

# HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

**Present:** Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), M. Harriss, G. Hopewell, L. Vincent, M. Chapman, S. Barr, J. Lenton

**In attendance:** A. Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr J. Collins (HPBC) (part), PCSO W. Brockett (part).

147/25 **Apologies for absence received and approved** – Cllrs S. Price, R. Henson

148/25 **Variation of Order of Business** – None

149/25 **Declarations of Interests** - None

150/25 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

151/25 **Public participation – No members of the public present.**

152/25 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report**

PCSO Brockett stated that crimes in the last month had been low in the Hope Valley but included a high value theft on 23/12 in Hope and sheep blocking Edale Road on 15/12. Off roading in the evenings in the Hope Cross area is on the increase and the team are addressing this.

Regular drop-in surgeries are held in the area with the next one in Hope on 26/1/26. These are a good opportunity to raise any concerns.

The installation of the ANPR cameras in strategic locations is assisting in building criminal cases.

PCSO Brockett highlighted that updates from the SNT can be received via Derbyshire Alert and Facebook.

153/25 **District Councillor report:**

Cllr Collins reported that there is no update on the Local Government Reorganisation.

The introduction of food waste collections is delayed due to lack of vehicles and will possibly be at the end of March 2026, a charge for green waste collection will then be introduced.

Cllr Collins requested that any problems with bin collections be reported to her.

Cllrs asked if there was any update on the cemetery gates. Cllr Collins requested that the details be sent to her. **Action – Clerk**

154/25 The minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were **confirmed and approved.**

155/25 **Matters arising** - None

156/25 **Parish Council Assets**

- .1 **War Memorial** – Funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund is not possible. Achieving funding is to be prioritised due to the small weather window when work can be carried out. **Action – Clerk**
- .2 **Benches in the parish** – a report of all the benches has been produced. Travellers Rest Bench and Bowden Lane / Green Drive to be prioritised. Councillor Initiative Fund to be approached for funding of £150 for the Travellers Rest and £503 for Bowden Lane.  
It was **noted** that an application to the Town and Villages Regeneration Fund could be made

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at the start of the financial year for other maintenance work. **Action – Clerk**

- .3 **Jubilee Corner** – 2 apple trees will be planted on 16/1/26 (weather permitting). Quotes for wall repairs are required. **Action – Clerk**

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#### **Planning**

- .1 **NP/HPK/1225/1278** – Double storey rear extension, 7, Sherwood Ave. Concerns about the lack of information to be raised with Peak Park Planning. **Action – Clerk**
- .2 **Peak Cluster Carbon Capture** – The public consultation has been launched. Cllr Perkins attended the Breedon briefing session, but no new information was available. Councillors were urged to look at the information document and attend the councillor drop-in session on 13<sup>th</sup> February in Bradwell.
- .3 **NP/HPK/0126/0011**, Demolition of existing garage and construction of a 2 storey extension, 96, Castleton Road – Concerns about the lack of information to be raised with Peak Park Planning. **Action – Clerk**

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#### **Village Initiatives**

- .1 **R.T.I. Hope Station** – it was **noted** that HVCA are working with other organisations to identify how this can be achieved.

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#### **Highways and Rights of Way**

- .1 **Edale Road Large Vehicles** – Confirmation has been received from D.C.C. that it has no objections to a sign on Jubilee Corner, though this would not be enforceable. Exact requirements to be identified to ensure that planning permission is not required. **Action – Clerk**
- .2 **RoWMMA** – it was **agreed** not to use the funding this year. Funding for works on FP1 will be applied for in the next financial year. **Action – Clerk**

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#### **Meetings / Responses**

- .1 **Mayor’s Transport Plan Consultation** – The draft response produced by Cllr Perkins was **approved** for submission. **Action – Clerk**
- .2 **High Peak Parishes Forum**, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30pm Buxton – Cllr Barr and Cllr Harriss to attend. **Action – Clerk**

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#### **Village Matters**

- .1 None.

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#### **Communications**

- .1 **Newsletter** – The next newsletter will be published in early February. Suggestions for articles were Castleton Road planters, 2026/27 budget, National Trust Community Tree Growing Project, Jubilee Corner work, church support, benches. Delivery planned for 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February.

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#### **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

- .1 **Co-option Policy – Reviewed and adopted**

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#### **Finance**

- .1 A summary of the Parish Council financial position was **received**. Balances of £6,221.98 current account and £12,050.53 Savings Account on 31/12/25. Total £18,272.51. Quarterly interest was received in the savings account.
- .2 **Quarterly Account Verification** – it was **noted that** Cllr Hopewell had completed verification

for quarter 3 of the 2025/26 financial year.

- .3 **Re-forecast quarter 3 budget** – was **reviewed** and **approved**.
- .4 **2026 / 2027 budget and precept** – The Finance Advisory Committee met prior to the Parish Council meeting to review the budget and precept for 2026/27.  
The final budget was **approved** by full council. An annual precept increase of £21.93 for a Band D property was **agreed**.  
The precept requirement form was **completed** and **signed** by Cllr Perkins and the Clerk. Form to be returned to HPBC. **Action – Clerk**
- .5 **Funding** – it was **agreed** that all councillors would continue to remain alert to possible funding opportunities for future community projects and asset maintenance.
- .6 Payments were **approved**:
- £289.46 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 30/01/26
  - £24 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 30/01/26
  - £361.20 HMRC Q3 payment
  - £168.30 Apple Trees – Clerk reimbursement
  - £28.75 Room rent
  - £10 EE Top up – Clerk reimbursement
  - Total Payments £881.71

Cllr Hopewell and Chapman to approve

165/25 It was unanimously **agreed** to increase the Clerk hours to 8 hours per week from 1/4/26.

166/25 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**

It is hoped that a National Trust representative will attend the February meeting. **Action Cllr Perkins.**

DCC to be approached to establish who is responsible for clearing side roads of snow. **Action – Clerk**

Local companies to be approached for plant donations.

167/25 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm at Old School**, School Lane, Hope.

**Items for January 2026 agenda:**

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Annual Meeting Details

Apologies were received from Cllr Chapman

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.