

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council Monday 15 August 2022, 7.30pm at the Old School, School Lane

MINUTES

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

In attendance: Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

ACTIONS

041/22	<p>Apologies for absence – none from Parish Councillors; apologies noted from HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins; and from the Police (police report had been provided).</p>	
042/22	<p>Any variation in the order of business – none.</p>	
043/22	<p>Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items – none.</p>	
044/22	<p>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; there were no members of the public in attendance.</p>	
045/22	<p>HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police; other community groups (reports or updates)</p>	
	<p>1 Cllrs received a report from the police including details of crimes recorded in Hope and Aston in July; three burglaries (non-dwelling) resulting in theft of tools, bikes and a trailer (details shared on the Parish Council website). Officers have been working with the Hope and Aston community to support the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and they are looking to arrange drop-in surgeries where residents can get advice on security and crime prevention. Another police initiative is security marking on bikes – 55 bikes ‘marked’ at a recent event at the Hope Valley Garden Centre with plans for a similar event at Hope Sports Club.</p> <p>Cllrs commended the recent police addition of Smart Water signage to village lampposts but suggested larger, clearer signage still needed <i>Clerk to liaise with the relevant HPBC Officer.</i></p>	<p><i>Details of crime stats and police initiatives to be shared via the HwAPC website and community social media</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to liaise with the relevant HPBC Officer</i></p>
046/22	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2022 were approved; actions noted; there were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
047/22	<p>Received notes of the informal online meeting held on 11 July 2022.</p>	
048/22	<p>Chair’s announcements/Clerk’s correspondence and items circulated since the June meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Consultation • Remembrance Day Parade arrangements (road closures and to confirm arrangements with the police); confirmed arrangements will be as per previous years. 	<p><i>Agreed the PC will respond to the NALC survey</i></p> <p><i>Remembrance Day arrangements - Clerk to action</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mytham Bridge – road damage, current measures and future road closure: the Clerk expanded on the potential for a lengthy road closure later in the year and concerns already expressed by neighbouring parish councils (Bamford; Hathersage) about how this will impact residents across the Hope Valley. Councillors mirrored these concerns including why roadworks would be undertaken at a time of the year when the river will be running high and the weather poor – potentially extending the closure period. Agreed to work with neighbouring parish councils to ensure there is full DCC consultation before any road closure and related measures are agreed. Agreed to also flag this with DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay. • <u>MP Robert Largin’s petition for a trial of noise cameras in High Peak</u> Acknowledging the problems with excessive noise from motorbikes - and lorries - Cllrs noted their support for this petition and agreed to promote it more widely • DCC Snow Warden Scheme: agreed the Parish Council will not join the DCC Scheme but will continue with the current satisfactory arrangements. 	<p><i>Ongoing liaison with DCC Highways and neighbouring parish councils</i></p> <p><i>Add petition link to website and share via community social media,</i></p>
049/22	Severn Trent and Upper Derwent reservoir capacity proposals: noted a further online (Teams) meeting with parish councils scheduled in September; noted the proposal for a public meeting early in 2023.	
050/22	Audit and AGAR 2022-23: noted further questions had been raised by the Auditor – to be addressed before the paperwork can be signed off and returned.	
051/22	Benches in the Millennium Gardens, Eccles Close: agreed the Parish Council will adopt the benches including taking responsibility for maintenance and refurbishment; noted the benches will need to be added to the PC asset register.	<i>Clerk to liaise with local contractor about undertaking cleaning and maintenance</i>
052/22	PDNPA Local Plan Review – <u>parish councils survey</u>: Cllr Perkins to draft a response and share with Cllrs before submission (by 31 August).	<i>Cllr Perkins</i>
053/22	Noticeboard: Cllrs had already explored options for a new Parish Council noticeboard in the village centre. Agreed the full parish council name be included; suggested, if possible, matching the sans serif font on the PC website.	<i>Clerk to liaise with the provider and confirm specs and full costs with Cllrs prior to confirming the order</i>
054/22	New information/interpretation boards on footpaths: noted Pinder Meadow Charity plans to site boards at Pinder Meadow and the Pinfold; also noted the Charity had been successful in a bid for funding. Suggested, once the Charity’s boards are in place, the Parish Council consider where other boards might be sited, and whether the Council wants to take this initiative forward.	

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055/22		Smart Trails: noted next steps – Cllrs Barr and Henson (in liaison with PDNPA Footpaths Officers) - to look at what improvements could be made to signage on one or two footpaths. Cllrs acknowledged much of the local footpath and bridleway signage is lacking in clarity and quality and cited better signage, elsewhere.	
056/22		Highways and Rights of Way	
	1	Townhead Bridge: reports and photographs had been shared of recent damage to Townhead Bridge – in two separate incidents – and of instances where large vehicles (coaches on this occasion) got stuck on Edale Road causing disruption and tailbacks. Cllrs noted these were recurring issues and there were reports/evidence, going back many years, of incidents resulting in damage to structures, properties and vehicles. Cllrs also noted reports and evidence had been repeatedly shared with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways. Cllrs agreed the need to escalate the matter via correspondence to the DCC Chief Executive and other measures. Cllrs reiterated the need for clear and appropriately placed signage both <i>before</i> motorists reach Edale Road, and on Edale Road.	Letter to DCC Chief Executive, cc'd as appropriate
	2	FPI: noted recent completion of surfacing work on FP1. Thanks were noted to Cllrs Hopewell and Ord, to PDNPA Footpaths Offices, and to all the volunteers and others who provided support in various ways. Agreed to post an update on the PC website. Noted a query re a missing gate at the Meadows has been raised with PDNPA Officers.	
057/22		Planning	
	1	Breedon/Hope Cement works: noted outcomes of the Alternative Raw Materials (ARM) application to expand works at the Hope Works site, considered at a recent PDNPA Planning Committee meeting. The application was approved but Councillors noted significant conditions were imposed which should benefit Hope residents, including on noise reduction; and a commitment to address concerns about excessive lighting on the Breedon railway line and railway sidings. Noted a new Breedon Liaison Group will be convened in due course, to include Parish Council representation. Reference was made to concerns raised by residents in the neighbouring parish of Grindleford about noise and lighting at railways sidings in Grindleford; agreed it would be useful to keep abreast of similar issues, and any related actions, in neighbouring parish councils.	
	2	NP/NMA/0822/0993 – Glan y Nant, Station Road – non-material amendment to NP/HPK/0422/0504 – response deadline 29 August. Agreed there was no comment/need to comment further on this application.	
058/22		Finance	

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1	Parish Council accounts: received and noted the most recent bank statement; accounts; and budget update. Agreed to hold a meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee on 12 September (ahead of the Parish Council meeting).	Finance Advisory Committee to meet in September
2	Clerk laptop and security - invoice approved for payment - £345.98 (Argos purchases - new Clerk laptop £329.99; McAfee Security £15.99).	
3	Accounts for payment approved:	
	3.1 M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	£286.59
	3.2 HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£56.40
	3.3 Clerk laptop and McAfee Security	£345.98
	3.4 Old School – hiring costs for the August meeting	£20.00
059/22	Jubilee corner planting – to consider: Cllrs to consider details via email. Clerk to liaise with the Happy Tree Company re strimming at Jubilee Corner (and on Parsons Lane).	Clerk to liaise with the Happy Tree Company
060/22	Next meeting – Monday 12 September 2022, 7.30pm; apologies noted from Cllrs Ord and Perkins; Finance Advisory Committee to meet at 7pm	
061/22	Items for the September meeting – no specific items were raised.	

Meeting ended 21.30pm