

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hope with Aston Parish Council Monday 14 November 2022, 7.30pm, Old School, School Lane MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Dominic Swords (Chair), Stephen Barr, David Garwes, Richard Henson, Gordon Hopewell, Chris Ord, Chris Perkins, Stephen Price, Susan Worsey
In attendance: Marianne Quick, HVCA (part - for item 099/22); HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell (part); Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

ACTIONS

092/22	Apologies for absence – none.	
093/22	Any variation in the order of business – none.	
094/22	Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items – none.	
095/22	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.	
096/22	<p>HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police; other community groups - reports and/or updates</p> <p>HPBC: HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell referenced the Upper Derwent Valley Reservoir Expansion (UDVRE) project and attendance by a Severn Trent representative at a recent meeting of Bamford Parish Council. Noted that significant project details were yet to be shared. Suggested PDNPA had concerns about loss of habitats, and land management. Noted a lack of response from Severn Trent to other queries raised about water management e.g. tackling leaks. Flagged that Severn Trent had commissioned consultants (Atkins) to explore potential UDVRE options through consultation, via an online survey, with local communities including ‘exploring the benefits of any potential enhancements to the surrounding areas’. It was understood the survey link had been shared with Bamford and possibly Derwent and Hope Woodlands; suggested it should be shared with all Hope Valley parish councils - and more broadly with Hope Valley communities. In discussion, Cllrs suggested there were no significant project benefits for Hope Valley communities and flagged that there were potentially significant downsides, related to loss of amenity, habitats, and increased methane release/production - It is recognised that rice paddies and beaver ponds contribute a significant amount of methane from submerging vegetative growth under water, so a newly flooded valley would add to climate change. Agreed to compose a survey response and share it with neighbouring Hope Valley parish councils seeking their views; noted there would be greater strength in a unified response.</p>	<p>Cllrs Swords, Perkins and Barr to compose a survey response (to be shared with other Hope Valley parish councils)</p>

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097/22	Minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2022 were approved and actions noted .	
098/22	<p>Chair's announcements, Clerk's correspondence and items circulated since the October meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclo Sportive 2023 event (travelling through Hope), on Saturday 2 September 2023. Noted this is generally a well organised event; agreed to send a note of thanks to the organisers for the advance notice. • Upper Derwent Valley Reservoir Expansion Project – referenced under minute 096/22. 	Clerk
099/22	<p>Hope Valley Climate Action Group – Travelling Light Project</p> <p>Project Leader Marianne Quick delivered a presentation (a briefing had been circulated). Noted this is the first year of a five-year project, funded by the Department for Transport (DfT). HVCA are working in partnership with DCC and PDNPA. Noted the broad project remit to improve integrated public transport, and promote active transport, with a strong focus on community engagement and consultation including engagement with parish councils in recognition of the key roles they hold in rural villages.</p> <p>Hope Travel Hub: reference made to ongoing work in partnership with DCC on developing an integrated Hope Travel Hub; <i>Ms Quick noted comments/suggestions from the Council would be welcome.</i></p> <p>Cllrs flagged the links and crossover with ongoing Parish Council initiatives to improve footpaths and bridleways (Smart Trails) and previous discussions on extending – to Hope – the cycle lane that runs from Hathersage to Sickleholme. Ms Quick noted there will be a feasibility study and community consultation on cycle routes/lanes; suggested a useful feature would be to share an interactive online Hope Valley map where communities can identify specific sites, and wants/needs, e.g. cycle lanes; electric bike or car charging. Ms Quick acknowledged the challenges to encouraging active travel to school/college without safe, protected routes. She referenced setting up a sub-group to review Hope Valley cycle routes (and bridleways); and to look at pursuing capital investment.</p> <p>The Council's previous discussions around 'quiet lanes' were referenced; another initiative to potentially be explored within the Travelling Light project.</p> <p>20s Plenty: Ms Quick noted ongoing community meetings about the 20s Plenty initiative. The Chair referenced a previous Council survey on resident attitudes to a 20mph limit <i>agreed to share survey outcome with Ms Quick.</i></p> <p>Ms Quick referenced next Travelling Light project steps - organising community engagement events to get direct input from residents and businesses on their views on transport solutions that meet their needs. Summarising, the Chair thanked Ms Quick for her time and commended the Travelling Light project vision, in particular the focus on community engagement. Ms Quick referenced ongoing engagement with Hope Valley parish councils as the project progresses.</p>	Chair/Clerk
100/22	Mytham Bridge: noted successful communications with DCC Highways on the recent Hope Road closure, and thanks expressed by residents (and other Hope Valley communities) for the Chair's work in liaising with the relevant DCC Officer to minimise disruption to Hope and Aston residents. Agreed to share this – the	Chair/Clerk

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		positive engagement with the DCC Highways Officer - with the DCC Managing Director; and to share an update with residents via community social media, inviting comments/feedback. Noted further works to be undertaken, in due course, on more permanent repairs - the Parish Council will look to build on the positive communication established with DCC Highways to ensure disruption to Hope and Aston residents is kept to a minimum. Noted the recent closure had lasted only a couple of days rather than a week; suggested a more realistic timescale would have allayed residents' concerns.	
101/22		Clerk recruitment: noted there had been one expression of interest from a local resident who had been offered the opportunity to speak with the Clerk or Chair. Further consideration to be given to how the post can be publicised more broadly.	Cllr to follow up
102/22		Warm Places/Spaces initiatives: HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell referenced an initiative in Bamford. Flagged that DCC are offering grants of up to £1K for groups organising a warm space offer. Cllr Garwes referenced previous discussions about using Hope Sports Club for weekly sessions <i>Cllr Farrell to share a link to the DCC funding offer</i> . Noted funding would entail reporting e.g. on numbers attending sessions; suggested there was no criteria on assessment of need/level of need; the basis of any offer would be a warm space and hot drinks offer. In relation to promoting a Hope offer, suggested liaising with other village group organisers including the Methodist Hub minister. Noted details could be publicised on the HPBC website. The potential for involving other groups e.g. students at Hope Valley College was raised.	HPBC Cllr Farrell; Cllr Garwes
103/22		Highways and Rights of Way	
	1	Townhead Bridge: the Chair noted he had now edited the letter to be sent to the DCC Managing Director and copied to DCC Director of Place; DCC Cllr Nigel Gourlay; and High Peak MP Robert Lorgan. Suggested, in light of recent positive engagement, sharing the letter with DCC Highways Officer who had oversight of the Mytham Bridge works.	Clerk
	2	Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance funding: noted the Council can still access up to £495.00 in this financial year. <i>December agenda item – to identify and agree path/s needing work (within the funding limit).</i>	December agenda item
	3	Walls needing some maintenance work: flagged that walls at a couple of sites have loose stones and repairs/maintenance is needed including the wall on Station Road; and the wall opposite the Traveller's Rest. Also flagged that the mile marker on Station Road (near Laneside Caravan park) needs repainting. <i>December agenda item – to identify walls/sites where maintenance/repairs needed and report to DCC.</i>	December agenda item
104/22		Horticulture	
	1	Castleton Road Troughs: noted an expression of interest in planting/maintaining the troughs. Cllrs to continue to liaise with other residents potentially interested in taking on the work.	

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	2	Jubilee Corner: an approach had been made to the Happy Tree Company to trim the site however noted they were very busy/had limited capacity to take on additional work <i>Cllr Hopewell to approach another contractor.</i>		Cllr Hopewell
105/22		Planning		
	1	NP/DIS/1022/1304 and 1035 – Kilnhill Farm, Edale Road – discharge of conditions 4 and 6 (NP/HPK/0220/0116; NP/HPK/0220/0117); any comments/response to PDNPA. There were no objections.		
	2	Breedon - Earles Sidings Liaison Group: noted Cllr Perkins had been invited to join the group – unanimously agreed.		
106/22		Finance		
	1	Parish Council accounts: received/noted recent bank statements and updated accounts spreadsheet.		
	3	Accounts for payment <u>agreed</u>:		
		3.1 M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	£249.00	
		3.2 HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£33.00	
		3.3 Old School room hire	£20.00	
		3.4 Audit/AGAR (Auditor's fee)	£175.00	
		3.5 PKF Littlejohn – admin charge for late filing of Audit	£48.00	
		3.6 Tithe Barn Services (maintenance of Castleton Road troughs 2021-22)	£475.00	
		3.7 Greenbarnes (new noticeboard)	£749.67	
107/22		Next meeting – Monday 12 December 2022, 7.30pm		
108/22		Items for the December meeting: identified and agreed under minute items 103/22.2 and 103/22.3. Additional item – rail user group and Parish Council support for the creation of a station-to-station walk. A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 7pm on 12 December, ahead of the full Parish Council meeting. The Finance Committee will consider the 2023-24 precept.		

Meeting ended 9.05pm