

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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115/22	<p>Chair’s announcements, Clerk’s correspondence and items circulated since the November meeting The Clerk referenced an enquiry from the Pinder Meadows Charity about the Parish Council hosting a page for the charity on the Council’s website <i>to be formally considered at the January Parish Council meeting</i>. Suggested other local organisations could also have dedicated pages (or links if they already have a website). Both the Clerk and Cllr Barr commented that they may not have the necessary IT skills to design and add new pages/sections to the website. Cllrs had a brief discussion on better linking of website postings including promoting Parish Council meetings, via community social media.</p>	January agenda item
116/22	<p>Clerk recruitment: any update – Cllr Garwes noted the Hope Sports Club newsletter had just been circulated, including details of the Clerk vacancy. Suggested a fresh recruitment drive in January.</p>	
117/22	<p>Mytham Bridge: there had been no feedback from residents on management of the October closure.</p>	
118/22	<p>Warm Places/Spaces initiatives: any updates. Cllr Garwes noted Hope Sports Club was not currently in a position to pursue this due to being short-staffed. Noted the level of need in Hope/Aston was unknown. Acknowledged the administrative burden in facilitating a Warm Space including ensuring all health and safety measures are met and that risk assessments, and DBS checks, are undertaken. Queried whether it could be facilitated via the Hope Hub.</p>	
119/22	<p>Hope Station - any feedback from the recent Northern Rail consultation. Cllr Hopewell had attended. He referenced sharing of improvement plans - improvements to station lighting, provision of a bike shed, and provision of a cover for the ticket machine. Cllr Hopewell commented on the lack of cohesiveness (with other elements in the station) of the design on the bike shed and ticket machine cover. Cllr Hopewell had shared concerns with Northern Rail staff about lack of access at the station for disabled people. He had also referenced the Hope Valley Rail Capacity Scheme and the significant delays.</p>	
120/22	<p>High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership: support for and promotion of a Sheffield/Manchester station-to-station walk. Cllr Hopewell note this was an initiative from the Friends of Hope, and Grindleford, Stations. Noted the proposals involve using existing paths. Support has been sought from DCC and PDNPA. Cllr Collins expressed her support. Cllr Barr queried whether the initiative would generate significant additional pedestrian traffic leading to levels of wear and tear where path repairs and/or upgrades are needed; suggested this was unlikely to be the case. Parish Council support for this initiative was agreed.</p>	
121/22	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p>	
1	<p>HVCA 20s Plenty Campaign – noted an HVCA-led meeting is to be convened in the new year (<i>date TBC</i>); agreed there should be Parish Council representation <i>Clerk to liaise with HVCA re meeting date/time</i>.</p>	Clerk / HVCA

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2	<p>Rights of Way Maintenance funding 2022-23: to identify whether there are any paths on which maintenance can be undertaken before the end of the 2022-23 financial year (LA funding of up to £495.00 available). Acknowledged there is not enough time to identify and commission work on paths before the end of this financial year. Cllrs Price and Swords to assess work needed on Aston paths. Cllrs referenced work needed on the plank bridge on FP1 (going towards Castleton). Suggested this work would be better led by PDNPA; further suggested RoWMMMA funding could be used to help fund it. <i>Cllr Barr to liaise with PDNPA Officer Mike Rhodes.</i> Queried whether DCC and/or PDNPA have a list of approved contractors in relation to repairing/maintaining footpaths <i>Clerk to pursue.</i></p>	<p>Cllr Barr / PDNPA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2	<p>Boundary walls needing maintenance: to identify/confirm sites where maintenance is needed (and who is responsible). Cllr Perkins had shared a photograph of the wall on Station Road near Laneside where there has been damage, with stones on the pavement and a likelihood that more stones will fall out. Queries raised about who is responsible i.e. DCC, or the landowner. Suggested asking DCC, first <i>Clerk to liaise.</i> Also flagged, damage to the wall on the turn-off to Brough <i>Cllrs to share photo, and exact location, with the Clerk; Clerk to report to DCC.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs / Clerk</p>
122/22	<p>Castleton Road Troughs: update on appointing a contractor to plant/maintain the troughs. Noted one tender had been provided – the quote was significantly higher than the charges made by the previous contractor. Other options had been explored but no-one else had, as yet, indicated interest in taking on the job. Agreed to go back to the contractor who tendered noting that the Parish Council has a strict budget and that their quote is significantly above the amount budgeted for this work. Suggested, if the contractor is still interested, the Parish Council produce an annual schedule of works; and both parties to review the position after a year <i>Cllr Garwes to liaise with the contractor.</i> In the interim, Cllrs will continue to look into other options, and make approaches to other individuals.</p>	<p>Cllr Garwes</p>
123/22	<p>Planning: NP/HPK/1222/1523 – Losehill Hall - change of use from camping barn to shower/washing facilities. Noted this was not a formal agenda item as there were queries about whether this property was in Hope with Aston, or Castleton, parish boundaries. Agreed to add this to the January agenda. In the interim, Clerk to liaise with the Castleton PC Clerk re their response to the application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>January agenda item</p>
124/22	<p>Finance</p>	
1	<p>Parish Council accounts: received/noted recent bank statements and updated accounts spreadsheet. Cllr Garwes referenced the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting. Noted the 2022-23 budget was on track; no overspend was anticipated. Items on which VAT can be reclaimed had been identified.</p>	

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	Noted the budget for 2023-34 will be very similar to the 2022-23 budget. Suggested it was unlikely there will be any significant increase in the 2023-24 precept – confirmation of the tax base for calculating the 2023-24 precept, and the precept forms, was awaited.	
2	Accounts for payment <u>approved</u>:	
	2.1 M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	£244.48
	2.2 HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£71.12
	2.3 Old School room hire	£20.00
	2.4 Christmas Tree (Happy Tree Company – sourcing, purchasing and siting of tree; and new time for the lights)	£137.50
	2.5 Christmas Tree – a donation of some of the costs incurred by the Happy Tree Company, to Hope Sports Club	£100.00
	2.6 Tithe Barn Services (bulbs for spring planting)	£45.00
124/22	Next meeting – Monday 9 January 2023, 7.30pm	
125/22	Items for the January meeting – to agree/approve the 2023-24 precept; Losehill Hall planning application; Pinders Meadow Charity website request. Apologies noted from Cllr Price.	

Meeting closed at 20.40pm