

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th Nov at 7.30pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Dominic Swords (Chair)	Richard Henson
	Ian Ord	Chris Perkins
	Laura Vincent	Martin Chapman
	Stephen Price	
Others present	Sheree Smallwood (Clerk)	
	Charlotte Farrell – High Peak Borough Councilor	P Alcock – local resident

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1123/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Hopewell, Cllr Barr, Ellie Whitehead – Derbyshire Police.

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 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th Oct 2023 - Item added – 1023/20: The chair announced his forthcoming intention to resign from the PC from the December meeting. The rest of the minutes were agreed.

1123/07 Communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda –

- Murray Lemley 'People of Hope' photography project – Cllr Ord has met with Murray and will continue to liaise over the coming months.

1123/08 Update from Cllr Farrell - High Peak Corporate Plan has been published and is accessible online. Part of the plan is looking at how to increase residents physical and mental wellbeing and enabling them to get active. Meetings have been taking place with HVC to look at a possible 3D football pitch, there is some funding from the Football Association and the college will look at how they can fund the rest. Concerns were shared about 3D pitches and the environment, but currently no action is needed from the PC.

1123/09 Planning applications:

- a) NP/NMA/1023/1235 - Nonmaterial amendments on NP/HPK/122/1550 – glazing amendments to house and garage – Hillcroft, Parsons Lane. – No objections
- b) Ebenezer barn - approved
- c) Any other applications received after agenda set – None

1123/10 To Agree the Council Freedom of Information and Data Protection policies and procedure. – Clerk will recirculate it before the next meeting with a reminder to read it.

1123/11 To receive an update on Breedon's CCS plans and meeting with other Parish Councils – The clerk has received 6 responses so far for the meeting on the 20th of November. The joint meeting is a first stage in a process of building a community response.

1123/12 Update the Council's position on Breedons 'proposal for 2042 legacy.' Discussion took place about what stance is appropriate to address both 1123/10 and 1123/11. The community need more information about what is involved and HwAPC do have concerns. Our intention as a Parish Council is to mobilise a community response to the plans, alongside other Parish Councils. We need to understand the impact of any new build impact and what opportunities there are for the local communities and the synergy with the National Park. Hopefully more information will be available for the next meeting, enabling residents to get the full picture. The initial August 2023 consultation exercise by Breedon was a helpful start but should not be regarded as final: there needed to be a continuing conversation.

1123/13 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including accessibility matters –

- **Aston Lane and response to email from resident** – application put in for extension to the railway bank work, although it was not needed as work completed on time. However due to the increase of traffic, the

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road has been left rutted and uneven. Complaint has been logged and response received. Cllr Perkins to write a letter of concern to DCC and County Councillor Nigel Gourley.

- **Cut between Mary Lane and Marsh Ave** – It appears the fence is not on the boundary of the house. The PC will continue to support attempts to designate the path as a right of way. – Action - Cllr Chapman will continue to discuss with a local resident and look at possible options, to move the discussion forward.
- **Fallen post at the junction of Bowden Lane/ Green Drive** – PC not sure who owns the path next to the cemetery. Clerk to send photos of the fallen post to Cllr Farrell and she will try and gather some more information.
- **Castleton Rd Bridge** – note that there is a delay on completion of the repairs to the bridge, but Breedon will keep us updated.
- **Footpath between Meade Farm and Bleak House** – The footpath is in a state of disrepair and barbed wire has been placed at the top of the fence. Due to weather conditions and slippery path, injuries may happen if walkers fall. – Action - Cllr Vincent will draft a letter to the landowners highlighting our concerns. Clerk to respond to residents' email to inform them that their concerns are noted.
- **Condition of the Bowden Lane Surface** – the road is liable to flooding due to the poor state of it. Action PC to write formally to DCC about our concerns and encourage people to make complaints.
- **Earle Sidings lighting** – There was a site visit on the 13th October attended by 3 Parish Councillors and that we asked whether lighting height, brightness and focus could be re-examined.
- **Parson Lane/ Station Rd Footpath** – Clerk to contact Hannah Roberts, to get an update about the progress and a possible timeframe.

1123/14 Feedback from the inaugural Parish newsletter – very positive. Action - agenda item at the next meeting to agree schedule and distribution dates

1123/15 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position,

1123/16 Approve invoices – The following were approved.

- Road Closure signs - £10.00
- Dalc Essential clerk training 2- £30.00
- Clerk Salary – £196.60
- HMRC – £49.00
- Backpay Clerks salary - £20.00
- Pip Gilbert Locum Clerk services - £48,15
- City Print Services – Newsletter - £126.00
- Others received after agenda set.
- Hope Old school -room rental - £20.00.

1123/17 Remembrance Sunday- Thank you to all those who were involved, and it was acknowledged that it went well. It was agreed that there were too few people facilitating the road closures and next year we will need at least two people at each closure point. Cllr Price agreed to store road closure signs.

1123/18 Confirm the date of the next meeting and items to be included in the meeting – The next meeting was agreed as 11th Dec 2023 @ 7.30.

Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm