

Hope with Aston Parish Council

Chair's Report for the year to May 2023

This has been another busy and successful year for the Parish Council in its role of supporting the needs of residents.

Regular responsibilities as a Parish Council:

- We have provided input and feedback on over 23 planning applications
- Ongoing repair, maintenance, and re-surfacing of footpaths within the parish with an emphasis on accessibility and sustainable methods
- Adoption of benches in Millennium Gardens
- Responsible for organising the arrangements for Remembrance Day and liaising with the church and other groups in the parish
- Upkeep and planting of Jubilee Corner and Castleton Road flower troughs

Advocacy on behalf of parish residents:

- Supporting continued funding of Hathersage Swimming Pool when this was threatened with withdrawal by High Peak Borough Council
- Support for HVCA's Travelling Light Campaign and for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit across Hope Valley villages through the 20s Plenty Scheme
- Pressing DDC to address the dangerous use by HGVs and coaches on Edale Road and instigate more effective prohibition measures
- Liaison with Derbyshire Highways on Mytham Bridg closures and keeping residents informed of works
- Providing constructive opposition to the Upper Derwent Valley Expansion Scheme planned by Severn Trent

Community Engagement:

- Improved Parish Council website and village noticeboard providing local information and updates as well as statutory requirements
- Active use of local community facebook pages to inform people of useful information about road closures
- Re-established regular presence by local police officers at monthly meetings.

Environmental:

- Tree planting project completed including trees along the approach roads to the village and on land offered by residents across the parish
- Agreement with Derbyshire Highways to introduce double yellow lines along parts of Edale Road
- Ongoing work to improve road and rail conditions in the parish

Councillors and Clerk:

We thank the following councillors for their work over the years who stood down at the recent elections: Ms Susan Worsey, David Garwes and Christine Ord. We also thank our Clerk, Maura Sorensen, who left during the year and welcome our interim Clerk Pip Gilbert. We welcome comments and any contributions from residents of the parish who are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Dr Dominic Swords, Chair, Hope with Aston Parish Council, 15 May 2023