

## HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council, Old School, School Lane Monday 13 June 2022**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Dominic Swords (Chair), David Garwes, Richard Henson, Chris Ord, Chris Perkins, Stephen Price  
**In attendance:** Maura Sorensen (Clerk); PCSO Keeley Hancock (*part*); Jenni Argent, member of the public (*part*)

### ACTIONS

<b>023/22</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllrs Stephen Barr, Gordon Hopewell and Susan Worsey; and from HPBC Cllrs Joanna Collins and Charlotte Farrell. Noted Cllr Hopewell was representing the Parish Council at an HCVA/Hope Transport Hub meeting.</p>	
<b>024/22</b>	<p><b>Any variation in the order of business</b> – item 033/22 brought forward (addressed under 027/22)</p>	
<b>025/22</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items</b> – 035/22; Cllr Garwes noted an interest, in his role as President of the Sports Club.</p>	
<b>026/22</b>	<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. Jenni Argent noted her attendance in connection with the item on crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	
<b>027/22</b>	<p><b>HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police; other community groups:</b> reports or updates for the attention of the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Crime:</b> PCSO Keeley Hancock suggested organising a meeting with residents to offer advice on security and preventative measures re burglaries and thefts. She referenced related crimes in Hope and Aston over the last month; vehicle theft, theft from a vehicle, a burglary on Castleton Road, two burglaries elsewhere in Hope/Aston. There were no specific trends or patterns in timings or modes of entry although, in relation to burglaries, entry had been predominantly via the back door or patio doors; incidents had taken place in daytime and in the early hours of the morning. On average there were two-three incidents per month. Reference made to police operations and extra hours of police work. PCSO Hancock noted vehicle crimes were on the rise everywhere. Cllrs referenced an incident of aggravated burglary being of particular concern. The Parish Council to look at communicating with residents via community social media to convene an advice session with the police. Also noted there will be a police presence at Wakes Week, another opportunity for residents to seek support and advice.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b> the police to provide a monthly report to the Parish Council – also to be posted on the Council’s website.</p> <p><b>Anti-social behaviour at Hope Sports Club:</b> noted PC Davies update re problematic behaviour by some Hope Valley College students who had been spending time at the Sports Field and playground in</p>	<b>Clerk/Police</b>

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	<p>between exams; suggested this should reduce significantly once exams are over. Also noted police plans to liaise with the College about addressing student behaviour. Jenni Argent referenced another strand, with anti-social behaviour in the evenings – driving cars dangerously on the field, drinking and fighting – acknowledged this is more worrying. Cllr Garwes confirmed imminent installation of a new CCTV system at the Club which should make it easier to ID offenders and capture car registration numbers. Noted also the possibility of having a police camera on loan, connected to an App on police phones. In response to Cllr queries about what measures could be taken against offenders, PCSO Hancock referenced charges in relation to drink and disorder; affray; and public disorder. Cllrs noted thanks to PCSO Hancock. <i>PCSO Hancock and Jenni Argent left the meeting.</i> Cllr Henson referenced installation of ANPR cameras at Edale Road and Townhead Bridge and expanded on how the police can access the cameras, and respond. Suggested there has not been any significant recent increase in the numbers of crimes recorded in the Hope Valley and Cllrs noted the need to be mindful of not fostering fears or unnecessary concern.</p>	
028/22	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2022 were approved.</b></p>	
029/22	<p><b>Chair’s announcements/Clerk’s correspondence</b> and items circulated since the May meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Severn Trent re the Upper Derwent reservoir capacity proposals – Clerk to liaise with Cllrs about a date/time.</li> <li>• Hope Valley Railway Upgrade (details shared of dates with some Hope Valley station closures).</li> <li>• Tideswell and Hope Valley First Responders – details shared of service changes.</li> <li>• Updates from DALC; DCC; HVCA shared</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk referenced the UK Shared Prosperity Funding, a new fund with an economic (regeneration) and green focus, administrated by local authorities. Parish Councils and communities are encouraged to work together to identify projects and initiatives with cross-community benefits. There is potential for the Hope Valley Parishes Forum to lead on this. Further details to be shared in due course.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/Cllrs</b></p>
030/22	<p><b>Audit and AGAR 2022-23 – a report.</b> Cllr Garwes referenced discussions at the preceding meeting of the Finance Committee. The audit is in progress and the accounts and form are with the Internal Auditor. Noted there is a small discrepancy (of less than £50.00 – the accounts holding an amount more than is accounted for in expenditure).</p>	
031/22	<p><b>New noticeboard:</b> to <b>agree</b> purchase. Agreed a new village centre board should include the Parish Council name. Cllrs liked the Bamford board (Clerk to liaise re costs, and provider). Clerk also to</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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		circulate alternative models, agreement on a model to be reached by email. Acknowledged the Aston board will also need some work, in due course.	
<b>032/22</b>		<b>New laptop for the Clerk:</b> to <b>consider</b> and <b>agree</b> to purchase. The Clerk had shared some model details, and costs. Clerk to seek advice (from Andy Kirkland) as well as support on set-up. Highlighted the need to ensure a robust security subscription.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>033/22</b>		<b>Crime and anti-social behaviour</b> – addressed under item 027/22.	
<b>034/22</b>		<b>PDNPA Local Plan Review – <a href="#">parish councils survey</a>:</b> advice awaited from PPPF re completing the survey. Cllr Perkins flagged the questionnaire limitations and the strong focus on policy and housing. He noted the need for greater clarity on what determines rural housing policy including PDNPA criteria around settlements and the importance of a clear definition of the Hope settlement edge. Noted Hope is defined as a settlement; Aston is open countryside. Cllrs considered whether, linked to housing, the Parish Council should look at developing a neighbourhood plan (NP). Noted this had been raised previously but not supported/pursued. Noted having an NP would change the nature of how the Parish Council operates. Also acknowledged the significant workload involved in developing an NP. Noted there is no pressure, currently, on the village in relation to any new/proposed housing developments. Cllrs also referenced a previous discussion with DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay about potential changes to the Hope Valley College site.	
<b>035/22</b>		<b>Donation request</b>	
	<b>1</b>	Cllrs <b>agreed</b> to cover the costs of the Hope Sports Club annual playground inspection (£144.00); the Parish Council has traditionally covered this annual cost.	
	<b>2</b>	Cllr Swords referenced an approach by resident Paul McGreevy about a donation towards costs (related to room hire) of supporting Ukrainian refugees with English lessons. Cllr Garwes to enquire whether the Sports Club Pavilion could be offered free of charge. Cllr Swords to liaise further with Mr McGreevy.	<b>Cllr Swords</b>
<b>036/22</b>		<b>Smart Trails:</b> <b>noted</b> plans to meet with representatives of neighbouring parish councils. Cllr Henson referenced a slight change in focus and exploring, with other Hope Valley parish councils, whether there was an appetite to pursue a joint strategic approach focusing on key Hope Valley routes.	<b>Cllrs Barr and Henson</b>
<b>037/22</b>		<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>FP1:</b> <b>noted</b> the landowner has undertaken to repair the broken gatepost at the top of the school field. Cllr Ord confirmed a new PDNPA Footpaths Officer has been appointed and there will be a renewed focus on laying fresh aggregate on an additional area of FP1.	<b>Cllrs Ord, Hopewell; the Clerk; PDNPA</b>
<b>038/22</b>		<b>Planning</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<a href="#">NP/HPK/0522/0655</a> – 97 Castleton Road – S73 application for removal or variation of condition 2 on <a href="#">NP/HPK/0122/0117</a> . No objections.	

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	<b>2</b>	<b>Noted</b> a planning decision – <a href="#">NP/HPK/0322/0407</a> – 6, The Marshes – granted conditionally.		
<b>039/22</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>War Memorial upkeep - invoice</b> for £82.00 (planting)		
	<b>3</b>	<b>Accounts for payment:</b>		
		<b>3.1</b> M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	<b>£272.60</b>	<b>Approved/agreed</b>
		<b>3.2</b> HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	<b>£56.40</b>	<b>Approved/agreed</b>
		<b>3.3</b> Old School – hiring costs for the May meeting	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>Approved/agreed</b>
		<b>3.4</b> Gillian Glen (War Memorial invoice)	<b>£82.00</b>	<b>Approved/agreed</b>
		<b>3.5</b> Hope Sports Club (playground inspection costs)	<b>£144.00</b>	<b>Approved/agreed</b>
		<b>3.6</b> Parish Council noticeboard	<b>£TBC</b>	Needs further consideration
		<b>3.7</b> New laptop (for Clerk)	<b>£TBC</b>	Needs further consideration
<b>040/22</b>		<b>Any other matters to bring to the attention of the Parish Council:</b> none.		
<b>041/22</b>		<b>Next meeting – Monday 11 July 2022, 7.30pm;</b> apologies noted from Cllr Henson. <b>July agenda items:</b> provision of new information/interpretation boards on footpaths including any related funding available.		<b>July agenda item</b>

Meeting ended 9.00pm