

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30 pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Chris Perkins (Chair)	Stephen Price
	Stephen Barr	Martin Chapman
		Ian Ord
Others present	Sheree Smallwood (Clerk)	
	Joan Clough	

0624/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Vincent, Cllr Hopewell, Cllr Lenton, Cllr Henson, HPBC Farrell, PCSO 4417 Brockett, PCSO Simpson.

0624/02 Variation of Order of Business – Brough Road closure – move from 0624/12 to 0624/05

0624/03 Declarations of Interests – Cllr Vincent re Bowden Lane – 0624/12

0624/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

0624/05 Public participation –

- **Brough Road Closure** – It was agreed that the work on the road was needed, but it was acknowledged that disruption will be caused. Highways have reviewed the pedestrian and cycle access and have now provided an update. Pedestrian and cycle access will be available from 4.30pm until 8am. This arrangement will be in place 7 days a week. The plan is to keep to the 12-week closure, starting from Monday 17th June, dependent on weather and ground conditions. Concerns were expressed about possible congestion on Eccles Lane. These arrangements will be reviewed as the work progresses to see if increased pedestrian access can be introduced during the day.
- It was agreed that the immediate issue is the road closure, but later in the year, after completion of the repairs, it was proposed that a meeting is arranged with Highways / DCC and Bradwell Parish Council to look at the possibility of a one-way system going through the narrow part with traffic lights either side and a path for pedestrians. This would involve consultation with the residents of Brough. The Parish Council will support the residents in lobbying for change.

Brough residents who come under the Hope with Aston Parish Council – Cllr Perkins apologised to the 4 households in Brough that come under our Parish, they have not yet received Council newsletters and it was agreed to make sure that they are not neglected and are firmly on the Parish Council agenda. Brough is set across two Parishes, the Council would like to discuss with the residents, the best way to support them. Action: - To be tabled at a future meeting.

0624/06 – To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13th May - Approved

0624/07 To consider Communication received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda –

- DALC newsletter circulated by email
- Pre-election period – Restrictions during the purdah period before the election ensure avoiding favouring one political party or another. Pre-election rules do not apply to the ordinary business activities of the council.

0624/08 District Councillor's reports – HPBC Farrell sent her apologies.

0624/09 Assets

- Castleton Rd Planters – the tender is now closed and we received only one application. – It was agreed to go ahead with the application.
- Mowing Jubilee Corner / Parsons Lane – This is strimmed yearly. Action: - Clerk to email Mark Chapman to see if it can be done over the next couple of weeks

0624/10 Planning

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- **NP/034/0255 – St John’s Ambulance Hut, Pindale Rd** - the planning application has been withdrawn
- **NP/HPK/0524/0506** – Single storey front extension & changes to the rear elevation doors and windows – 83 Castleton Rd Hope – no objections
- **Appeal 3340823** – Refurb of disused stable block to form self-contained holiday accommodation – Round Meadow Barn, Parsons Lane, Hope. - continued support for the application. No action needed.
- **Earls Sidings Liaison meeting** – 28th May 2024 – Email sent to Freightliner with a supporting email from Tom Evans to discuss our disappointment regarding the ongoing issue with light overspill. However there has been some movement to reduce idling of the trains on the sidings to a minimum. There is a possibility to build sound absorbing boards, this would involve submitting a planning application for any works to cut noise pollution.

0624/11 Crime Report - In terms of crime it has been a quiet month with 3 crimes recorded. 1 of note, is from the early hours of Friday 7th June between 02.15hrs and 02.35 hours on Eccles Close where 4 masked men have moved a large cattle trailer to access a farmer’s Kubota buggy behind and have managed to push it to the rear of the dentists, but thankfully not able to hot wire it.

0624/12 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including –

- Update on Townhead Bridge/ Edale Rd discussions – Some Councillors have met with Castleton PC to look at traffic issues. Although there were some differences there was also a lot of shared concerns. Castleton has had positive discussions with Steve Alcock from DCC and hopefully we can address some of the issues involving clear signage for size and weight of vehicles going up Edale Rd. Castleton have a Facebook page called Concern for Castleton, with links web addresses to report issues to. It was agreed that it is much better when local councils collaborate to address local issues. Action: - Hope with Aston Parish Council to look at a similar Facebook page. Cllr Barr will place QR codes in the next newsletter, linking to the highways hub to report traffic issues.
- Brough Bridge works – Road Closure – discussed 0624/05.
- Bowden Lane condition and bridge work – No news on the potholes, Cllr Nigel Gourlay will be visiting the site. The road is in a worse condition since the works on the bridge.
- Bamford Parking / transport meeting – A meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th July; Cllr Perkins is attending.
- Active travel mtg – Consultation to take place to come up with an active travel plan. Action: - Cllr Perkins to arrange a meeting with Roger Clarke.

0624/13 Communications: -

- Complaints re Excessive Bank Holiday noise at the Old Hall. The Parish Council do not have any authority regarding the noise but agree that any anti-social behaviors should not be tolerated. Residents need to report it to environmental health concerning noise and the police if anti-social behavior occurs. The Old Hall have also put in an application to the licensing authority for extended hours, for every day of the week throughout the year, which the Parish Council agreed we should oppose. The Parish Council will inform local residents about this application which closes on the 5th July.
- Hope Valley College Bungalow – no further action, can be used for educational purposes only.
- Green Lane Cemetery – issues of unsafe graves, High Peak’s consultant has sent letters to relatives to inform them of the issues.

0624/14 Results of Parish Questionnaire – Prioritising initiatives – Transport and concern about visitors are by far the largest issue – actions on parking, speed, road conditions, public transport and footpath improvement receive a consensus of support. Very few of these areas are under the Parish Councils control, but we will look at something similar to Bamford’s transport meeting and get involved with the active travel group to try and influence those who do have power over these issues. There was general support for the Parish Council initiatives around the village, both new projects and those concerned with the existing look of Hope. Some support for housing and environmental initiatives and footpath audit and improvement. Action: - Chair to organise discussions with other village groups, to carry out a community facility audit. To be an agenda item for the next meeting, when the Sports Club will be invited to attend.

0624/15 Village Initiatives: -

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- Mile post cleaning – will continue to monitor at the moment
- Road verge improvement outside the Old Hall – to consider quote from RJA Contracting Ltd. – agreed that we defer making a decision at the moment and look at whether less urbanising options than tarmac are feasible, in the light of questionnaire concerns .
- Footpath Audit – Cllr Chapman shared a spreadsheet of all rights of way. It was very comprehensive, giving the start and finishes of all footpaths across the Parish. Cllr Chapman will put together guidelines for volunteers, who will help with the audit. The audit will look at condition of footpath surfaces, accessibility, stile s and gateways, any obstacles and risks to walkers as well as any adaptations that might be needed . Action: - Clerk to send a list of volunteers who have offered their services so far to Cllr Chapman.

0624/16 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position - £12,598.49

0624/17 To Approve invoices for payment –

- Hope Old School Room rental - £20.00.
- Clerk Salary – £212.60
- HMRC – £53.00
- Gill Glen – Longshaw Plants – War memorial - £34.80
- Gill Glen – Pictorial Meadows – Wildflower Seeds - £54.50
- Clerk – stationary - £7.98
- Pip Gilbert – RFO services – £134.55
- PPPF - £24.00
- Zurich Ins - £417.19
- Others received after agenda set. –

0624/18 Agree the date for the next Parish Council meeting. – 8th July 2024

0624/19 Any items for the next Parish Council

- Possible collaboration with the Sports Club