

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

Present: Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), M. Harriss, M. Chapman, R. Henson, G. Hopewell, L. Vincent (part).

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk)

082/26 **Apologies** for absence **received** and **approved** – Cllr S. Price, J. Lenton, S. Barr, Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC)

083/26 **Variation of Order of Business** – None

084/26 **Declarations of Interests** – Minute 092/26.4 – all councillors

085/26 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

086/26 **Public participation** - No members of the public present

087/26 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – No report received.

Cllr Lenton reported by email that the ANPR system had enabled a recent drink driving incident to be resolved within an hour. This highlighted the effectiveness of the system

It was **noted** that the NHW group had been successful in receiving funding to re-instate the village cameras.

088/26 **District Councillor report** –

Cllr Collins (HPBC) sent a written report.

A PSPO against dog fouling is about to be agreed by HPBC. Parishes can request signs but would have to install the signs themselves.

The Secretary of State is due to make an announcement about LGR today (12th). HPBC is going ahead with locality planning, which should help parishes work together whatever the outcome.

At Parishes Day PDNPA agreed to put on a day around the theme of nature, to include actions that can be taken by communities and individuals. PDNPA will circulate notes of discussions.

It was **agreed** to request more information about the PSPO signs but in principle the Parish Council supported this initiative.

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It was **noted** that the HPBC cemetery is being used as a dog exercise area by some residents. It was **agreed** to request the replacement of the "No Dogs" sign or a "Dogs must be on a lead" sign.

- 089/26 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 14th September 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved**.
- 090/26 **Matters arising** – none
- 091/26 **Parish Council assets**
- 091/26.1 War memorial – Smith & Roper has submitted the Listed Building Consent and are obtaining quotes for the required works. Grant applications are ongoing.
- 091/26.2 Benches in the parish – It was **noted** that the Edale Road bench has been refurbished and a memorial plaque installed.
- 091/26.3 Castleton Road Planters – Letters to local businesses to request considering sponsorship of planters and the war memorial plants were distributed for delivery. **Action – All councillors**
- 091/26.4 Spar noticeboard – It was **noted** that a date for the refurbishment works is awaited.
- 091/26.5 Village Gateways – it was **noted** that a local contactor was physically unable to remove the Castleton Road gate. The refurbishment spec was sent to 5 contractors, only one quote was received. It was **resolved** to get more quotes and apply for HPBC Regeneration Funding. **Action – Clerk**
- 091/26.6 Asset inspection – the inspection report for September 2026 was **received**.
- 092/26 **Planning**
- 092/26.1 Peak Cluster monthly update – no official update. It was **noted** that the Peak Cluster newsletter and an anonymous report had been circulated but that the Parish Council is awaiting more information in the next phase of the consultation (Nov / Dec 2026) before forming a view. Peak Cluster has stated that they will not respond to individual comments due to the quantity received. Breedon will be holding their own consultation about their carbon capture plans for the Hope Works site.
- 092/26.2 NP/HPK/0926/0940 Revlon, Parsons Lane - demolition and construction of new bungalow and garage. No objection
- 092/26.3 COL.MOD.UK.0005948_1 Hope, Arqiva Site, Hope Works, Hope, Derbyshire, S33 6RN, - permitted development, for information only
- 092/26.4 NP/HPK/0926/0928 Hope War Memorial – Listed Building Consent. No comments.

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092/26.5 No applications received following publication of the agenda.

093/26 **Highways and Rights of Way**

093/26.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles – Cllr Barr has not yet received a response to his complaint. It was **noted** that the chevron sign adjacent to the bridge is on the ground. It was **resolved** to report this to D.C.C. **Action - Clerk**

094/26 **Meetings / Responses**

094/26.1 Mini Switzerland 24/9/26. The meeting was attended by Cllr Hopewell who reported that the project is to be an integrated transport demonstrator and was focused on stakeholder engagement and how to handle communications that will all be directed through EMCCA. The next meeting is to take place in December.

It was **agreed** to propose to other Hope Valley Parishes that HVPF provide a united response and that it be suggested that EMCCA could provide updates for village newsletters. This would ensure that the information is received by all households. In return, newsletter costs could be covered by EMCCA. **Action – Clerk**

094/26.2 NALC Next generation leadership: building inclusive parish and town councils training – it was **agreed** that the clerk would attend.

095/26 **Village Matters**

095/26.1 Hedgehog signs – The hedgehog highway signs have been installed around the parish in high visibility areas and Hope Valley College has 2 that are being used to educate students about the importance.

095/26.2 Speed Indication Devices – Quotes have been obtained but at present funds are not available – costs are in the region of £5.5K. It was **noted** that when the war memorial works are completed, a grant of up to 50% is being sought from War Memorial Trust and that this will free up funds for other projects.

095/26.3 Christmas event – it was **noted** that Hope Royalty and Father Christmas are booked and some offers of mince pies etc. have been received. A grant application has been submitted for advent calendars. Risk assessment to be updated and posters put up.

095/26.4 Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Chapman agreed to place the road closure signs, Cllr Henson will supply cones and tape. It was **resolved** to contact all councillors to confirm availability. **Action - Clerk**

095/26.5 Anti-social mountain bikers – resident concerns and PDNPA response were **noted**.

095/26.6 Pinder Meadow and Pinfold QR codes – it was **noted** that a CIF grant of

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£80 has been applied for to update the codes to the new website.

095/26.7 Breedon noise – it was **noted** that the Breedon report had been circulated to councillors and that Breedon plan to review the January 2027 Shutdown plan. It was **resolved** to request information about dates for the shutdown. **Action - Clerk**

095/26.8 Ladybower Reservoir Trail Running Event – it was **resolved** to contact the event organiser and landowner to provide feedback about event management and safety concerns raised by residents. **Action – Clerk**

096/26 **Newsletter**

096/26.1 Autumn edition – it was **noted** that no feedback had been received from residents and that an appeal for help delivering in the future had been placed on the noticeboard. The next newsletter is planned for January 2027.

097/26 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

097/26.1 Risk management and Risk Register - **reviewed** and **adopted**

097/26.2 Retention Policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**

097/26.3 Equality and Diversity Policy – it was **agreed** to redraft. **Action - Clerk**

097/26.4 Dignity and Respect Policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**

097/26.5 Remembrance Sunday risk assessment - **reviewed** and **adopted**

098/26 **Finance**

098/26.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council's financial position on 30/09/26 was £4,100.86 in the current account and £15,749.63 in the savings account. Total £19,850.49. Precept of £4,650 has been received.

098/26.2 Payments were **approved**:

Note: all invoices to be paid have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk

- £412.52 Wages future dated 30/10/26
- £24.00 Homeworking future dated 30/10/26
- £23.00 Rent
- £20 mobile phone (Oct)
- £931.60 Smith & Roper
- £141.60 City Print
- £371.23 HMRC Q2 payment
- £10 mobile phone (sept)
- £150 Chris Lenton

Total £2,083.95

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Cllrs Hopewell and Chapman to approve

- 098/26.3 £1000 transfer from savings to current account was ratified. This had been agreed in principle in minute 079/26.2
- 098/26.4 Q2 reforecast budget –the reforecast was **approved**. It was **noted** that the variation was due to the war memorial work.
- 098/26.5 Q2 councillor verification – it was **noted** that verification had been completed by Cllr Hopewell.
- 098/26.6 Finance Advisory Committee – it was **agreed** that a meeting would be held at 7pm on 9th November.
- 099/26 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**
- Residents have raised concerns about parking outside the primary school. It was **agreed** to contact the school, parking enforcement and the Safer Neighbourhood team. **Action – Clerk**
- 1:1 sessions are to be arranged in November by the Chair to meet each councillor and clerk. This has in the past proved useful as a time to reflect and focus on the future. **Action – Cllr Perkins**
- 100/26 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Monday 9th November 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.
- Items for November 2026 agenda.
- Bus shelters

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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