

HOPE with ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Hope with Aston Parish Council meeting on Monday 9 January 2023, 7.30pm, Old School, School Lane MINUTES

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

In attendance: HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins (part); Maura Sorensen (Clerk)

ACTIONS

126/22		Apologies for absence – Cllr Stephen Price.	
127/22		Any variation in the order of business	
128/22		Declarations of interests relevant to agenda items	
129/22		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. No members of the public were in attendance.	
130/22		HPBC; DCC; PDNPA; Police; other community groups: reports / updates	
	.1	Cllr Joanna Collins, HPBC: Cllr Collins referenced grant funding – energy efficiency grants for households which do not use mains gas for heating (Energy Efficiency Grants Programme - High Peak Borough Council) - those eligible will either be on means-tested benefits or with a combined household income under £31K gross. Cllr Collins also referenced HPBC Cllrs Initiative Fund – small sums for residents, local groups and businesses to encourage beneficial community activity - response deadline for 2022-23 grants 17 February 2023 – enquiries should be made to HPBC Cllr Joanna Collins (joanna.collins@highpeak.gov.uk) or Charlotte Farrell (charlotte.farrell@highpeak.gov.uk). Cllrs agreed to consider Parish Council projects or initiatives for 2023-24 eligible for Cllr Initiative Funding.	April 2023 agenda item
	.2	Police: a report had been circulated in which lack of attendance at police drop-in sessions at Hope Sports Club had been flagged. Cllrs noted ongoing Neighbourhood Watch meetings.	
131/22		Minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2022: the minutes were approved and actions noted .	
132/22		Chair’s announcements, Clerk’s correspondence and items circulated since the December meeting: noted.	
133/22		Clerk recruitment: a revised advert (with the new nationally agreed pay rates) had been posted on the DALC website. Suggested posting the advert on community social media again; also suggested investigating costs of posting an advert in the Peak Advertiser. Cllrs on the HR Committee to further consider publicising the post.	Clerk/Cllrs Clerk Cllrs
134/22		Pinder Meadows Charity	
	.1	Request to include a Pinder Meadows Charity (PMC) page on the Parish Council website: agreed to incorporate a PMC page; noted PMC can contribute some funding <i>Clerk to inform PMC of the decision noting</i>	Clerk

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		<i>undertaking the work may take some time.</i> Suggested hosting a page for local charities including PMC; the Bull Meadow Charity; and Hope Sports Club. Noted support may need to be sought – both technical support and support to design additional web pages. Cllrs shared some suggestions of individuals who might be able to provide support. An alternative approach was suggested with PMC setting up a Wikipedia page which could be linked to the HwAPC website. Cllrs also referenced the use of QR codes at sites around the village, with links to the HwAPC website.	
	.2	Parish Council to consider nominating a new Pinders Meadow Charity Trustee: noted PMC had found a potential nominee; nomination to be formally considered and confirmed at the May 2023 Parish Council Annual Meeting.	
135/22		Hope Valley Climate Action Group	
	.1	Noted the online meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8 February 2023, 6.30pm – a briefing for Derbyshire Parish Councillors on the 20s Plenty initiative; Cllr Swords to attend.	Cllr Swords
	.2	Noted other HVCAG initiatives cited in their January newsletter. Cllrs noted support for some HVCA initiatives but agreed the Council should consider each initiative separately in terms of the extent of HwAPC support. Noted further updates on the Travelling Light initiative would be provided in due course.	
136/22		Highways and Rights of Way	
	1	Edale Road TRO and Townhead Bridge: noted the DCC response/update. Cllr Joanna Collins referenced Edale Parish Council’s lengthy campaign and push for appropriate signage; suggested HwAPC need to continue to lobby. Agreed to draft a response to DCC (<i>Cllr Barr to draft</i>) specifically on the DCC points regarding signage.	Cllr Barr
	2	Rights of Way Maintenance funding 2022-23: any update on liaison with PDNPA on whether further work can be undertaken by the end of this financial year, supported by RoWMMA funding or other Parish Council funding. Cllr Barr expanded, referencing email correspondence with PDNPA Officers. Agreed, in principle, HwAPC could provide funding (RoWMMA) towards the cost of aggregate. Suggested aggregate could be purchased using 2022-23 RoWMMA funding and stored until PDNPA was ready to use it. Cllrs referenced sites needing work <i>Cllrs Ord and Perkins to share details with the Clerk and Clerk to share details with PDNPA Officers.</i> Some queries were raised around division of responsibilities for aspects of maintenance between landowners/DCC/PDNPA.	
137/22		Castleton Road Troughs: update on appointing a contractor to plant/maintain the troughs. Further quotes had been provided. One quote was lower and inclusive of costs - plants, compost, feed etc - and a detailed annual work schedule. It was agreed to award the contract to Shallcross Nursery. <i>Clerk to liaise with</i>	Clerk

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		<i>Shallcross Nursery and with those who had tendered unsuccessfully.</i> Suggested the Council consider, in due course, placing hanging baskets around the village.		
138/22		Planning: NP/HPK/1222/1523 – Losehill Hall - change of use from camping barn to shower/washing facilities. Noted the site fell within Hope Parish boundary. Cllrs noted the lack of detail in the application, suggested more information needed to be provided, and agreed to flag objections with PDNPA. Noted Castleton PC had not yet considered the application/shared a response.		
139/22		Finance		
	1	Precept 2023-24: Cllr Garwes expanded on the recommendation of the Finance Advisory Committee for a 3% increase on last year's precept. He referenced the drop in the Parish Council's tax base and noted the 3% increase was within government guidelines. The Parish Council agreed a 2023-24 precept of £7,151.00		
	2	Parish Council accounts: to received/noted recent bank statements; updated accounts spreadsheet, and any budget updates.		
	3	Accounts for payment:		
		3.1 M Sorensen, Clerk wages and expenses	£232.48	
		3.2 HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£49.12	
		3.3 Old School room hire	£20.00	
140/22		Next meeting – Monday 13 February 2023, 7.30pm		
141/22		Items for the February meeting		