

# HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

## **Present:**

Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), M. Harriss, G. Hopewell, S. Barr, R. Henson, J. Lenton

## **In attendance:**

A. Wheeler (Clerk)

209/25 **Apologies** for absence received and approved – Cllrs S. Price, L. Vincent, M. Chapman.

210/25 **Variation of Order of Business** – None

211/25 **Declarations of Interests** - None

212/25 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

213/25 **Public participation** – No members of the public present.

214/25 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – Apologies were received from PCSO Brockett.

215/25 **District Councillor report** – Apologies were received from Cllr Farrell. A written report was received.

An HPBC officer has looked at the car park and feels that only one additional parking space can be created due to the shape of the car park. Cllr Farrell will continue to pursue this.

It is hoped that the cemetery gates will be installed in May. At present there is no progress on the Caroline Court bench replacement.

Food waste collection is now likely to start in September assuming that the bin lorries are operational by then.

HPBC are going to publicise the Public Space Protection Order re wildfires but limited posters are available.

HPBC has said that it will consider the transfer of local assets to Parish Councils prior to Local Government Reorganisation.

216/25 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved**.

217/25 **Matters arising** – None.

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## 218/25 **Parish Council assets**

- 218/25.1 War memorial –Smith & Roper carried out a survey on 13<sup>th</sup> April and will produce a tender document to send to potential contractors. It was **resolved** to continue looking for funding options. **Action - Clerk**
- 218/25.2 Benches in the parish –The Bowden Lane bench has been installed and the Travellers Rest bench has been repaired. It was **noted** that thanks had been extended to the Parish Council for arranging the repair work.  
A quote is being sought for replacement of the wood on the bench outside the school on Edale Road.
- 218/25.3 Jubilee Corner – it was **noted** that the wall repair is due to be carried out by the end of the month.
- 218/25.4 Castleton Road Planters – Cllrs Chapman and Harriss are continuing to work with Hope Valley Garden Centre to identify the most suitable plants. It was **agreed** that the conifers should be removed to allow for more suitable plants.
- 218/25.5 Asset inspection – the inspection report for March 2026 was **received**. It was **noted** that the village gates and public noticeboard outside Spar need attention. Also, the car park noticeboard needs updating.

## 219/25 **Planning**

- 219/25.1 NP/HPK/1025/0099, The Pastures, Bowden Lane – works to main house, ancillary accommodation to replace existing garage. - **Support**
- 219/25.2 NP/HPK/0426/0365, Birchfield Lodge, Aston Lane, external and internal modifications to existing house – **Support**.
- 219/25.3 NP/HPK/0426/0355, Shippon Cottage, retrospective listed building consent – Conversion of building to holiday let – **No comment**.
- 219/25.6 Peak Cluster monthly update – No update.

## 220/25 **Highways and Rights of Way**

- 220/25.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles – a majority of councillors **agreed** that the sign should be yellow. It was **resolved** to order the sign (quote approved in March 2026), contact the landowner of the tree that is obscuring existing DCC signs and continue to request additional signs from DCC.  
**Action - Clerk**
- 220/25.2 Losehill footpath – it was identified that the area of footpath detailed by a resident is in Castleton Parish. It was **resolved** to contact PDNPA highlighting the path erosion and also raise issues with the path south of Ward's Piece. **Action - Clerk**

## 221/25 **Meetings / Responses**

- 221/25.1 Hope Valley Parishes Forum, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026. It was **noted** that Cllrs Harriss and Chapman are to attend.

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221/25.2 Annual Meeting of the Parish – it was **noted** that Aston annual meeting of the parish will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April and that approximately 20 people will be attending. Hope would take place ½ an hour before the May Parish Council AGM.

### 222/25 **Village Matters**

222/25.1 Speed reduction measures – it was **agreed** that the purchase of SIDs would be a priority if funding could be secured. It was **resolved** to contact DCC about possible locations, contact other local parish councils for details of their systems and identify possible funding. **Action - Clerk**

222/25.2 Reduction of speed limit near The Marshes – It was **resolved** to contact D.C.C. and inform residents of how to make a request. **Action - Clerk**

222/25.3 Town and villages regeneration fund – it was **agreed** that potential projects are the refurbishment of the village entrance gates and the public noticeboard outside Spar. It was **resolved** to explore costs. **Action - Clerk**

222/25.4 Severn Trent Hathersage to Worksop pipeline – concerns were expressed about proposed road closures. It was **resolved** to request further information from Severn Trent. **Action - Clerk**

222/25.5 Number 62 bus – it was **resolved** to produce a Facebook post publicising the service. **Action - Clerk**

### 223/25 **Newsletter**

223/25.1 Newsletter – it was **agreed** that that the next newsletter would be published in late May / early June.

### 224/25 **Information Technology**

224/25.1 Email addresses – it was **agreed** that .gov.uk email addresses would be in use by all councillors by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

### 225/25 **Finance**

225/25.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council's financial position on 31/03/26 was:

Balance of £4,010.80 current account and £12,112.68 Savings Account on 31/03/26. Total £16,123.48.

225/25.2 DALC Membership – it was **agreed** to continue with basic membership at a cost of £427.51.

225/25.3 Quarterly account verification – it was **noted** that Cllr Hopewell had completed verification for year end 2025 / 26.

225/25.4 End of 2025 / 26 budget – the end of year budget was **reviewed** and **approved**.

225/25.5 2026 / 27 budget – it was **unanimously agreed** to **approve** the updated budget for the financial year 2026/27.

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225/25.6 AGAR – it was **reported** that the internal audit by JS Marriott had been completed. The form for publication was **approved** and **signed** by the Chair and Clerk.

225/25.7 Grant request - a grant request of £150 from Hope Heartbeat was **considered** and **approved**.

225/25.8 Payments were **approved**:

- £399.23 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 30/04/26
- £24 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 30/04/26
- £23 Hope Old School room rent (March)
- £250 bench installation and repairs
- £72.80 HMRC Q4 payment
- £427.51 DALC membership
- £110 JS Marriott internal audit
- Total Payments £1,306.54

Cllrs Hopewell and Barr to approve

226/25 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**

Edale Road closure 10<sup>th</sup> April am – there was no official road closure for telegraph pole replacement and caused traffic issues. Issue to be raised with D.C.C. **Action - Clerk**

The Chair extended thanks to the residents of Bowden Lane for their perseverance in ensuring the poor road conditions were addressed.

227/25 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be the annual general meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope. This will be preceded at 7pm by the annual meeting of the parish (Hope).

Items for May 2026 agenda.

Approve standing orders

Approve financial regulations

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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