

## HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council, held on Monday 9 May, 7.30pm at the Old School, School Lane**

### MINUTES

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

**In attendance:** Maura Sorensen (Clerk); HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins; member of the public Steve Platt (Hope Valley Climate Action Group)

### ACTIONS

001/22	<p><b>Election of Chair and Vice Chair and signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Cllr Garwes proposed Cllr Swords; seconded by Cllr Henson and <b>unanimously agreed</b>; Cllr Swords agreed to take on the role of Chair for 2022-23  <b>Vice Chair:</b> Cllr Garwes nominated Cllr Perkins, seconded by Cllr Barr and <b>unanimously agreed</b>; Cllr Perkins agreed to take on the role of Vice Chair for 2022-23</p>	<p><b>Clerk to share the declarations of acceptance of office with Cllrs Swords and Perkins to be signed electronically</b></p>
002/22	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Chris Ord; HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell.</p>	
003/22	<p><b>Any variation in the order of business:</b> none</p>	
004/22	<p><b>Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items:</b> Cllr Garwes in relation to any discussion on agenda item 019/22.5 (Hope Sports Club planning application); Cllr Garwes is President of the Club.          Queried whether those Cllrs with properties potentially affected by Breedon (and/or developments at Breedon) should declare an interest. Noted interest to be declared only in the event that there was a direct impact or conflict.</p>	
005/22	<p><b>Declarations of members' interests:</b> Cllrs to sign register of interests form for 2022-23 <i>Clerk to circulate forms with Cllrs, to be signed electronically.</i></p>	<p><b>Clerk to share form with Cllrs</b></p>
006/22	<p><b>Public participation:</b> 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.  <b>Steve Platt, HVCA:</b> Mr Platt provided some background on areas on which HVCA are focused, including energy. He referenced the HVCA energy survey and expanded on outcomes (<i>a report had been circulated</i>). Highlighted the challenges, for areas subject to national parks planning policy, of gaining permission for large scale solar panels or wind turbines.          Cllr Garwes noted national parks could grant permission for proposals/developments at odds with their current policy/remit in exceptional circumstances. Suggested that, in light of current concerns on climate change and energy, we are in exceptional circumstances and national parks policy and remit should reflect that.          There was further discussion on renewable options e.g. floating solar panels on reservoirs; Mr Platt noted Redmires had been identified as a potential suitable location. Mr Platt suggested wind turbines were the better option. Cllr Henson referenced a shale quarry at Breedon, no longer being actively mined, as a possible turbine location; Mr Platt acknowledged the potential. Cllr Swords noted Breedon were currently evaluating an</p>	

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	<p>alternative use for the quarry. Noted a turbine sited there could potentially power Breedon.</p> <p>Alongside the obstacle of current national parks planning policy, and parks' primary remit around conservation and environmental protection, Cllrs noted challenges, costs and policy around energy distribution. Mr Platt referenced a letter from HVCA to MP Robert Largan in relation to the British Energy Security Strategy, also seeking support on some proposals in the Local Energy Bill currently before parliament. HPBC Cllr Collins referenced the PDNPA management plan, currently under review, noting parishes (individually and/or via the Hope Valley Parishes Forum and the Peak Park Parishes Forum) could flag concerns about obstacles to proposals around renewable energy.</p> <p>Cllrs <b>agreed</b> to support concerns raised by HVCA in relation to the British Energy Security Strategy and proposals around the Local Energy Bill. <i>Parish Council to write to MP Robert Largan referencing the HVCA letter.</i></p>	<p><b>HPBC Cllr Collins/HVPF/PPPF</b></p> <p><b>Clerk and Chair to draft a letter to MP Robert Largan</b></p>
007/22	<p><b>Committees – terms of reference and appointments:</b> there were no changes to terms of reference; committee membership for 2022-23 was confirmed.</p>	
008/22	<p><b>Parish Council Policies and Procedures:</b> there were no changes to policies and procedures; <i>policies and procedures to be posted on the website.</i></p> <p>Cllrs reviewed the Asset Register; some amendments flagged; some queries raised, to be addressed.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to liaise with Cllrs Barr and Worsey re posting policies on the website</b></p>
009/22	<p><b>To review and agree representatives for external meetings:</b> confirmed/noted.</p>	
010/22	<p><b>HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police; other community groups:</b> reports or updates for the attention of the Parish Council.</p>	
	<p><b>1</b> <b>Noted</b> HBPC grant funding for community climate initiatives.</p>	
	<p><b>2</b> <b>HVCA energy report:</b> already discussed under item 006/22 and action agreed.</p>	
	<p><b>3</b> <b>HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins shared reports and updates:</b></p> <p><b>Funding:</b> referenced the community climate change initiative fund; and HPBC Cllrs' discretionary funding.</p> <p><b>Noted</b> the HPBC climate action plan survey.</p> <p><b>Utilities – addressing future water needs:</b> Cllr Collins referenced a recent meeting with Severn Trent with a number of stakeholders; noted PDNPA was not represented. Discussions had centred on the long-term-national plan and national water infrastructure. Severn Trent had referenced plans to address – and increase – capacity. A number of proposals for large scale infrastructure developments are being drafted. In the Peak District proposals include raising the height of Derwent Dam to increase storage capacity; or building a new reservoir above Howden. Noted proposals are likely to be at odds with national parks remit, and policy, however if proposals were to gain government approval this would override parks policy.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that, if either option were approved, it would entail a large-scale engineering project that would cause significant disruption to local communities. Noted, as well as geological surveys, account would need to</p>	

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	<p>be taken of the impact on wildlife.</p> <p>Noted Derwent Parish Council had expressed significant concerns about the Derwent proposal. Severn Trent had agreed to share plans with Derwent PC <i>Clerk to liaise with Derwent PC Clerk re sharing the plans.</i></p> <p>Noted Severn Trent had not shared stats on water loss/leakage suggesting it was too costly to fix leaks. Noted water need was gauged on an average of 100 litres per person, per day.</p> <p>Noted a timescale for development for any proposals approved; work is unlikely to start until mid 2030s. Cllr Collins agreed to add this as an item on the agenda for the next HVPF meeting; and to liaise with the CPRE on their response.</p> <p>Suggested, once plans have been shared (by Derwent PC) posting a brief report on the HwAPC website.</p> <p><b>Electric Vehicle Charging:</b> noted DCC are currently reviewing provision across the county.</p>	<p><b><i>Clerk to liaise with Derwent PC Clerk</i></b></p>
011/22	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 11 April 2022 – approved;</b> there were no matters arising from the minutes not addressed in the agenda.</p>	
012/22	<p><b>Chair’s announcements/Clerk’s correspondence</b> and items circulated since the March meeting <b>noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DALC updates</li> <li>• HVCA updates</li> <li>• HVPF updates</li> <li>• DCC updates</li> </ul> <p>A question had arisen about the proposed donation towards repairs of the Church clock. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council can make a donation on the basis that it is a benefit to the community. <i>Clerk to confirm final costs of the repair including whether other donations have been made; also to enquire whether repairs are fully complete.</i></p>	<p><b><i>Clerk to liaise with Margaret Drabble</i></b></p>
013/22	<p><b>Code for Hope:</b> to <b>consider</b> adopting a code similar to that in Castleton (<a href="https://castletonvillage.co.uk/castleton-code/">https://castletonvillage.co.uk/castleton-code/</a>). Queried whether other parishes have adopted a similar code. Discussed what could be included in the Code and suggested asking residents to contribute ideas – to communicate with residents via the website, community social media and the Parish Newsletter. Noted the Code could be posted on the website (and social media). Hard copies could also be posted and circulated in the village. HPBC Cllr Collins noted the Parish Council could apply for HPBC Cllrs’ discretionary funding to support the initiative.</p>	<p><b><i>Clerk / Cllrs</i></b></p>
014/22	<p><b>New noticeboard(s)</b> - to <b>consider</b> options: the Clerk had circulated links to the websites of two providers. Cllrs to review the options with a view to making a decision at the June meeting.</p>	<p><b><i>June agenda item</i></b></p>

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015/22		<b>Website:</b> Cllrs Barr, Worsley and the Clerk noted they were getting to grips with posting items on the website, editing etc.	
016/22		<b>LA TreeScape planting:</b> noted the project is now complete and this item can be removed from future agendas.	
017/22		<b>Smart Trails initiative:</b> Cllrs Barr and Henson are working on new set of questions to put to stakeholders ( <i>Cllr Collins to share contact details with Cllrs Barr and Henson</i> ).	
018/22		<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>	
	1	<b>FP1 - update re arrangements for work to be undertaken:</b> noted the update from Cllr Ord about the change in PDNPA personnel. The PDNPA Officer had also noted that, as the ground on FP1 is not fully dry, it was proposed waiting another month before making arrangements to order and lay the gravel. Cllr Hopewell flagged that a fencepost on FP1 had collapsed; suggested flagging with PDNPA (they may be able to undertake a repair at the same time as laying gravel); Cllr Hopewell to liaise with Cllr Ord re contacting PDNPA.	<b>Cllrs Hopewell and Ord</b>
	2	Referenced progress on a couple of footpath/bridleway applications - the Parish Council Right of Way application in relation to the Carbolite site; and upgrading the the Aston/Thorn Hill/Win Hill footpath to a bridleway <i>Clerk to check progress with DCC.</i>	<b>Clerk to liaise with DCC</b>
	3	Cllrs queried the timescale for DCC Highways to progress yellow lining on Edale Road <i>Clerk to check progress with DCC.</i>	<b>Clerk to liaise with DCC</b>
019/22		<b>Planning</b>	
	1	<a href="#">NP/HPK/0422/0544</a> – Aston Hall Farm – single storey rear porch extension. Noted the proposal is not contentious; no objections.	
	2	<a href="#">NP/DIS/0422/0529</a> – Marsh Farm, Castleton Road – discharge of conditions on <a href="#">NP/HPK/0919/1018</a> – there were no objections.	
	3	<a href="#">NP/TCA/0422/0510</a> – Higher Hall, Edale Road – reduce and prune silver birch – there were no objections.	
	4	<a href="#">Licencing application</a> – The Bike and Boot Inn, Hope Road - previously licensed as the Rising Sun Hotel however the licence has lapsed; this is a new application. Noted the premises is outside the Parish Council boundary.	
	5	<b>Noted</b> the application <a href="#">NP/HPK/0322/0358</a> – Hope Sports Club – siting of a storage unit – has been refused. Noted the applicants - Castleton Silver Band were disappointed with the outcome. Also noted that a recent clear-out and rearrangement of band items stored at the Club had mitigated the storage issue for the time being.	

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	<b>6</b>	Cllrs referenced another village location where a portacabin was sited; queried whether planning permission had been sought <i>Cllr Perkins to check the PDNPA Planning Portal</i> . Referenced areas of Hope within the conservation area where there are additional restrictions on planning developments, and signage.	<b><i>Cllr Perkins</i></b>
<b>020/22</b>		<b>Finance</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>Parish Council accounts: received/noted</b> the most recent bank statement; accounts; and budget update.	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Agreed</b> the annual insurance payment based on the Zurich insurance quote of <b>£385.27</b> .	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Agreed</b> payment of <b>£100.00</b> to AK Web Solutions for website development.	
	<b>4</b>	<b>Accounts for payment:</b>	
	<b>4.1</b>	M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	<b>£317.60</b>
	<b>4.2</b>	HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	<b>£36.40</b>
	<b>4.3</b>	Old School – hiring costs for the April meeting	<b>£20.00</b>
	<b>4.4</b>	Annual Insurance Premium	<b>£385.27</b>
	<b>4.5</b>	AK Web Solutions	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>021/22</b>		<b>Any other matters to bring to the attention of the Parish Council - none</b>	
<b>022/22</b>		<b>Next meeting – Monday 9 May 2022, 7.30pm</b>	

*The meeting concluded at 9.15pm*