

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

Present: Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), R. Henson L. Vincent, S. Barr, M. Harriss, G. Hopewell, M. Chapman, S. Price

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC) (part), PCSO Alex Simpson (part)

044/25 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr J. Lenton

045/25 **Variation of Order of Business** – item 14.2 moved to item 7; item 15 moved to item 7.

046/25 **Declarations of Interests** None

047/25 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

048/25 **Public participation** - No members of the public present

049/25 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report**

Crimes in Hope from 17th June to 14th July 2025

Criminal Damage

27/6/25, 7 vehicles had corrosive liquid poured over them causing extensive damage. These crimes have been filed, pending results of exhibits that need forensic examination.

Other Crimes of Note in the Hope Valley

8/7/25 - Roof tent stolen from car roof in Edale.

8/7/25 – Vehicle stolen by unknown means in Bamford.

4/7/25 – Vehicle window smashed, and items stolen from vehicle in Edale.

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Crime results

A male was recently convicted for theft of an E-Mountain bike in Hathersage. He has been given a suspended sentence, court costs and must pay the victim compensation.

A male who stole a £55 bottle of wine from a shop in Castleton has been identified. The male will complete a Restorative Justice course and will pay for the theft.

Operation Cruiser is still being conducted in the Hope Valley and officers are regularly conducting high visibility and covert patrols in the area.

050/25 **District Councillor report**

PDNPA are producing an area management plan for Castleton. HPBC Councillors are pushing for this to cover the whole of the Hope Valley.

Cllr Farrell is trying to arrange a meeting with the Mayors from Sheffield, Greater Manchester and East Midlands and Jon Pearce to look at the ways that transport can be improved.

HPBC may need to start charging for green waste bins, and bin days will be changing due to the addition of food waste collections commencing in the autumn.

The Councillors Initiative fund is open for applications.

Cllr Farrell will raise the possible re-design of Hope car park with HPBC. This would increase the number of spaces in the car park.

Cllr Farrell will raise residents' concerns about the missing gates, lack of water and the potholes in the access road at Hope Cemetery with HPBC.

Following the Breedon liaison meeting on 10th June 2025 councillors raised concerns about a proposed solar farm in the rewilded shale quarry and asked Cllr Farrell to obtain more information if possible.

051/25 The minutes of the meetings held on 9th June 2025 were **confirmed and approved**.

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- 052/25 **Matters arising** No matters arising from previous minutes.
- 053/25 **Parish Council Assets**
- .1 **Beacon and gas bottles** – To date no response has been received about collection of the bottles from the property. Collection date to be set. **Action – Clerk**
 - .2 **War Memorial** – It was **agreed** the quote from P. Turton would be accepted and grant funding sought. **Action – Clerk**
 - .3 **Travellers Rest Bench** – Spending to a value of £500 was **approved**. Quote to be circulated to councillors on receipt and funding to be applied for from the Councillors Initiative fund. **Action – Clerk**
 - .4 **Castleton Road Planters** – It was **noted** that the planter project has now been completed, and the planting contract will be reviewed in the autumn. Cllr Lenton was thanked for coordinating the works, many positive comments have been received.
Watering of the troughs is a challenge in the summer, a request for volunteers to be placed in the September newsletter. Local businesses to be approached about sponsoring the planters. **Action – Cllr Perkins**
 - .5 **Jubilee Corner** – Felling of the elm tree infected with Dutch Elm Disease at a cost of £900 was **approved**. It was **noted** that a DCC tree survey identified that the tree should be felled within 6 months.
It was **agreed** that the tree should be cut to seat height and suggested a flowering cherry tree planted as a replacement.
Opinions of local residents living near to Jubilee Corner to be requested and funding sought for the works. **Action – Cllr Vincent and Clerk**
- 054/25 **Planning**
- .1 NP/HPK/0625/0631 – proposed 2 story extension, 11, Marsh Avenue, Hope – No objections
 - .2 NP/GDO/0625/0612 – CO2 emission reduction proposal - No comments
 - .3 Hope Limestone Quarry scoping request – No comments at this time.
- 055/25 **Village Initiatives**
- .1 **Litterpicking group** – it was **agreed** that the volunteer Friday group become an official Parish Council group. Risk assessment and policy to be written. **Action – Clerk**
 - .2 **Hedgehog Signs** – it was **noted** that signs have been requested from DCC.
- 056/25 **Highways and Rights of Way**
- .1 **Road Verge Management** – It was **noted** that suggestions for management have been sent to HPBC and a meeting is to be scheduled in the future.
 - .2 **Edale Road Large Vehicles** – It was **noted** Cllr Barr has written to DCC again following 2 recent incidents – a TRO is required so that oversized vehicles are aware of the restriction when route planning. Residents to be encouraged to continue sending incident reports.
 - .3 **Morrisons Vans in Aston** - It was **noted** that Morrisons have committed to improving driver awareness about the unsuitable road, though there have been recent incidents. The missing road signs have been reported to DCC. **Action – Clerk**
 - .4 **RoWMMA** – it was **agreed** that the funding should be used on FP1 near the green lane if access permission can be gained from the landowner. Breedon volunteer coordinator to be contacted and material costs obtained. **Action – Clerk**
 - .5 **Footpath 7** – It was **noted** a request to Breedon has been submitted for work to be carried out on the steps at the railway crossing but no response has been received. **Action – Cllr Henson**
- 057/25 **Meetings**
- .1 **Earls Sidings Liaison Meeting** – it was **noted** that the meeting scheduled for 10th June 2025 is to be rescheduled.
 - .2 **Breedon Liaison Meeting** – minute 050/25
 - .3 **Carbolite Meeting 25th June** – Carbolite are keen to support the community and build links.

Sustainability and being a good employer are their priorities.

- .4 **Local Government Reorganisation** – it was **agreed** that the meeting on 14th August would be attended by the Clerk, Cllr Perkins and Cllr Barr and a Parish Council response will be developed following this.

- .5 **St Peter's Church** – a meeting will take place on 15th July at the Old School to discuss links between the community and the church. Innovative ideas are sought for future development.

058/25 **Village Matters**

- .1 **Hope Carpark** - minute 050/25

- .2 **Green Lane Cemetery** - minute 050/25

059/25 **Communications**

- .1 **Newsletter** – Suggested content for the proposed September newsletter were planter watering, Jubilee Corner, waste collections, Breedon planned solar farm, ANPR.

060/25 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

- .1 **Grievance Procedure** – Reviewed and **adopted**

- .2 **Health and Safety Policy** – Reviewed and **adopted**

- .3 **Disciplinary Procedure** – Reviewed and **adopted**

- .4 **Grant Policy** - Reviewed and **adopted**

061/25 **Finance**

- .1 A summary of the Parish Council financial position was received.

Balance on 30/6/25 £10,419.25

It was **agreed** to transfer £2000 to the savings account to ringfence as three months running cost reserves.

- .2 It was **noted** that Q1 accounts have been independently reviewed by Cllr Hopewell.

The Financial regulations will be reviewed to reduce the need to print documents. **Action – Clerk**

- .3 It was **noted** that the Q1 reforecast budget has been reviewed by the finance advisory committee. It was **agreed** that all community projects need to be funded externally.

- .4 Payment was approved of £1467 to Derbyshire Constabulary as a contribution to the Hope Valley ANPR scheme. Thanks were extended to Café Adventure and Hope Valley Motor Bodies for financial contributions.

- .5 It was **agreed** that the grant policy should be sent to Loxley Hall to enable an official application.

- .6 Payments were **approved**:

£289.26 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 31/7/25

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£24.00 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 31/7/25

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£50 Happy Tree Company – Strimming Jubilee Corner

£312.82 Eyres - Planters

£289.91 HMRC – Q1 payment

£925.56 – C. Lenton, Planters

£10 EE Phone Top Up - Reimburse to clerk

£330 Shallcross planter flowers

£23 – Old School Room Rent

Cllr Hopewell and Chapman to approve

- .7 It was **noted** that Cllr Barr is now an approved bank signatory

062/25 **Clerk Probationary Period** – It was **noted** that the 6-month probation review has been completed by the Chair. Councillors **approved** the end of the probation period. An official letter to be written to the Clerk. **Action – Cllr Perkins**

063/25 **Clerk's report and correspondence**

Active Travel Master Plan – The Parish Council noted concerns about the consultation document commissioned by DCC, and the lack of clarity in the proposals.

HVCA Active Travel Meeting – 16th July

Hope Show Ground to Edale Road and Edale Road to Bowden Lane, Saturday 27th September

7.58am- 8.13am and 8.58am to 9.13am – To **note** road closure for Trail event.

DALC July newsletter.

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 8th September at 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.**

Items for September 2025 agenda:

Apologies received from Cllrs Vincent, Price, Barr

Meeting closed at 9. 20pm.