

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00 pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

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| Cllrs present: | Chris Perkins (Chair) | Stephen Price |
| | Laura Vincent | Gordon Hopewell |
| | Jemma Lenton | Ian Ord |
| | Stephen Barr | Richard Henson |
| Others present | Sheree Smallwood (Clerk) | HPBC C Farrell |
| | 5 members of the public | PCSO 4417 Will Brockett |
| Apologies | Cllr Chapman | |

Annual Parish Meeting

0524/01A – Chair report – The Chair talked through his annual report for the year 2023 – 2024 which will be posted on the Council noticeboard and website. The chair noted that the Parish council would strongly welcome any contributions from residents of the Parish, who are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

0524/02A – Election of Chair – The council resolved to elect Cllr Perkins as Chair

0524/03A – Election of Vice Chairs – The Council appointed Cllr Vincent and Cllr Barr as Vice Chairs.

0524/04A – Receive a report on:

- Pinder Meadow - Helen Perkins presented the report. The Charity aim is to raise awareness about it and maintain the Pinfold Meadow. Over the last year it has been registered with the land registry and thanks to Mandy Wight for sorting that out. There will be QR codes on sites around the village linking to the website with information on its history. This year the charity has received some funding from Breedon which will fund some tree work in the Autumn. There is more information on the website.
- Hope Bulls Meadows Fund – Stuart Elliot gave the Council a brief history of the charity and it has now been uploaded on to the website. It yields about £140/year interest. The interest is shared between Hope Cow farmers which consists of five farmers.
- Cresswell's apprenticeship charity – Cllr Hopewell gave the report on behalf of the Parish Council; the charity funds are held in trust by the HwAPC. Discussions have been held with the College regarding a project to decorate the concrete planters on the verge opposite the college, this is in line with the aims of the charity, to provide financial support to promote the development of student skills.

0524/05A – Parishioners' Views:-

It was suggested that although Hope is fortunate to have several meeting rooms/ venues, would it be possible to look at how we get more formal links between the various organisations that use them and therefore get the best use of the building? Hope Historical Society are looking for a venue where they can store their records and how to make them available to all, but also address any security concerns.

Gill Glen was thanked for all her hard work around the War Memorial.

Stuart Elliott reported on the 3 new kissing gates around the footpaths of Green Lane, with support from Peak Park. There ensued a discussion around footpath accessibility, noting the difficulties encountered by wheelchair users and users of adapted scooters.

There was also some very positive feedback about the newsletter.

0524/6A Council's priorities for the future – It was agreed to continue with the Council's existing priorities as noted in the Chair's report, these will also be available on the website.

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0524/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Chapman

0524/02 Variation of Order of Business - It was agreed to bring forward the crime report and the planning application for change of use for the St John's ambulance site.

0524/03 Declarations of Interests -Cllr Vincent for Bowden Lane discussion and Cllr Lenton for the Castleton Rd Troughs.

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052404 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

0524/05 Public participation - this was addressed in 0524/05A

0524/06 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th April 2024 - Approved

0524/07 To consider communications received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda: - None

0524/09 District and County Councillor reports. –Cllr Farrell talked about the Councillors' Initiative Fund . Cllr Price would like to look at funding for a grit bin at the end of Aston Lane. **Action:** Cllr Farrell to send the application form to the clerk

Update from the last meeting, there should be the possibility of putting a litter bin outside the school and a request for an extra bin by the bus stop in Hope.

Ongoing discussions about the impact of parking/ tourism/ traffic on the area although highways are not responsive. Parishes are beginning to talk to each other to look at the issues.

0524/10 Assets

- Castleton Rd Planters – Hope Preschool would like to join in decorating the troughs. Cllr Lenton has approached Brough Mill who will give a 10% discount on wood if we look at repairing the bench by the junction with Travellers Rest.

0524/11 Planning

- **NP/0324/0255** – St John's Ambulance, Pindale Rd - demolition of existing dilapidated sheds and erection of a light industrial unit. The Parish council object to the planning application on the following grounds:
 - Highway issues: traffic generation, vehicle access, road safety
 - Car Parking Provision
 - Capacity of infrastructure (eg in the public drainage system)
 - Noise and disturbance resulting from use
 - Impact on nature conservation interest and biodiversity opportunities

Action: Cllr Barr to draft a response and Clerk to send objection to the Planning Committee. Residents to respond with their objections and if concerned about current activities to contact the enforcement officers at Peak Park.

0524/12 Crime Report - PCSO Will Brockett provided a report – Over the last couple of months, there have been 7 crimes, 5 have involved domestic violence and 2 have involved road rage. Crime levels are low, but parking and speeding remain an issue.

Parking – the police are fully aware of the problems in relation to parking and are trying to address as many as they can in partnership with DCC Highways. 700 parking tickets were issued last month at the top of Winnats Pass and they continue to be monitored.

Speeding – Cllr Henson reported on the revving of motorbikes and speeding along the Castleton Rd. PCSO Brockett will notify the new offroad team and will also feedback our concerns to the Inspector.

Mobile Police Van – **Action** - PCSO Brockett will send the timetable and venues to the clerk.

0524/13 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including –

- Update on Townhead Bridge/ Edale Rd discussions – The Council has been approached by Castleton PC to look at HGV issues including improved signposting in the valley. Although the issues differ it was agreed a joint approach to working with the impact of HGV's would be productive. The meeting has been arranged in early June.
- Brough Bridge works – Road Closure – On the website it suggests that it will close between 17th June – 15th Sept. Action: Clerk to write and ask any indication for exact dates, access for pedestrian issue and restriction on Pindale Rd.
- Parking on Pindale Rd – The yellow lines on Pindale Rd are fading and therefore the effectiveness of them is not clear and could lead to parking restricting access along the road towards the Cement works. **Action:** Clerk to contact DCC Highways.
- Bowden Lane – snagging issues that need to be dealt with over the next couple of weekends. Temp road getting worse, has been reported. Still not clear what repairs will be done to the road under the bridge.

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- **Action** – Possibility of the Breedon monies to solve the issue of Bowden Lane - £7000, although there is no guarantee of this money being available. PC to protest and send a formal letter of complaint to Network rail/ AMCOGiffen. about the impact on the community and the environment. To support residents involved to contact Robert Largan MP

0524/14 Communications: -

- Results from the Parish Questionnaire – 12 responses with generally helpful comments. Parking is an issue alongside social housing. There were also concerns about the general look of the village, this included the state of the gates and graffiti, the Parish Council has started some work on the bus shelters and speed signs but agree there is more to do. **Action:** Cllr Perkins will summarise the points and report back to the next meeting. There is no closing date for the questionnaires so please continue to send them in, this can be done via the slip on the newsletter, handing into Spar, emailing the Clerk or via the QR code.
- Report on the Aston Parish Meeting – The meeting was well attended, and some of the issues discussed were the op-up Campsite, graffiti, and a grit bin at the top, near Yewtree Farm and Dimmings. The full minutes will be available on the website and the noticeboard.

0524/15 Village Initiatives: -

- Mile post cleaning – The mile post at Laneside and Castleton Rd need cleaning. **Action:** Cllr Perkins to look at the possibility of getting some volunteers together to clean them
- Road verge improvement outside the Old Hall – **Action:** Cllr Henson getting quotes, currently received 1 back. He is also looking at getting possible funding from Breedon.

0524/16 To receive a summary of the Council's current financial position - The Clerk noted that the accounts were reconciled to the end of April bank statement with a balance of £14,481.99 includes the Precept 1 payment - £4,420.50.

0514/17 AGAR – The 23-24 AGAR forms were approved and signed.

0524/17 To Approve invoices for payment –

- Hope Old School Room rental - £20.00.
- Clerk Salary – £212.60
- Clerk Salary – April one off payment - £212.60.
- HMRC – £53.00
- Internal audit - £60.00
- Anavio Ltd – Aston Parish meeting - £100.00
- City Print service - £132.00.
- Greenbarnes Ltd – Noticeboard - £728.30
- Shallcross Nursery - £330.00
- Others received after agenda set. – None

0524/18 To approve insurance renewal – It was agreed to renew the annual insurance with Zurich for £417.59.

0524/19 Agree the date for the next Parish Council meeting. – 10th June 2024

0524/20 Any items for the next Parish Council

- Footpath audit