

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council Monday 10 January 2022 7.45pm, Old School, School Lane MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Dominic Swords (Chair), David Garwes, Gordon Hopewell and Richard Henson

In attendance: Maura Sorensen (Clerk); DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay; PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson (*part*); members of the public Dorothea Kleine; Mike Chantler (Chair, Chapel-en-le-Frith PC)

		ACTIONS
111/21	Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Stephen Barr, Chris Ord, Chris Perkins, Stephen Price, Susan Worsey; and from HBPC Cllrs Joanna Collins and Charlotte Farrell.	
112/21	Any variation in the order of business – none.	
113/21	Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items – Cllr Garwes in relation to agenda item 118/21 (Cllr Garwes is President of Hope Sports Club).	
114/21	Public participation: a period of 10 minutes for members of the public to address items on the agenda or raise items for consideration at a future meeting. Dorothea Kleine noted a particular interest in agenda item 121/21 – the Smart Trails initiative - but was also interested to observe the meeting in its entirety.	
115/21	HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police: reports or updates for the attention of the Parish Council	
.1	<p>DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay: Cllr Gourlay referenced ongoing DCC consultations – on provision of adult social care; on the closure of seven nursing homes - Cllr Gourlay urged the Parish Council to read and respond to this consultation; and agreeing/setting voluntary and community grant funding – Cllr Gourlay highlighted that High Peak Arts have lost all of their funding.</p> <p>Highways: Cllr Gourlay referenced DCC budget-setting and works included in the draft Highways budget including resurfacing of Castleton Road; resurfacing of Bridleway 32 – in separate phases – first phase to be Low Barn to Hope Cross, including any necessary drainage; survey and repairs to Footpath 33 (FP33). Cllrs queried the exact location of FP33; noted the Clerk has a comprehensive footpaths map <i>Clerk to bring the map to the February meeting.</i></p> <p>Cllr Gourlay agreed to make representations on behalf of the Parish Council re outstanding requests to DCC including repair of the coping stone at Townhead Bridge. Referencing the provision of only one EVC in Hope Car Park – and noting that it has not been working for several weeks – Cllr Gourlay offered to arrange a Teams meeting with the relevant Officer <i>Clerk to liaise with Cllr Gourlay; meeting to include the Chair and the Clerk.</i> Cllrs flagged, with Cllr Gourlay, the challenges of progressing requests and thanked him for his support. Suggested copying Cllr Gourlay into all DCC correspondence.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr Gourlay/ Cllr Swords</p>
.2	<p>PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson: the PCSO confirmed Police Officer Mark Parkinson still covers Hope with Aston but had been on leave. Noted recent changes to the crime records system meant the PCSO was not able to share crime figures at this meeting but should be able to do so at future meetings. He referenced a recent survey (in the Hope Valley and the High Peak) in which the most significant concerns for residents were identified as speeding vehicles; burglaries; anti-social behaviour. In relation to burglaries, the PCSO referenced police measures including additional patrols and offering prevention advice to residents e.g. via the Derbyshire Alert online community messaging system. The PCSO had facilitated an in-person meeting with residents in Bamford noting he could do likewise for Hope and Aston residents; agreed this might not be practical while Covid transmission rates remain high. The PCSO confirmed he could provide a leaflet with specific advice on burglary prevention measures for Hope and Aston residents; Cllrs noted</p>	

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	<p>they help with circulation and post details on local social media <i>Clerk to liaise with the PCSO (Ms Kleine also offered to circulate leaflets in Thornhill)</i>. Suggested the PCSO's contact details be posted on the village noticeboard.</p> <p>Cllr Garwes referenced the SmartWater burglary deterrent system noting promised road signage had not been provided; the PCSO agreed to check whether the police have signage in stock to provide to the Parish Council. Noted the issue of signage is also a matter for DCC in terms of any permissions required <i>Cllr Gourlay agreed to enquire with DCC Officers and share the response with the Parish Council.</i></p> <p>Cllrs also referenced speeding vehicles, the Parish Council's pursuit of a 20mph limit through the village, and whether the police could support this initiative. <i>Suggested details of the 20s Plenty campaign be shared with the PCSO.</i> Mr Chantler suggested the Parish Council also liaise with the Police Superintendent responsible for traffic management.</p> <p>Cllrs thanked PCSO Findlay-Wilson for his attendance and for the information and advice he had shared. <i>The PCSO left the meeting.</i></p>	<p>Clerk/PCSO/Ms Kleine</p> <p>Cllr Gourlay</p> <p>Clerk/PCSO</p>
.3	<p>HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins had provided an update noting HBPC were reaching out to organisations about climate action initiatives; noted no approach had been made to the Parish Council <i>Clerk to flag with Cllr Collins.</i></p>	Clerk
116/21	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 13 December 2021 were approved the minutes; there were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
117/21	<p>Chair's announcements/Clerk's correspondence and items circulated since the October meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DALC updates • HVCA updates • Staffordshire Moorlands January Climate Change Conference <i>Cllr Swords to attend</i> • Edale Road – night-time road closures on 14 and 15 February, for tree felling 	
118/21	<p>Donation request from Hope Sports Club towards costs of provision of Seniors Christmas Meals in 2020 and 2021 (total costs to club £2,800.00). Noted the background to the Club taking responsibility for this initiative, through Covid. The Parish Council had not donated to this initiative previously. Cllrs noted support for a one-off donation to the Club but highlighted the Parish Council did not have the funds to be able to support this initiative annually. Noted the Club had received support from other donors. Agreed a donation to Hope Sports Club of £500.00.</p>	
119/21	<p>Website: update/next steps. Cllr Garwes referenced liaison with another provider, Andy Kirkland, who had designed/built the Edale PC website. Cllrs agreed the Edale website was much more in line with Parish Council needs. Noted the costs quoted were extremely reasonable and within the Parish Council budget. Agreed Cllrs Garwes, Barr and Worsey arrange a meeting with Andy Kirkland. Ms Kleine noted she had a number of IT contacts should the Parish Council need to look at alternatives.</p>	
120/21	<p>LA TreeScape Funding: noted Cllr Perkins continues to liaise with DCC; suggested planting is likely to commence shortly.</p>	
121/21	<p>Smart Trails initiative: Cllr Henson noted he and Cllr Barr will continue to take this forward including liaison with relevant landowners. Ms Kleine commended the initiative, particularly the emphasis on working with stakeholders including cycling groups. She referenced witnessing conflicts between walkers and cyclists. She also referenced the Aston Bridleway application noting she would be happy to share the letter she had sent to DCC, voicing her concerns; and outcomes of an FOI she had submitted (noted she was awaiting a response). <i>Clerk to liaise with Ms Kleine.</i> More broadly, the split in the cycling community between those on traditional mountain bikes, and on E-bikes, was noted; acknowledged the growth in the use of E-bikes and that they are more likely to contribute to path erosion. Cllr Henson highlighted, with Cllr Gourlay, the lack of funding and Officer resources to deal with these problems.</p>	Clerk/Ms Kleine
122/21	<p>Breedon: noted further outcomes of the 14 December liaison meeting are awaited.</p>	

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123/21	Highways and Rights of Way		
	1	PROW: there was no progress to share; noted it was coming up for a year since the PROW had been submitted. Cllr Garwes shared thanks, from residents, for the Parish Council's efforts in getting the misleading Carbolite signage removed.	
	2	FP1: update on liaison with PDNPA. Cllr Hopewell referenced liaison with PDNPA Officers. Noted the PDNPA commitment to fund the next stage of the works, on a 50/50 basis, with the Parish Council. A provisional works date – 10 February - had been suggested. To be confirmed whether PDNPA are seeking additional volunteers. Agreed Cllrs Hopewell and Ord can go ahead and order the materials. <i>Clerk to liaise with PDNPA Officers on administration of the funding.</i>	Cllrs Hopewell and Ord Clerk/PDNPA
	3	Losehill Footpath: update following liaison with PDNPA – Cllrs did not have any update to share; suggested the Clerk liaise with Cllr Ord.	Clerk
124/21	Planning		
	1	NP/HPK/1221/1351 – 72 Castleton Road – externally insulate and render a two-storey property – response deadline 11 January. There were no objections.	
	2	NP/HPK/1221/1392 – Glan Y Nant, Station Road – extensions and alterations – response deadline 15 February. There were no objections.	
125/21	Finance		
	1	To confirm and approve the budget and precept for 2022-23. Cllr Garwes referenced the phasing out/loss of the Council Tax support grant and the Parish Grant noting the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) were recommending a 2.36% increase in the precept request for 2022-23 – amount to be requested £7,086.00; a cost of £17.76 per household. Noted the FAC had prepared a Parish Council budget for 2022-23 predicated on this precept request. Cllrs agreed to increase the precept for 2022-23 by 2.36% and request an amount of £7,086.00; request to be submitted by 5 February.	Clerk
	2	Parish Council accounts: received/noted the most recent bank statement; accounts and budget updates.	
	3	Accounts for payment authorised:	
		3.1 M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	£233.10
		3.2 HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£ 22.00
		3.3 Old School – hiring costs for the December meeting	£ 17.00
		3.4 Donation to Hope Sports Club	£500.00
126/21	Any other matters to bring to the attention of the Parish Council - items for the February meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee event planning; • Tree management; Mark Chapman to be invited to discuss a tree management plan, with Cllrs. 		Clerk
127/21	Next meeting – Monday 14 February 2022, 7.45pm		

Meeting ended 9.15pm