on a location for planting bulbs. Noted the grass would need to be cut first – in August after the current crop of plants set seed – and the bulbs planted in September. Cllrs noted an approximate cost for bulbs – under £300.00 and <b>approved</b> expenditure. Noted a group of volunteers was ready to undertake planting.	<i>Clerk to liaise with Mark Chapman (Happy Tree Company) re grass cutting</i>
<b>031/21</b>		<b>New website:</b> the Clerk noted the contractor (anycomp) planned to share a link the new site-in-development, shortly and proposed setting up a Zoom meeting so Cllrs can contribute ideas/proposals for the site.	<i>Clerk to liaise with the contractor, and with Cllrs</i>
<b>032/21</b>		<b>Queen's Jubilee June 2022 - beacon lighting and other events:</b> DG noted the parish council already has a beacon. Noted further consideration be given to the best site for the beacon – site details to be registered with the national organisers. Noted an enquiry from residents about parish council support for other Jubilee events; no specific request had been made, yet.	
<b>033/21</b>		<b>Any other urgent business:</b> SP referenced overgrown vegetation on Parsons Lane verges – agreed to liaise with Mark Chapman about a cut. SP also referenced the very narrow footpath at Glenbrook (to	<i>Clerk to liaise with Mark Chapman (Happy Tree Company) re verge cutting</i>

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	<p>Brough Lane junction) and whether it could be extended. Cllrs were unsure whether this fell within the HwAPC boundary; suggested DCC could advise.</p> <p>SB queried responsibility for cutting back overgrown vegetation on School Lane. Cllrs noted some areas are the responsibility of landowners, some of DCC. Cllrs observed a general reduction in mass verge cutting - an ecology measure. <i>DS suggested inviting a representative of the local climate action group to a meeting to expand on ecology measures including rewilding.</i></p> <p>CO referenced the traffic lights outside the Travellers Rest and whether a right-turn filter light would improve safety and traffic flow. Cllrs suggested an issue with the timing of the lights – an issue for DCC Highways.</p>	<p><i>Clerk to liaise with DCC Highways</i></p>
<p><b>034/21</b></p>	<p><b>Next meeting – date, time and venue</b> – next scheduled meeting Monday 6 September, 7.45pm – preceded by a meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee. Noted an extra one-item meeting to be convened in the interim to approve the 2020-21 Audit and AGAR</p> <p><i>The meeting ended at 9.30pm</i></p>	