

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Sheree Smallwood – 07803 776907

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th Oct 2024 at 7.30 pm at Hope Old School, School Lane, Hope

Cllrs present:	Chris Perkins (Chair)	Richard Henson
	Ian Ord	Martin Chapman
	Gordon Hopewell	Laura Vincent
Others present	Sheree Smallwood (Clerk)	HPBC Charlotte Farrell

1024/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr S Price, Cllr Lenton, Cllr Barr. PCSO Brockett, Cllr Ord

1024/02 Variation of Order of Business – None

1024/03 Declarations of Interests – Cllr Hopewell – Planning application - Brookside

1024/04 Agenda items should be taken with the public excluded - None

1024/05 Public participation – None

1024/06 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9th Sept – Approved.

- Matters arising – thank you to Cllr Chapman to cleaning the Old School for MP surgery. The surgery went well, and MP Jon Pearce will be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting in the future.

1024/07 To consider communication received, not reported elsewhere on the agenda –

- Concerns have been raised about Mountain Bikes racing across the Brinks. Is it possible to have it designated as a quiet lane or have better signage informing cyclists that it is an access road. Action: - Cllr Vincent to draft a letter to Peak Park Highways and the Mountain bike association, outlining our concerns. Possibility of using the Councillor initiative funding to improve signage.
- Request for a rubbish bin at the end of Station Rd, by the bus stop. There are no bins between the railway station and Hope – **Action:** To look at funding possibilities.

1024/08 District Councillor's reports. –

- New 62 bus to and from Edale, this is only currently funded for a year, to continue the service parishioners need to use it or we will lose it. It was agreed it was a useful asset.

1024/09 Assets –

- **War Memorial** – The Council has been contacted by the War Memorials Trust, the national charity to the protection and conservation of our war memorial heritage, who have recently been contacted about the Hope with Aston war memorial. They did a site visit and information suggests that there are some issues regarding the paving surrounding the war memorial, some of which are loose and could become a potential hazard to those visiting the memorial. **Action:-** Clerk to contact the appropriate authorities who work on war memorials to assess the damage and what to do next.

1024/10 Planning:

- NP/TCA/0924/0959 – Conservation Tree Work – Brookside, Edale Rd, Hope – No objection
- NP/TCA/0924/1026 – Conservation Tree work –Longwoods, Station Rd, Hope- No objection
- NP/ HPK/1024/1039 – Replacement of dilapidated flat garage roof with pitched roof and associated works - Brookside, Edale Rd, Hope. - No objection and should voice our support.
- Peak Park Local Planning Consultation. – Those who live, work in and visit the Peak District National Park are being asked for their views on strategic planning issues as part of a Local Plan Review consultation. The National Park Authority's Policy & Communities team will seek views on house building, developing business, as well as protecting green spaces and the environment. The consultation document will be online and accessed via interactive portal as well being available as a downloadable pdf. Visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/localplan. Residents are encouraged to look at the plan and feedback to the National District National Park.

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1024/11 Crime Report -

- **ANPR cameras proposal** – PCSO Brockett was unable to attend the meeting.
- Other Parish Councils would like our opinion of the ANPR cameras, although agreed that it would be a good thing, there are a lot of questions that need answering: Would it be proactive or reactive, what is the strategy to underpin it and who would be monitoring it. What is the Parish Council responsibility be if they were to go ahead. **Action:-** Clerk to respond to the other Parish Councils with HwAPC response.

1024/12 Discuss Highways and Rights of Way matters including –

- **Parking on Edale Rd after Huberts Corner up to the Earls Viaduct.** Concerns have been shared by the number of vehicles that were parked at weekends along this stretch of road and safety implications for residents and emergency vehicles trying to get to Edale. As yet we are not sure whether it is the impact of the new yellow lines that have been painted at the school end of the road and whether this has pushed the problem further up. **Action:** Monitor the parking and consult with residents about the impact. Then there is possibility to lobby for the yellow lines to be extended.
- **Update on Footpath Audit-** A meeting was held on 11th Oct, with the volunteers who undertook the audit, the purpose of this meeting was to go through the results and address our priorities, these included signage, surfaces, vegetation and accessibility. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this project, please contact the clerk by email clerk@hopewithastonparishcouncil.co.uk.
- **Road Verge and Churchyard mowing** – Things are changing, currently the work is subcontracted to High Peak from DCC. **Action:-** Proposal to invite the new contractor Andy Warham to look at the churchyard and the Parish Council to explain what the issues are. There is a possibility to adopt the verges, are also aware that resources are scarce.

1024/13 Communications: -

- **Newsletter** – The Parish Council Autumn newsletter has now been delivered and the Parish Council would welcome your feedback. The newsletter is distributed to residential properties across HwAPC, if you have not received one, please contact the Clerk.
- **New Nalc website** – Reminder that Councillors need their own individual log in.
- **Feedback from the Active Travel meeting held on the 10th Sept** – There is funding from DCC for a 6 months consultation
- **Parish Clerk Vacancy** – The current Parish Clerk is standing down at the end of December, so a vacancy has arisen. If you have experience in governance and working with local communities, can you commit to five or so hours a week and attendance at a monthly evening meeting in Hope. It is interesting and varied work. There will be a full handover from the current clerk and support from the Councillors. If you want to know more, contact the Clerk by email or call Sheree on 07803 776907.

1024/14 Remembrance Sunday – This will take place on the 10th November.

- **Action:-**
- Road Closure Signs have been approved and will need to go up at the end of Oct.
- Wreath has been ordered. – Clerk needs to check the delivery address,
- The Parish Council have purchased two silhouettes, to be placed at either end of the village.

1024/15 Village Initiatives: -

- **Castleton Rd Planters** – Cllr Lenton has had some very positive discussions with HVC, the Primary School and Pre School, we hope to start doing the designs etc, during the Autumn Term.
- **Mrs Cresswell Apprenticing Charity** – The remaining funds for this charity were brought into the HwAPC, in 2014, however the named Councillors are no longer Councillors. **Action:** - It was agreed that as Stage 1 the Parish as a whole will take over the fund and then allocate the money to the schools, to support students. Cllr Hopewell will look at the process.

1024/16 To receive a summary of the Councils current financial position - £13,549.38, including Precept payment £3,859.50

1024/17 To Approve invoices for payment –

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- HMRC - £53.00
- Clerk's Salary - £212.60
- Printing Newsletter - £132.00
- War Memorial Planters - £10.00
- Old School Rental

1024/18 Agree the date for the next Parish Council meeting. – 11th Nov

1024/19 Any items for the next Parish Council Meeting.

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