

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 July at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Dominic Swords (Chair)	Martin Chapman
	Stephen Barr	Gordon Hopewell
	Stephen Price	Ian Ord
Others present	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	Sheree Smallwood

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0723/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Henson, Perkins and Farrell (HPBC) and PC Davies

0723/02 Variation of Order of Business – None

0723/03 Declarations of Interests - None

0723/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

0723/05 Public participation - None

0723/06 Minutes of the Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting of 12 June 23 – Approved

0723/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda – The following were discussed:

- Resignation of Cllr Murray. Action for the Clerk to start the vacancy process and the Council to consider possible candidates.
- PDNPA Parishes Day 7 October – Clerk to include on the agenda for the September meeting.
- DALC newsletter biodiversity – Cllr Barr agreed to draft a paper to address this matter for approval at the September meeting.
- Cllr Ord summarised his recent experiences in accessibility to Alport Castle where the gate was locked preventing access for wheelchair users. Following his complaint the lock has now been taken off. Cllr Ord agreed to think through accessible matters for the Council. It was agreed that for future meetings agenda item 12 will always include accessibility matters.

0723/08 Planning applications:

- a) NP/NPK/0623/0642 – 2 Railway Cottages, Station Road, Hope – The Council resolved to object to this planning application on this basis that it is out of keeping for the area, too large for the plot, lacks detail e.g. design of the pitched roof and gives no indication of the timescale of ‘temporary’.
- b) Any other applications received after agenda set - None

0723/09 Review of Standing Orders and Financial regulations – It was agreed for the Clerk to improve the format of the documents and to amend the financial regulations in line with the Councils agreement i.e., to strive to gain three quotes for purchases and services between £500 to £5k but to obtain three quotes for amounts over £5k. Council agreed to review the code of conduct and equality/diversity policies for the next meeting.

0723/10 Receive an update on the Glenbrook Girlguide Centre – Clerk updated the Council stating Bamford with Thornhill PC were not proceeding with the ACV application. The Council agreed to remain as the backup for this application if required. Clerk to contact Lawrence Weetman and keep the Council updated on progress.

0723/11 Bus shelter on Castleton Road – Clerk informed the Council that a new bus shelter will cost the Council at least £5k, as a result the Council agreed to repair the shelter with glass. Clerk to obtain a second quote and liaise with Stuart Hollinrake on the technical details of his quote.

0723/12 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including Parsons Way/Stations Approach, Edale Road and DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance work –

- a. Parsons Way/Stations Approach – Clerk informed the Council that the map had been submitted and was waiting a response from DCC
- b. Edale Road - Chair and Cllr Barr gave a summary of steps taken to date. After some consideration the following actions were agreed:
 - i. Chair to liaise with the Councillor with a remit for Transport and Safety, Charlotte Cupitt
 - ii. Chair/Cllr Perkins, with the assistance of Steve Fox, to contact Cllr Kewel Athwal (Cabinet Member for Highways)

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- iii. All to continue chasing officers with any ongoing problems
 - iv. Chair with Cllr Ord to gather all the events to date to be sent to all relevant parties
 - v. Cllr Barr to draft a follow up communication with Simon Tranter referencing Cllr Ord communications.
 - vi. Clerk to reply to the email received from a Parishioner noting the Councils appreciation for his communication.
- c. Cllr Price reported that there were low hanging branches at the bottom of Station Road – Action for Clerk to report to DCC once further detail provided by Cllr Price
 - d. DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance – the Council agreed that they would participate in this scheme again this year to cover footpaths 1, 3 and 12. Work would involve the ongoing maintenance, control of vegetation and drainage, including the purchase of gravel.

0723/13 Memorials in recognition of the Royal Events – The Council agreed to accept the offer of the site visit by HPBC for the potential water fountain. Clerk to liaise with HPBC about the visit. In addition a memorial tree was discussed and a potential location near Station Approach was agreed. Cllr Chapman agreed to identify the owner of the land. The Council would seek to obtain a donated stone with an appropriate engraving from Breedon.

0723/14 Remembrance Sunday – Clerk provided a summary of steps required to be taken as received from David Garwes. Action for Cllr Chapman to provide details of the location of road closures to the Clerk who will then complete the road closure order before the 20th August deadline.

0723/15 Parish newsletter – The Council agreed the proposed way forward as detailed by Cllr Perkins in his email, including the potential printing costs of up to £500. Grants would be obtained to assist with the costs if feasible.

0723/16 Recruitment of a permanent Clerk – Chair and Cllr Hopewell noted the recruitment of Sheree Smallwood as the Clerk. Employment to commence in September.

0723/17 Council's finances The Clerk reported that the accounts are reconciled to the end of June bank statement and there is a balance of £11,983, after the payment of the invoices noted in agenda item 0723/18.

0723/18 Approve invoices – The following were approved:

- Pip Gilbert Locum Clerk services - £420.70
- Hope Old School - £20 for June room hire
- Shallcross nursery - £300
- Others received after agenda set – It was agreed for the Clerk to renew the Council laptop's MS subscription (£59.99). In addition as there is no August meeting the invoices for that month will be approved for payment by email and retrospectively formally approved at the September Council meeting.

0723/19 Confirm the date of the next meeting and items to be included in the meeting – Next meeting agreed as 11 September 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Ord, Barr and Chapman in advance of the meeting.

Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm