

Minutes of the Annual Hope Parish Meeting

Held on Monday 12th May 2025, 7.00pm

At The Old School, Hope

01 No apologies were received.

02 The Parish Council Chair delivered the annual Parish Council report:

2024-2025 has been a year of consolidation for the Parish Council. Thanks are due to Ian Ord who resigned as a Councillor in March 2025, and to Sheree Sherwood who served as Clerk to the Council from September 2023 until January 2025. Alison Wheeler took over as Clerk in January 2025. We also welcomed Miranda Harriss as a new Councillor. Our priorities continue to focus on improving the village environment and facilities, involving residents as much as possible in decision making, and representing community interests to outside bodies.

To that end we have:

- Revised Council standing orders and policies and delivered Council statutory responsibilities
- Commissioned a survey to all households in the Parish to assess housing need
- Continued to instigate village and community projects

In the last year we have improved communications to the public by:

- Enhancing our web site, updating content and developing a Council Facebook page
- Hand delivering three newsletters to every residential property in the Parish
- Supporting the annual Aston residents' meeting
- Setting up a new noticeboard for Aston
- Encouraging regular attendance at Parish Council meetings by local police officers, District and County Councillors and local residents.

We have delivered the following outcomes:

- Completion of a Parish-wide footpath audit and successfully bidding for money to carry out necessary maintenance of two of the paths in worst condition
- Instigation of a regular process of cleaning village bus shelters
- Purchasing road safety signs for the Brinks
- Organising Remembrance Day, and the purchase and erection of new bunting for VE Day.
- Maintaining Jubilee Corner
- Developing a project to enhance Castleton Road flower troughs with art from local schools

We have advocated on behalf of parish residents as follows:

- Considering and responding to 15 planning applications and giving a detailed response to the consultation from the Peak Park about revisions to their Local Plan
- Participating in discussions about public transport, visitor parking and active travel with other interested parties in the valley
- Pressing Derbyshire County Council to address dangerous use by long vehicles of Edale Road and to instigate more effective prohibition measures. Enrolling local people to collect information when incidents occur and contacting vehicle owners to encourage them to complain to DCC
- Liaising with Derbyshire County Highways on highway and footpath issues (especially Mytham Bridge roadworks and closures and the Brough Road closure)
- Regularly meeting with Breedon, and with Freightliner regarding Hope Works and railway operations

03 An entertaining presentation was given by Stuart Elliott about the history of The Bull Meadows Fund. There is over £5000 invested that gives an annual return of £140. This is divided between the 5 farmers in Hope (not Aston) that have cows. The full details of the history can be found on the Hope with Aston website.

It was agreed to invite a Pinder Meadow representative to the next Parish Council meeting.

04 Stuart thanked the Parish Council for everything that they do for the parish.

05 Cllr Perkins thanked everyone for attending.



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