

# HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council  
 Monday 1 November 2021 7.45pm in the Old School, School Lane**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Dominic Swords (Chair), Stephen Barr, David Garwes, Richard Henson, Gordon Hopewell, Chris Ord, Chris Perkins, Stephen Price and Susan Worsey

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

## ACTIONS

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| 077/21 |   | Apologies for absence – none.  |   |
| 078/21 |   | Any variation in the order of business – none.   |   |
| 079/21 |   | Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items – Cllr Garwes in relation to agenda item 089/21/3.7 – Cllr Garwes is President of the Hope Sports Club. Cllr Swords declared an interest in relation to minute number 087/21.4 ( <i>item not on the agenda</i> ); his property is adjacent to FP5.  |   |
| 080/21 |   | Public participation: there was no public participation.   |   |
| 081/21 |   | <p><b>HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police:</b> reports or updates for the attention of the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Breedon ROMP:</b> HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins referenced the response from Hope Valley Climate Action Group (Cllr Collins is a member of the group). Noted the Parish Council had also responded in a similar vein highlighting concerns about traffic and transportation, noise and the ecological impacts.</p> <p><b>HBPC Councillors Initiative Fund:</b> Cllr Collins shared details – Borough Councillors have a small fund from which they can offer support to initiatives that benefit communities in their parishes. Suggested the Parish Council ask local groups to highlight relevant initiatives/activities.</p> <p><b>Police reports/updates:</b> noted the lack of response – and reports or updates - for some months. Clerk to ask the PCSO for monthly briefings ahead of parish council meetings. If there is still no response, the matter will be escalated to the Chief Constable.</p>                                  | <p><b>Clerk/Cllrs to alert local groups</b></p> <p><b>Clerk to liaise with PCSO</b></p> |
|        | 1 | <b>Breedon ROMP:</b> the Parish Council response had already been noted, above.  |   |
|        | 1 | <b>DCC 2021/22 Snow Warden Scheme:</b> the Parish Council has not previously joined the scheme but has had longstanding arrangements with the Happy Tree Company to clear pavements. Queries to be addressed re insurance cover for the Scheme i.e. whether the Parish Council insurance covers volunteer snow wardens; or whether DCC insurance provides cover. Also to confirm whether joining the scheme includes provision of additional grit. Once queries are addressed it will be clearer whether the Parish Council benefits from and wants to join the Scheme. Clerk to also liaise with the Happy Tree Company.  | <b>Clerk to follow up on insurance and grit provision queries</b>                       |
| 082/21 |   | <p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2021 – approved and actions noted.</b> Cllrs agreed to post draft minutes on the Hope and Aston notice boards. Re large scale planned outdoor activities, Clerk to liaise with the Adventure Café about forthcoming events.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Day:</b> Cllr Garwes confirmed arrangements including posting of road closure notices.</p> <p><b>Christmas light-up:</b> the tree (sourced by the Happy Tree Company) to be erected in the first week of December.</p> <p><b>Japanese knotweed:</b> noted the Happy Tree Company had been commissioned (by a local fishing club) to treat knotweed on the banks of the River Noe.</p> <p><b>Bulb planting at Jubilee Corner:</b> Cllr Hopewell confirmed planting has been completed; letters of thanks to go to volunteers (<i>Cllr Hopewell to share details</i>)</p> <p><b>Edale Road and yellow lining:</b> no update from DCC on progress; Clerk to press further – if no response, we will ask Cllr Nigel Gourlay to take it up with Highways.</p> | <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/Cllr Hopewell</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>               |

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| 083/21 | <p><b>Chair's announcements/Clerk's correspondence</b> items circulated since the October meeting <b>noted</b>:</p> <p>Cllr Swords referenced liaison with the PDNPA Chair and DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay on the 20s Plenty campaign and a perceived lack of support from parish councils. Cllr Swords had suggested Hope with Aston be part of a county-wide trial scheme on 20mph limits through villages; noted the initiative also has the support of MP Robert Lorgan. Cllrs <b>unanimously supported</b> Parish Council participation; Cllr Swords to take this forward with the relevant bodies/representatives. Noted there will need to be appropriate communication with the community; new road signage; and that the impact of the initiative will be monitored/reported. Cllr Perkins referenced another initiative 'quiet lanes' whereby pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders have priority over cars. Suggested Cllr Swords flag this up with Robert Lorgan, consider appropriate sites etc. Noted also another Derbyshire Parish Council has taken a less formal 'love 20s' approach, encouraging drivers to stick to a 20mph limit through their village.</p> | <b>Cllr Swords</b>   |
| 084/21 | <p><b>LA TreeScape Funding: updates</b> – Cllr Perkins provided an update referencing site meetings with the DCC Tree Officer and communications with residents. Planting of 20 large trees at village entrance points is imminent. Planting of another 200 plus trees, across 17 sites – including the sports field and the school - is being planned through November and December; biodegradable guards to be provided as appropriate. Noted need for fencing at some sites and liaison with landowners. DCC will be responsible for tree maintenance for at least four years. Noted also liaison with the HPBC Tree Officer and plans to plant a commemorative oak tree (and possibly some smaller trees) in the cemetery.</p>   |                      |
| 085/21 | <p><b>Smart Trails initiative: noted</b> outcomes/actions from the 8 October meeting of the Hope Valley Parishes working group and the 11 October Peak Park Parishes Forum meeting. Cllrs Barr and Henson confirmed liaison with a Castleton Parish Councillor, looking at what could be achieved along a specific route, linking up bridleways with appropriate signage. They also plan to liaise with PDNPA Footpaths Officers and the PDNPA Engagement Manager for advice and input. Cllr Hopewell suggested liaising with the owner of the Hope Adventure Café as a means of engaging cyclists. Cllr Collins referenced broad support from PPPF noting a small working group is taking the initiative forward. Alongside that consideration needs to be given to inclusion of parish council ideas on management and maintenance of footpaths and bridleways, at a strategic level, in the PDNPA management plan.</p>  |                      |
| 086/21 | <p><b>HVCA: noted</b> HCVA proposals on developing a Hope Station-centred transport hub, and HVCA liaison with DCC. Cllr Swords referenced a forthcoming meeting which he will attend. Cllrs noted the lack of – and need for – greater community consultation. Suggested DCC are considering Hope, and Buxton, as trial areas for transport hub initiatives.</p>  |                      |
| 087/21 | <p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p>   |                      |
| 1      | <p><b>Carbolite: noted</b> recent correspondence sent to Carbolite and suggested that, if no response by the December meeting, next steps be considered.</p>   |                      |
| 2      | <p><b>PROW:</b> Clerk noted no response to an enquiry re a progress update; also noted consistent messages from DCC re the volume of emails/enquiries with which they are currently dealing.</p>   |                      |
| 3      | <p><b>FP1: agreed</b> to use the same aggregate previously supplied by Markovitz for additional FP1 cover. Work will be planned after Christmas; amount of aggregate needed to be confirmed as well as the logistics around delivery 0 including liaison with the landowner - and moving the materials to distribution points. Also agreed to ask PDNPA Footpaths Officers for support, again <i>Cllr Hopewell to liaise with Officers</i>. Noted some further monies will need to be designated, from the budget.</p>   | <b>Cllr Hopewell</b> |
| 4      | <p><b>FP5</b> – bridleway upgrade application: notification re the ongoing application had been received after agenda circulation. Noted the Parish Council had previously</p>   |                      |

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|               |          | lodged objections to the proposals. Cllrs Barr and Henson highlighted that some aspects of the proposal deserved support and this should be made clear in the Parish Council response <i>Cllrs Barr and Henson to compose a response.</i>  | <b>Cllrs Barr and Henson</b>  |
| <b>088/21</b> |          | <b>Planning</b>  |   |
|               | <b>1</b> | <a href="#">NP/HPK/1021/1088</a> – The Green, Pindale Road – extensions and alterations – response deadline 12 November. Cllr Perkins expanded on the proposals. Noted overall support but with a query around the removal of a sycamore tree. <i>Cllr Perkins to compose a response.</i>  | <b>Cllr Perkins</b>   |
|               | <b>2</b> | <b>Breedon</b> , Hope Limestone Quarry ROMP scoping report: <b>noted</b> submission of the Parish Council response.  |   |
| <b>089/21</b> |          | <b>Finance</b>   |   |
|               | <b>1</b> | <b>Noted</b> closure of the NatWest account with all monies now moved to the Parish Council's Unity Trust Bank accounts. Cllr Garwes referenced discussions at the preceding meeting of the Finance Committee and a recommendation to move all monies into one Unity Trust account, closing the second account, and saving money on account charges – <b>unanimously agreed.</b>   | <b>Clerk</b>  |
|               | <b>2</b> | <b>Parish Council accounts: received and noted</b> a bank statement update; 2021/22 accounts update; and 2021/22 budget update. Cllr Garwes referenced discussion from the Finance Committee meeting. Noted both the budget, and spend, are on target. Details re the 2022/23 precept are awaited, from HPBC; recommended in principle that the Parish Council charge the same percentage per household as per 2021/22.  |   |
|               | <b>3</b> | <b>Accounts for payment – approved:</b>  |   |
|               |          | <b>3.1</b> M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses  | <b>£232.60</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.2</b> HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)   | <b>£ 22.00</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.3</b> Tithe Barn (800 daffodil bulbs)   | <b>£120.00</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.4</b> Gillian Glen (winter planting at the War Memorial)  | <b>£ 10.00</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.5</b> Happy Tree Company (grass cutting, Jubilee Corner)  | <b>£ 48.00</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.6</b> David Garwes (road signs for Remembrance Sunday)  | <b>£ 10.00</b>  |
|               |          | <b>3.7</b> Provision of a picnic table to Hope Sports Club (monies to be reclaimed from the HPBC Welcome Back Fund)  | <b>£876.00</b> (inc VAT)  |
|               |          | <b>3.8</b> Grafika – outstanding invoice for domain renewal and hosting  | <b>£178.20</b>  |
|               |          |  | Reduction to be sought in light of domain/hosting transfer ( <b>Clerk</b> ) |
| <b>090/21</b> |          | <b>Castleton Road planters: agreed</b> to contract with Tithe Barn for maintenance for 2021/22 at a cost of £475.00.   |   |
| <b>091/21</b> |          | <b>Any other urgent business</b><br><b>Queen's 2022 Jubilee:</b> Cllr Garwes referenced a query from a resident about plans to mark the Jubilee; consideration to be given to planting a commemorative tree – funds may need to be designated in the budget.<br><b>Bus shelters:</b> confirmed the two shelters by the Traveller's Rest (maintained by the Parish Council) have been installed. Parsons Lane shelter not yet completed.<br><b>Website:</b> agreed that once the new website is in place the community be informed (through the parish newsletter, social media etc).<br><b>Pindale Road illuminated sign:</b> noted the sign has been removed – presumed DCC is undertaking repairs. |   |

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|        | <p><b>Back-up memory stick:</b> noted we need to retrieve the memory stick from the safe at the Methodist Hall.</p> <p><b>SmartWater signs:</b> noted signs still not posted, as promised.</p> <p><b>Severn Trent box on Station Road:</b> has been graffitied again <i>Clerk to flag up with Severn Trent</i></p>   | <b>Clerk</b> |
| 092/21 | <p><b>Next meeting – Monday 13 December 2021, 7.45pm</b></p> <p>Apologies noted from Cllr Stephen Perkins.</p> <p><b>Noted</b> meetings have now moved to the second Monday of the month – meeting dates through to May 2022 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 13 December 2021</li><li>• Monday 10 January 2022</li><li>• Monday 14 February 2022</li><li>• Monday 14 March 2022</li><li>• Monday 11 April 2022</li><li>• Monday 9 May 2022</li></ul> |              |

Meeting ended 9.30pm