

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

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| Cllrs present: | Chris Perkins (Chair) | Stephen Barr |
| | Stephen Price | Gordan Hopewell |
| | Laura Vincent | Ian Ord |
| | Jemma Lenton | |
| Others present | Sheree Smallwood (Clerk) | Cllr Nigel Gourlay |
| | P.C.S.O. Will Brockett | P.C.S.O. Alex Simpson |
| | 3 members of the public | |

Parish Council Meeting

0324/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Chapman, Cllr Henson

0324/02 Variation of Order of Business – Litter Pickers to be discussed under 0324/05.

0324/03 Declarations of Interests – Cllrs Perkins and Hopewell declared interest as members of the Litter Pickers Group.

032404 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None.

0324/05 Public participation – Fifteen people now participate in litter picking every Friday morning and the group has recently attracted several new members. The litter pickers request a sum not exceeding £200 for the purchase of additional health and safety equipment to support their community activity. This will include Hi- vis vest and litter pickers. The Chair formally thanked the litter pickers for all their time and energy. This weekend is the national litter picking weekend. **Action:** - proposed and accepted. Clerk to purchase and donate to the group.

0324/06 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th Feb – Approved.

0324/07 Chair's Update – Cllr Perkins welcomed the public who attend the Parish Council meeting, it is good to get the community support. He also reported on a recent meeting focusing on aspects of the Council's communication including the website, Facebook and email. Cllr Vincent and Perkins had circulated a guide to Councillors encouraging best email practice. **Action:** To review in the April meeting.

0324/08 To consider communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda:

- Hope Rd, Bamford Rd traffic restrictions - There will be a set of restrictions in place at some time between between 15th April and 30th Sept. This is due to the number of potholes, that need to be filled in. **Action:** – Cllr Barr will put the information on Facebook and in the next Newsletter.

0324/09 District and County Councillor reports. – Cllr Gourlay reported:

- DCC faces difficult financial challenges and with reduced reserves for next year, there will be a squeeze on several areas of expenditure and in particular on childcare services. it is though likely that a legal budget can be set.
- Cllr Gourley reported on the Derbyshire & Derby Fire and Rescue team. The target for their attendance of their first tender at the house is ten minutes, they are able to meet this tender in the urban areas such as Chesterfield, in the Hope Valley it is 30 mins. One of the concerns is that a number of the households do not have smoke alarms. There is a need to encourage the use of these alarms in houses. **Action:** The Parish council will promote the use of smoke alarms in the next newsletter.
- Highways: A new and entirely web-based system for reporting highway issues is available at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/report-a-road-fault>. After registering users will receive a job number. If you do not receive a response in 6 weeks, then contact Cllr Gourley and he will take it forward. If you want to get an officer attention, then personal stories that have consequences are helpful. Cllr Gourley will contact the persons involved and look at possible solutions. **Action:** - ongoing consultation is important. Cllr Perkins thanked Cllr Gourley for attending meeting and for his helpful advice.

0324/10 Assets

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- **Castleton Rd planters** – Cllr Lenton has got a quote, for the wood for the planters – Cllr Lenton to send a quote by email to the Clerk. The Parish Council will encourage local schools and preschool to be involved in the decoration of the frames. Cllr Lenton is meeting with the schools and preschool to look at the possibilities. **Action** – Agenda for April's meeting to look at what we do and how we fund it.
- **Aston Notice Board – Action** - Clerk to look at possible hard weathering noticeboards and share options by email. Action – Funding to be agreed at the April meeting.
- **Bus Shelters** –. No further update. **Action:** - Agenda for the next meeting.

0324/11 Planning applications

- NP/DDD/1223/1527 – review of minerals permission – First Periodic Review – Hope Quarry, Pindale Rd Hope. – A large document relating to the extensive review of existing minerals permissions at the site, including remediation proposals. The document relates to the mineral's permissions, not Breedon's cement manufacturing processes. Chapter 16 offers a useful summary of the ROMP and concludes it's EIA complies with appropriate legislation. As a Parish Council it not obvious what we can add to this largely technical issue. Resolved to offer no objections.
- NP/TCA/0224/0184 – T1 Silver Birch reduction. T2 Silver Birch Dismantle, T3 Silver Birch reduction – Ebenezer Barn Edale Rd Hope. – Not opposed.
- Earles Sidings Planning Group. – Summary of the liaison group meeting. The group was set up as a condition on Breedon's ARM proposal and brings together Breedon, Freightliner, the Peak Planners and representatives of local residents from HEARD. It meets every 3 months. Cllr Ord reported on progress in relation to environmental impacts of the operation of the branch line and sidings including:
 1. Reducing noise from locomotive idling
 2. Erecting sound barriers.
 3. Spraying the lines to reduce noise.
 4. Remove or change points to reduce sound.
 5. Straighten part of the track
 6. Deploying larger rolling stock
 7. An ongoing programme of updating locomotives. Potentially reducing intrusive lighting on the site by reducing the height of the lighting gantries and better directing light.

At the meeting Breedon also offered to donate a sum of money to the Parish Council, which they will receive from Network Rail as a consequence of the Bowden Lane Bridge work.

Cllr Ord and Cllr Vincent were thanked for their active and successful participation in a very constructive initiative.

0324/12 Crime Report – During the last six weeks there has been one residential burglary in Hope and on the 9th Feb a theft of a caravan. PCSO Brockett gave an outline of incidents in surrounding areas. There are ongoing concerns of safety and parking. PCSO Whitehead and PCSO Brockett are engaging with schools to address any safety issues. The Parish Council would like to thank the police for their support. In May Police and Crime Commissioner's elections are due.

0324/13 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including –

- Update on Townhead Bridge/ Edale Rd discussions. – Edale Rd residents are regularly reporting coaches and long vehicles unable to get over Townhead Bridge and having to reverse back to Eccles Close. Cllr Barr is writing to these companies, urging them to write to DCC asking for improved signage and ideally a TRO. Cllr Ord is in contact with Edale YHA who already recommend any long coaches to approach via Mam Nick. A TRO would ensure that Sat Navs would be updated with information about the bridge. We will also continue to attempt to get improved signage. **Action:**- Cllr Ord will continue to update Cllr Culpit with the concerns using appropriate ref number and review at the April meeting.
- Bowden Lane conditions and bridge work. – The Bowden Lane Bridges need to be replaced and will require closure of Bowden Lane during the work. DCC has already issued a road closure notice. There has however so far been no consultation about the closure. Due to potholes and drainage, the state of Bowden Lane has become a Health & Safety risk. **Action:** - The Parish Council to write to Network Rail about the closure, expressing it's concerns and seeking both clarification of timescales and alternative

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access routes, will cc Robert Largan MP.

- Parsons Lane/ Station Rd – **Action**:- Clerk continue to email for a timescale of plans to become a designated right of way.

0324/14 Communications:

Agree dates and venues for Annual Parishes meetings.

- Hope Parish Meeting – 13th May prior to the Council meeting at the Old School, Hope.
- Aston Parish Meeting – week of 13th May exact date to be agreed at the Travelers Rest, Aston. Cllr Price to consult with Aston residents.

0324/15 Village Initiatives

- Warm Places – It was agreed to convene a meeting during the summer with interested parties to look at how it can be facilitated - **Action** – To be put on agenda for at the July meeting.
- Sports Club planting – Saturday 16th March a group of volunteers are meeting at the Sports Club, for a pruning session.
- Funding for litter pickers - discussed under 0324/05
- Pinder Meadow and Pinfold Signage – Breedon have funded engraved QR codes on site to web-served interpretations of these historical sites and also associated fencing and tree work.

0324/16 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position - £11.172.70.

0324/17 To Approve invoices for payment –

- Hope Old School Room rental - £20.00.
- Clerk Salary – £212.60
- HMRC – £53.00
- Others received after agenda set. – None

0324/18 Consider appointment of auditor for 23/24 accounts. – Clerk to contact the auditor for the 22/23 accounts.

0324/19 Agree the date for the next Parish Council meeting. – 8th April 2024

0324/20 Any items for the next Parish Council

- Newsletter & Questionnaire
- Planters
- Bowden Lane
- Breedon liaison mtg update
- Mile post cleaning

Meeting Closed @ 9.20