

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

Present: Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), R. Henson, M. Harriss, G. Hopewell, M. Chapman, J. Lenton

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk), two members of the public (part).

065/25 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs L. Vincent, S. Barr, Price, Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC)

066/25 **Variation of Order of Business** – items 13.1, 13.4 and 12.1 moved to item 5

067/25 **Declarations of Interests** None

068/25 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

069/25 **Public participation** –

1. **Item 13.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles** – It was **noted** that Cllr Barr has received a reply from DCC stating that there would be no alterations to signs. Investigation to be carried out into the possibility of the PC placing a sign on Jubilee Corner. Damage to bridge parapets to be reported to DCC. **Action – Clerk**
- .2 **Active Travel Master Plan** – The HWAPC response was submitted to DCC and a reply received. The plan in principle was good, but the plans were flawed in detail and did not allow for integration with public transport. The response from DCC stated that the comments would be considered if funding is received. Some councillors attended the drop-in sessions at Hathersage and Bradwell which were informative, though it appeared that the plans were more focused on visitors than residents. The lack of publicity surrounding the consultation was concerning.
At present there is no date for publication of further plans. It was agreed to agenda a discussion of speed issues relevant to the plan at a future meeting.
- .3 **Hedgehog Signs** – it was **noted** that DCC will not install signs, but they can be installed on private land. Suggestions were received of possible locations for investigation. **Action – Clerk**

070/25 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report**

No report received

071/25 **District Councillor report**

Cllr Farrell's written report was **received**. The cemetery issues and car park re-design are being pursued. A meeting took place with the East Midlands Mayor's chief of staff the day before the summit of all local mayors to raise the concerns and issues of visitor pressure.

072/25 The minutes of the meetings held on 14th July 2025 were **confirmed and approved**.

073/25 **Matters arising** No matters arising from previous minutes.

074/25 **Parish Council Assets**

- .1 **Beacon and gas bottles** – To date no response has been received about collection of the bottles and beacon. The items will be removed, gas bottles to be disposed of and beacon donated to a local organization if possible. **Action – Cllr Perkins and Harriss / Clerk**
- .2 **War Memorial** – No update
- .3 **Travellers Rest Bench** – Councillors Initiative Fund application submitted. Proof of ownership and permission required. **Action – Clerk**
- .4 **Castleton Road Planters** – An article is to be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers to plant and water. Local schools also to be approached. **Action – Cllr Lenton**
- .5 **Jubilee Corner** – Felling of the elm tree has taken place. It was **agreed** that two apple trees would be

- planted and an inscription engraved on the rock. Funding will be sought.
It was **noted** that the wall needs repair. **Action – Clerk**
- 077/25 **Planning**
- .1 NP/DIS/0825/0810 – Hope Works, Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition to NP/HPK/1020/0929, Condition 67 and 71. – No comments
 - .2 No other applications received.
- 078/25 **Village Initiatives**
- .1 Minute 069/25.3
- 079/25 **Highways and Rights of Way**
- .1 Minute 069/25.1
 - .2 **RoWMMA** – it was **agreed** to approach the landowner of FP5 to carry out works to clear the path.
Action – Clerk
 - .3 **Footpath 7 and Footpath 1** – Breedon has completed requested works on FP1 and have programmed in FP7.
 - .4 Minute 069/25.2
 - .5 **Carbolite Footpath Application** – the request to formalize the footpath has been rejected, but DCC propose a bridleway. A letter of support to be sent. **Action – Clerk**
- 080/25 **Meetings**
- .1 **Earls Sidings Liaison Meeting** – no date as yet. Breedon liaison meeting to take place on 9/9/25. Permission to be requested from Breedon to publish the meeting notes on the HwAPC website.
Action – Cllr Perkins
 - .2 **Local Government Reorganisation** – A meeting was attended on 14th August where HPBC explained the process of re-organisation. The unitary authority will come into force on 1/4/2028.
 - .3 **DALC Day 8/10/25 Derby** – no councillors to attend
 - .4 **PDNPA Parishes Day, 11/10/25, Bakewell** – Cllr Perkins to attend
 - .5 **Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 15/9/25** – Cllr Barr to attend.
 - .6 **Hope Valley Parish Council Forum** – it was **agreed** that HwAPC would be interested in joining a forum as it would assist with a strategic approach. **Action – Clerk**
- 081/25 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Remembrance Sunday** – it was **noted** that the road closure has been applied for. Organisation of the wreath, risk assessment and Facebook posts are required. Co-ordination required with RBL for short silence on 11/11. **Action – Clerk**
Bugle player to be approached. **Action - Cllr Chapman.**
Volunteers are required for traffic management. **Action – All Councillors**
 - .2 **HPBC Car Park** – concerns have been raised by residents of overnight van parking and waste being deposited in gardens. HPBC have stated that they are unable to assist. Clerk to contact resident with details of High Peak Environmental Health. **Action – Clerk**
 - .3 **Low Loaders at Edale Road / Eccles Close junction** – residents have highlighted an issue with unloading of large vehicles on Edale Road. This will be raised at the next Earles Siding Liaison meeting.
Action – Cllr Perkins
 - .4 **St George's Flags** – residents have raised concerns about the recent flying of flags on lampposts. It was **noted** that the Parish Council have no rights or responsibilities to remove items that are not on their assets and that DCC have stated that they will not remove items unless they are a H&S risk.
- 082/25 **Communications**
- .1 **Newsletter** – the first draft content of the September newsletter was **agreed** and will be edited in light of additional information. Once minor alterations are made, delivery will take place after 20th September. **Action – Cllr Perkins**
 - .2 **Facebook** – Facebook now has 56 followers and is being regularly shared to the Hope group.

- 083/25 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**
- .1 **Litter Picking Policy and Risk Assessment – Reviewed and adopted**
 - .2 **Updated Financial regulations – Reviewed and adopted**
 - .3 **Complaints Procedure – Reviewed and adopted**
 - .4 **Freedom of Information Policy and Publication Scheme - Reviewed and adopted**
 - .5 **Risk Management and Risk Register – Reviewed and adopted**
 - .6 **Newsletter Delivery Risk Assessment – Reviewed and adopted**
- 084/25 **Finance**
- .1 A summary of the Parish Council financial position was **received**.
Balance in the current account was £4,422.44 and the savings account £2,000 on 31st August 2025.
Total £6,422.44.
 - .2 **ANPR** – The ANPR cameras have now been installed and commissioned by Derbyshire Constabulary.
 - .3 **Quarterly Account Verification** – it was **agreed** that Cllr Hopewell would verify the accounts quarterly until the end of the 2025/26 financial year.
 - .4 It was unanimously agreed that the grant request of £600 from Loxley Hall for a new attic door should be awarded. **Action – Clerk**
 - .5 **Breedon Donation** – it was **noted** that a donation of £11,250 is to be received in connection with Network Rail works on Bowden Lane. This donation will be used on projects that will benefit the community.
 - .6 Payments were **approved**:
£289.26 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 30/9/25
£24.00 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 30/9/25
£60 Happy Tree Company – Strimming Jubilee Corner
£900 Happy Tree Company – Felling of elm
£55 Paul England - Bus shelters
£84.99 Microsoft – Reimburse to clerk
£119.99 McAfee (2 years) Reimburse to clerk
£28.75 Old School – Room rent
Total payments £1,561.99
Cllr Hopewell and Perkins to approve
- 085/25 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**
Various correspondences circulated during July and August.
Hope Valley Art Trail – 27th Sept
- 086/25 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th October at 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.**
Items for October 2025 agenda:
Speed Indicator Devices
Expenses policy

Meeting closed at 9. 21pm.