

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

Present: Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), R. Henson, L. Vincent, S. Barr, S. Price, M. Chapman, J. Lenton

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC), four members of the public.

087/25 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs, M. Harriss, G. Hopewell

088/25 **Variation of Order of Business** – None

089/25 **Declarations of Interests** None

090/25 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

091/25 **Public participation** –

A member of the public asked if the Christmas tree light switch on event could be resurrected. In the past this was a community event where Castleton Silver Band played, and mince pies and drinks were served at Loxley Hall. Councillors agreed that this would be a positive contribution to the village and options would be explored for December 2025. **Action - Clerk**

092/25 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report**

No report received

093/25 **District Councillor report**

Cllr Farrell is still pursuing the burial ground issues and car park re-design. She asked if there was a need to extend the opening hours of the public toilets. Councillors welcomed the suggestion as a positive action to reduce anti-social actions in the car park area.

Councillors Initiative Funding is still available, and she would be supportive of the purchase of apple trees for Jubilee Corner if the Community Nature Fund application is unsuccessful.

Cllrs Farrell and Collins have written to a number of agencies and departments about the recent flag flying incidents, highlighting that they are a distraction and equivalent to fly posting. To date no responses have been received.

094/25 The minutes of the meetings held on 8th September 2025 were **confirmed** and **approved**.

095/25 **Matters arising** No matters arising from previous minutes.

096/25 **Parish Council Assets**

.1 **War Memorial** – No update

.2 **Travellers Rest Bench** – Councillors Initiative Fund application submitted. Proof of ownership and permission required. **Action – Clerk**

.3 **Castleton Road Planters** – An article was placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers to plant and water, but no communications were received from residents. Two members of the public have since offered to help with watering. HVC gardening club has raised an interest in helping with planting. It was suggested that gardeners in the village that had excess bedding plants could donate plants.

.4 **Jubilee Corner** – Funding from the Community Nature Fund has been applied for and a decision will be received by the end of October 2025. If this funding is unsuccessful the Councillors Initiative Fund will be applied to.

.5 **Post Office Bus Shelter** – Thanks were extended to Patsy Alcock for cleaning the graffiti.

Concerns were raised about further graffiti on Mill Fields Wall, landowner to be contacted. **Action – Clerk**

- 097/25 **Planning**
- .1 **NP/HPK/0125/0099**, St John's Ambulance, Pindale Road – Notification was received from Peak Park Planning of an update to the plans. On inspection the only addition was a noise impact statement. A request was made to clarify if there were any other additions. No response has been received.
 - .2 **Breedon Limestone Quarry Extension and Solar Farm Proposal** – A consultation event has taken place for these two potential applications. It was noted that the proposed solar farm will be in the most biodiverse area of the quarry and that impact surveys are being carried out at present. It is believed that a planning application will be submitted in 2026. The criteria for assessing the quarry extension has been published. The extension is required in order to be able to achieve the correct mix for cement and to guarantee supply to 2042.
 - .3 **NP/HPK/0925/0966**, The Poachers Arms, advertisement consent. No objections were raised to the signs per se, but concerns were raised as to whether the alcohol license was still valid and whether planning permission was required after the prolonged closure of the public house. **Action – Clerk and Cllr Farrell.**
- 098/25 **Village Initiatives**
- .1 **Speed Indicator Devices** – It was **noted** that the costs would be in the region of £3K per device and funding would be required for this. Residents' opinions to be sought in the next newsletter and funding options identified. **Action – Clerk**
- 099/25 **Highways and Rights of Way**
- .1 **Edale Road Large Vehicles** – Cllr Barr met with the Traffic Management and Road Safety Commissioner, Richard Handbury. RH said that he believed that information could be fed into the satnav system without a TRO and that he would investigate this. Cllr Barr will continue to pursue this. No update on installation of a sign on Jubilee Corner.
 - .2 **RoWMMA** – it was **agreed** to approach the landowner of FP5 to carry out works to clear the path. **Action – Clerk**
- 100/25 **Meetings**
- .1 **Breedon Liaison meeting.** A meeting took place on 9th September, and the notes are available on the Parish Council website. A QR code will be created to link to the page. **Action – Clerk**
 - .2 **Earls Sidings Liaison Meeting** – the meeting is planned for 28th October.
 - .2 **PDNPA Parishes Day, 11/10/25, Bakewell** – Cllr Perkins provided a brief report. Draft policies of the Local Plan were presented on the day. The areas that were highlighted were housing, recreation and traffic. The consultation documents are anticipated to be available from mid-November.
 - .3 **Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 15/9/25** – Cllr Barr attended, and his report is covered in minute 099/25.1.
- 101/25 **Village Matters**
- .1 **Remembrance Sunday** – it was **noted** that everything is in place for Sunday 9th November though more volunteers are required for traffic management. An appeal is to be placed in the Parish magazine. **Action – Clerk**
Arrangements have been agreed for wreath laying on 11/11.
All events to be advertised on Facebook and noticeboards. **Action – Clerk**
 - .2 **Flag Flying** – residents raised concerns about the recent flying of flags on lampposts and the roundabout paint. It was **noted** that the paint has been reported as non-offensive graffiti that is limiting visibility of the roundabout and the pothole at the side of the roundabout has been reported. Residents have also been in contact with D.C.C. It was agreed that unity within the parish was needed, and village events are important (the Sports Club are the main organisers of these). The roundabout is a constant reminder of the possible division in the community, but it was agreed that there is no safe

way to rectify this.

D.C.C. to be contacted again to highlight the risk of the painted roundabout. **Action – Clerk Communications**

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- .1 **Newsletter** – Positive feedback has been received from residents and interactions by email have increased.

It was explained to a member of the public that residents were not consulted about the ANPR project as the Parish Council represent the parish and as such made a decision, on behalf of the community, that was in the interest of public safety.

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Parish Council Policies and Procedures

- .1 **Remembrance Sunday Risk Assessment – Reviewed and adopted**
.2 **Expenses Policy – Reviewed and adopted**

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Finance

- .1 A summary of the Parish Council financial position was **received**.
Balances of £6,559.75 current account and £2009.62 Savings Account on 30/9/25. Total £8,569.37
.2 **Quarterly Account Verification** – it was **noted** that Cllr Hopewell had completed verification for quarter 2 of the 2025/26 financial year.
.3 **Re-forecast quarter 2 budget** – the reforecast budget was **reviewed** and **approved**.
.4 **Internal Audit 2025 / 26** – it was **agreed** to appoint J.S. Marriott & Co accounts at a cost of £110.
.5 Payments were **approved**:
 - £289.26 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 31/10/25
 - £24.00 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 31/10/25
 - £10 EE (mobile top up)
 - £15 DALC (S Barr Training)
 - £25.99 War Memorial Plants
 - £217 HMRC (Q2 Payment)
 - £23.00 Old School – Room rent
 - £30 RBL - Wreath
 - £132 City Print Services - Newsletter**Total Payments £766.45**
Cllr Chapman and Perkins to approve
.6 **2026/27 budget** – suggestions for the budget were made, including inscription on Jubilee Corner rock, SIDs and a long vehicle sign on Jubilee Corner.

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Clerk's report and correspondence:

Highways resurfacing suggestions from DCC – Edale Road / Station Road junction and Eccles Close
Action – Clerk

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 10th November at 7.30pm at Old School**, School Lane, Hope.

Items for November 2025 agenda:

Christmas Event
2026/27 Budget

Meeting closed at 9. 25pm.