

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 September at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Dominic Swords (Chair)	Richard Henson
	Gordon Hopewell	Chris Perkins
	Stephen Price	
Others present	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	Sheree Smallwood (new clerk)
	Laura Vincent	Cllr Joanna Collins (HPBC)

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0923/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Barr, Ord, Chapman, Farrell (HPBC) and PC Davies

0923/02 Variation of Order of Business – It was resolved to bring forward agenda item 0923/14 - Co-option. The Council noted that Laura Vincent would be potentially interested in becoming a Councillor but wanted to observe the meeting before deciding. No other potential candidates were identified.

0923/03 Declarations of Interests - None

0923/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

0923/05 Public participation – Cllr Collins (HPBC) informed the Council of a list of potential grants and offered to forward the list onto the Clerk, this includes the Member Initiative Fund for small local projects. Cllr Collins also highlighted the Public Spaces Protection Order with regards fires. It was agreed for the Clerk to formally write to HPBC supporting the continuation of the Public Spaces Protection Order.

0923/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10 July 23 – Approved

0923/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda – The following were noted:

- Code of Conduct training offered by HPBC – Clerk to chase again for the recording of the online training
- Report from PC Davies on recent police matters was noted
- Snow Warden Scheme – the Council opted to not partake in the scheme.

0923/08 Planning applications:

- a) Note email consultation of NP/NPK/0723/0869 – Round Meadow Barn, Parsons Lane Hope – the Council had no objection to the application but noted the potential septic tank issue and lack of detail on sustainability benefits and net biodiversity gain
- b) Any other applications received after agenda set – None

0923/09 Review of Code of Conduct and Equality/Diversity policies – the Council resolved to accept these and agreed to review the Freedom of Information and Data Privacy Policies at the next meeting.

0923/10 Receive an update on the Glenbrook Girlguide Centre – Cllr Swords summarised steps to date on the Council's support for the Asset of Community Value (ACV) application for the centre. Cllr Collins agreed to chase the status of the ACV application.

0923/11 Receive an update on Breedon's CCS plans – The Council noted Breedon's plans to create a pipeline above Bradwell, likely to be between Small Dale and the quarry on the southeast side. This pipe would converge with others in a hub and then on to Morecambe Bay. It was also noted that a 70-metre chimney is intended but it is not clear what the building footprint would be. The planning application for both the site and pipelines are likely to be taken out of the remit of PDNP and decided at a National Government level. Construction would start 2027 onwards with a target date of completion of 2030 and site operational by 2032 at the latest. It would be at least 2 months before the initial evaluation phase.

0923/12 Discuss and agree the Council's position on Breedon's proposal for post 2042 legacy – The Council noted emails received on the matter. They agreed to actively engage the community, with the view of influencing what Breedon does, noting that younger generations will be the beneficiaries of the legacy (key to involve schools). Possible steps include newsletters, community forums and surveys focusing on landscape, biodiversity gain and economic value to ensure commonality with Breedon. However, further clarity of actions and timings by Breedon of what is before and after 2042 is required.

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A potential individual to help run the forums was identified and the Chair agreed to discuss the matter with them and give an update at the next Council meeting.

At this point agenda item 0923/19 Parish newsletter was brought forward – Cllr Perkins informed the Council that there will be regular content items and topics as they arise such as Breedon's plans. The newsletter would be used to invite comments on Breedon's plans from the Parish possibly via a QR code to a survey on the Council website. Hard copies of the survey would also be included for those not able to use the online survey. It was agreed the newsletter group would meet within the next 2 weeks to pull together the content for agreement at the October meeting.

It was noted that there may be a need to have a project leader to ensure agreed steps and actions are taken.

The Chair agreed to discuss the matter with the Chair of Bradwell Parish Council to determine joint options.

0923/13 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including Parsons Way/Stations Approach, Edale Road and accessibility matters

- a. Parsons Way/Stations Approach – no update had been received.
- b. Issues have been identified of a footpath by use between Mary Lane and Marsh Avenue. Cllr Perkins will assist the Parishioner who raised the issue in getting it formally designated as a footpath
- c. Edale Road – Chair apologised for only recently forwarding Cllr Barr's letter onto Highways, Chair also noted he had written to Cllr Cupitt, Councillor with a remit for Transport and Safety. Cllr Collins agreed to invite Highways to spend a day with her and Cllr Farrell at the site for observation purposes. The outcome of the consultation on the double yellow lines had not yet been received, Clerk to chase.
- d. Accessibility matters – none noted.

0923/14 Possible co-option candidates – brought forward to 0923/02, at this point Laura Vincent stated she would be interested in becoming a Councillor. The Council resolved to co-opt Laura Vincent as a new Councillor. Cllr Vincent signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

0923/15 Formally agree the Council's biodiversity paper – Cllr Perkins agreed to continue to work on the document for agreement at the next meeting

0923/16 Agree attendance of the PDNPA Parishes Day 7 October – The Councillors present are unable to attend the Day. Action for Clerk to ask the absent Councillors whether they are able to attend.

0923/17 Memorials in recognition of the Royal Events – Clerk informed the Council that the water fountain is now on the list of jobs to be considered by the District Council but that the Council were currently short of staff. Clerk agreed to forward the contact details to Cllr Henson. Cllr Henson also stated that Breedon are potentially interested in helping with the project.

0923/18 Remembrance Sunday – Clerk noted that the Road Closure Order had been received and that a wreath needed to be ordered by the end of September. Cllr Price agreed to arrange the wreath. All documentation on the matter was handed over to the new Clerk.

0923/19 Parish newsletter – Addressed in agenda item 0923/12

0923/20 Council's finances The Clerk reported that the accounts are reconciled to the end of August bank statement and there is a balance of £10,946, after the payment of the invoices noted in agenda item 0923/21.

0923/21 Approve invoices – The following were approved:

- Pip Gilbert Locum Clerk services - £282.48
- Others received after agenda set – Shallcross nursery £300
- The paid August invoices were also formally approved, being Hope Old School room hire (£20) and Pip Gilbert for Locum Clerk services (£360.29).

0923/22 Confirm the date of the next meeting and items to be included in the meeting – The Council unanimously thanked Pip Gilbert for her support as a Locum Clerk over the past 6 months. The next meeting was agreed as 9 October 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Vincent in advance of the meeting.

Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm