

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Dominic Swords (Chair)	Martin Chapman
	Richard Henson	Chris Perkins
	Stephen Price	
Others present	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	HPBC Cllr Charlotte Farrell

Parish Council Meeting

0623/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Ord, Barr, Hopewell, Murray, PC Davies

0623/02 Variation of Order of Business – It was agreed to bring forward agenda items 9 and 16 to the start of the meeting.

- Agenda item 9 Co-option - The Council formally co-opted Martin Chapman and Stacey Murray in her absence
- Agenda item 16 Newsletter – The Council agreed that a newsletter would be beneficial in both informing the Parishioners about Council matters and as a vehicle for Parishioners to input to the Parish Council. They agreed that there should be three or four newsletters a year. A few Councillors agreed to deliver to the newsletter. It was agreed for Cllr Perkins to convene a separate meeting to discuss the matter further and provide a summary to the next Council meeting.

0623/03 Declarations of Interests - None

0623/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

0623/05 Public participation – Cllr Farrell talked through the future closure of the Girlguiding activity centres in the UK including the Glenbrook Girlguide centre. She noted that it had been previously leased to Derbyshire Girlguides when it was run at a profit and improvements made to the site. The Clerk summarised her conversation with Lawrence Weetman, who is trying to get all of the sites registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). This will not stop the sale of the sites but will give the various Communities more time to identify possible options for the site. The Council stated their support for an ACV application but noted that the centre is based in the Bamford with Thornhill Parish, so ideally an ACV application should be made by them. If they chose not to proceed with an ACV application, then Hope with Aston Council would be willing to submit the application. It was agreed for the Clerk to communicate with the Clerk of Bamford with Thornhill, copying Cllr Farrell.

Cllr Farrell also noted that Peak Park are formally objecting to the Severn Trent Water scheme.

The Council noted the police summary received from PC Davies.

0623/06 Minutes of the Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting of 15 May 23 – Approved

0623/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda - None

0623/08 Planning applications:

- a) NP/NPK/0523/0553 Ebenezer Barn, Edale Road, Hope Listed Building Consent – No objections
- b) NP/NMA/0523/0576 & NP/NMA/0523/0577 Losehill Farm – No comment was made
- c) Email consultation NP/NPK/1222/1550 Hillcroft, Parsons Lane – No objection in principle but the Council noted there was little detail about how the proposals will actually contribute towards the Park's strategic priorities of reducing emissions, sustainability and biodiversity
- d) Any other applications received after agenda set – no further applications had been received but the Council discussed the forthcoming Breedon planning application. This will be for a decarbonisation project including a large plant and pipelines linking five cement making sites to Ellesmere Port. The project will extract carbon dioxide and then pump it to the Irish sea to be buried. It will be a National Infrastructure project so the application decision will be made by the Secretary of State. Predicted timescales are to obtain planning by 2026 and be operational by 2030. The project is currently at the design stage and commencement of stakeholder engagement. The Council agreed that they have strong concerns about the project. Cllr Perkins and Henson agreed to represent the Council's views at a meeting

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with Breedon on 13 June and ask for alternative options , and update the Council on the meeting. The Clerk will contact the Clerk of Bradwell Parish Council about the matter.

0623/09 To fill Council vacancies by co-option – see minute 0623/02

0623/10 Vote candidate for Peak District National Park Parish member – The Council agreed to vote for David Barrie Taylor

0623/11 Review of Standing Orders and Financial regulations – The Council agreed to review the documents further, providing comments to the Clerk prior to the next meeting so that they can be approved at the meeting.

0623/12 Receive an update on the Earles Sidings meeting – Cllr Perkins gave a summary of the first Liaison Group meeting that he and Cllr Ord attended. The issues raised were the level of lighting at the site and whether the gantries can be lowered to reduce the light pollution, the amount of idling that the locomotives do and whether it was necessary and finally the extent of the night time movements. The matters were discussed, and a response is outstanding.

0623/13 Bus shelter on Castleton Road – There has been no further movement on this matter, Cllr Farrell and the Clerk agreed to continue to follow up with DCC.

0623/14 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including Parsons Way/Stations Approach, road safety outside Loxley Hall and Edale Road –

- Parsons Way/Stations Approach public right of way request –the Chair gave the Clerk a clearly marked map of where the proposed footpath should be. This completes the necessary information required for the application.
- Loxley Hall road safety seems – this matter appears to have been addressed.
- Edale Road – it was noted that there is currently a public consultation in progress for the proposed double lines on Edale Road. The Chair noted that he was outstanding a response to his letter for further improved signs to try to prevent long vehicles using the route.

0623/15 Memorials in recognition of the Royal Events – It was agreed for the Councillors to identify possible locations for a memorial tree, possibly a blossom tree, for further discussion at the July meeting. In addition, a possible water fountain was discussed in the public carpark close to the public toilets. Cllr Farrell agreed to determine if this was a High Peak asset and if so whether the proposal was feasible.

0623/16 Parish newsletter – See minute 0623/02

0623/17 Recruitment of a permanent Clerk – It was agreed that the HR Committee would meet Sheree Smallwood, to discuss the role further including hourly pay rate and a start date.

0623/18 Council's finances The Clerk reported that the accounts are reconciled to the end of May bank statement and there is a balance of £12,004. The Council resolved to add the newly co-opted Cllr Chapman as a member of the Finance Committee and for him to have the ability to authorise payments with Unity Trust Bank.

0623/19 Approve invoices – The following were approved:

- Pip Gilbert Locum Clerk services - £352.70
- Hope Old School - £20 for room hire for April and May respectively
- Wicksteed playground inspection - £158.40
- Gill Glenn - £38.60 for war memorial plants and compost

It was agreed that all invoices to be approved will be noted on the meeting agenda in the future.

0623/20 Confirm the date of the next meeting and items to be included in the July meeting – In addition to those noted during the meeting, it was agreed to include the presentation from Severn Trent Water and Remembrance Sunday. The next meeting will be 10 July.

Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm