

# HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Chris Perkins (Vice Chair)	Stephen Barr
	Ian Ord	Martin Chapman
	Stephen Price	Gordon Hopewell
Others present	Sheree Smallwood (Clerk)	
	Charlotte Farrell – High Peak Borough Councilor	P Alcock – local resident

### Parish Council Meeting

**1123/01 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Henson, Cllr Vincent, Cllr Swords

**1123/02 Variation of Order of Business** - None

**1123/03 Declarations of Interests** - None

**1123/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded** - None

**1123/05 Public participation** - None

**1123/06 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023** - Minutes approved..

**1123/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – DALC newsletter circulated.

**1123/08 Update from Cllr Farrell** – Climate change committee have met since the election. Looking at maintaining the verges and fauna and flora. Currently there are no finances attached to the priorities.

DCC have produced a survey asking about the public priorities and issue of climate change – Action: - Cllr Farrell to forward survey.

#### **1123/09 Planning applications:**

a) NP/HPK/1123/1393 – Proposed single storey front porch extension and single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – 7 The Marshes Hope – No objections

b) Any other applications received after agenda set – None

**1123/10 To Agree the Council Freedom of Information and Data Protection policies and procedure.** – in the document it mentions EU law, propose to change to international agreement. Policy signed off. Clerk to look at what policies need to be signed off next and have a schedule for the next meeting.

#### **1123/11 To receive an update on Breedon's CCS plans and meeting with other Parish Councils –**

Encouraged by how much common ground there is between parishes, very positive. Agreed practical outcomes Newsletters, websites, Peak Park local plan and engaging younger people. Unfortunately, it was a shame that Bradwell PC was unable to attend, but it has been clarified that they are keen to do so for any future meetings. Next Breedon consultation meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, it appears to be no nearer forward as to any details as to what they are applying forward. Action:- Cllr Perkins to attend and feedback.

#### **1123/12 Update the Council's position on Breedon's 'proposal for 2042 legacy.**

Breedon's report on the initial consultation about the long-term future was circulated prior to the meeting. Concerns were expressed about the methodology, timing (the consultation taking place during a three week period in the summer) and the analysis in the report. Cllr Perkins to write to Ed Cavanagh expressing our concerns over the format of the summary and seek clarification on how this report is intended to be used.

**1123/13 Crime Report** – The previous report appeared out of date – Action: Clerk to asked for a crime report for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

#### **1123/14 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including accessibility matters –**

- **Aston Lane and response to email from resident** – logged on the DCC website and NG has responded and it is on the capital programme list
- **Cut between Mary Lane and Marsh Ave** –. Possibility that it belongs to Severn Trent. If owned by Severn Trent we can raise the issue. Need to try and negotiate who has the legal duty to respond.

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- **Fallen post at the junction of Bowden Lane/ Green Drive** – No further on about who owns the land.
- **Footpath between Mead Farm and Bleak House** – Letter written to the owners of the fence – there are now signs stating mind the barbed wire.
- **Condition of the Bowden Lane Surface** – the road is liable to flooding due to the poor state of it. Cllr Vincent has written to the County Council relating to the state of the road.
- **Parson Lane/ Station Rd Footpath** – the application has 106 claims ahead of it in the queue to be allocated a claims officer. Action - Clerk to contact Corporate Services to get some sort of timescale.
- **Town Head Bridge** – Cllr Swords has contacted the Highways officer Phillip Braisby and he has reiterated his belief that there is nothing to be done since the last meeting. Cllr Cupit has asked that we involve Cllr Nigel Gourlay as to a way to move ahead. Cllr Swords has written to Nigel Gourlay to that effect. Can it be prioritized on Health and Safety issues from a pedestrian point of view? This is an ongoing issue and we appear to be going nowhere. Action:-. Cllr Ord, Cllr Barr and Cllr Perkins to address the main concerns and agree a strategy to solve what has been a major concern for residents in Edale Rd.

**1123/15 Date of next Parish Newsletter and responsibilities** – the next newsletter is due the end of Jan. Action: It was agreed that responsibility for producing the newsletter will be distributed across the councillors.

**1123/16 Report back from finance committee** – Agreed what the priorities are for next year and possible increase in budget. Action: Clerk to forward precept forms to finance committee when they arrive.

**1123/17 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position** - £12,418.58.

**1123/18 To Approve invoices for payment** –

- Hope Old School Room rental x 2 - £40.00
- Clerk Salary – £212.60
- HMRC – £53.00
- RBL wreath - £25.00
- Others received after agenda set.

**1123/19 To elect a new Chair** – this was deferred to the next meeting. The current Chair will agree the minutes and a vote will be taken to agree a new chair and a formal handover will take place.

**1123/20 Confirm the date of the next meeting and items to be included in the meeting.** This will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan where we will sign off the precept.

Apologies from Cllr Price.

Vice Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm.