

# HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Chris Perkins (Vice Chair)	Stephen Barr
	Dominic Swords (Chair)	Martin Chapman
	Laura Vincent	Gordon Hopewell
Others present	Sheree Smallwood (Clerk)	
	Cllr J Collins – High Peak Borough Councilor	Four members of the public attended.

### Parish Council Meeting

**0824/01 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Henson, Cllr Price, Cllr Ord Cllr Farrell

**0824/02 Variation of Order of Business** - None

**0824/03 Declarations of Interests** - None

**0824/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded** - None.

**0824/05 Public participation** – 3 members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the noise and behavior of guests staying at a local holiday let. Complaints have been made to the owner and although the owner has been supportive the situation is ongoing. It has been suggested that the complainants contact Peak Park to explore the conditioning of the change of use planning application and High Peak to voice their concerns with environmental health over noise nuisance and licensing to question the sale of alcoholic beverages.

**0824/06 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023** - approved.

**0824/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – None.

**0824/08 Outgoing Chair Report** – Cllr Swords formally stood down as Chair of HwAPC. He thanked the other councilors for all their support over the last 3years. Feels we have a strong and inclusive council.

**0824/09 Election of New Chair** – Cllr C Perkins was elected the new Chair of HwAPC and Cllr Barr and Cllr Vincent were elected Vice Chairs.

**0824/10 Council Strategy and Organisation** – Cllr Perkins would like to continue the ethos of inclusiveness, balancing efficiency with facilitating discussion. The new Chair would like to continue the mix of the formal and informal, but have leads in Planning, Highways and Rights of Way, Planning, Finance, Comms and HR to support the work of the council. Training is available through DALC and councillors were encouraged to make the most of these opportunities.

Cllr Barr will take the lead on communications alongside another Councillor and the Clerk will keep a central record of all communications. Cllr Perkins argued there is scope the Parish Council to remain proactive we should reach out to other village communities such as the business and educational interest. A community survey akin to the one recently carried out by Castleton was also suggested, it was also agreed to improve liaison with other Parish Councils.

It was agreed that sometimes the agenda is too long and can be repetitive, we need to make sure that the right information is prioritised.: – Actions: Clerk to speak to the Chair prior to the meeting and agree timing for each agenda item. Cllr Perkins to circulate a strategy and organization document for comment.at.

**0824/11 To consider communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – Cllr Collins fed back on the High Peak Plan for Nature and the High Peak Cultural Strategy and encouraged Parish Councils to review their biodiversity plans.

**0824/12 Planning applications:** None

**0824/13 To receive an update on Breedon's CCS plans,** - Currently nothing new to report.

**0824/14 Update the Council's position on Breedons 'proposal for 2042 legacy.** – The feedback from the early consultation regarding their plans are not clear cut, but showed varying levels of support for uses from

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affordable housing, sustaining local employment, enhancing biodiversity and using the site for generating renewable energy. At the last Breedon Liaison group representatives of the Parish Council had expressed concerns about the clarity of the summary report and questioned how the full survey might feed in to the site masterplanning. When the Parish Council has more information, it intends to hold a public meeting to discuss all of these issues as Breedon move forward towards a plan of action for the site.

**0824/15 Crime Report** – Report shared of crime that has taken place in the Hope Valley over the last month, Councillors were concerned that no detail was provided about the location of crimes. Action: - Clerk to ask if in the next report could be we could have it narrowed down by village and report on the crimes in Hope and Aston.

**0824/16 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including accessibility matters –**

- Update on Townend Bridge/ Edale Rd discussions – DCC Highways have to date rejected our suggestions. Three Councillors met to discuss what actions could be taken to resolve issues. A number of actions had been agreed. These were to collate communication between us and DCC: to raise the issue where possible with each coach/ HGV company as and when an event takes place, to explore how Sat Nav systems might be updated to reflect real world difficulties to generate publicity about the issue with a possible article in the Derbyshire Times and to ask local residents via the newsletter to document and report specific incidents. It was agreed to continue highways and put pressure on DCC via elected members.
- Fallen post at the junction of Bowden Lane/ Green Drive – No update
- Update on footpath between Meade Farm/ Bleak House – The footpath remains treacherous The PC will look at possible solutions in the next financial year. Action: - Clerk: Write to the DCC Rights of Way regarding the issue and focusing on legal requirements relating to barbed wire and rights of way.
- Update on Parsons Lane/ Station Rd – No update
- Steps from footpath along the Mill field – The bottom step is steep where the ground has eroded. Action :-Clerk to write to the landowner to try and agree a solution.

**0824/17 Update on the next Parish Newsletter** - Cllr Barr has begun to draft the next newsletter and will circulate for responses. The next distribution will be early February. It was agreed that in a future newsletter we would add a brief questionnaire and try and gather the views and ideas from residents on what the Parish Council can do to improve what happens in Hope.

**0824/18 Report back from finance committee and agree 2024 precept** – 5.7% rise was agreed and Cllr Hopewell was thanked for his work managing the financial process. Action: Clerk to complete necessary claim for Precept

**0824/19 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position - £12,280.03.**

**0824/20 To Approve invoices for payment –**

- Hope Old School Room rental - £20.00.
- Clerk Salary – £212.60
- HMRC – £53.00
- The Happy Tree Company - £156.00
- Dalc training - £10.00
- Others received after agenda set. - none

**0824/21 Agree the dates for Parish Council meetings 2024** – The Parish Council meeting will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. There will be no Parish Council meetings in August 2024 or Jan 2025. The next meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February @ 7.30 in the Old School, School Lane, Hope.

**0824/22 Any items for the next Parish Council**

- Castleton Rd – Planters
- Co-opting of new Parish Councillor.

The meeting was closed at 9.15.