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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

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

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk), C. Mulvey (part), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC) (part)

063/26 **Apologies** for absence **received** and **approved** – Cllr S. Price, J Lenton, M. Chapman, R. Henson

064/26 **Variation of Order of Business** – agenda item 12.7 and 14.4 moved to agenda item 05.

065/26 **Declarations of Interests** – None

066/26 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

067/26 **Public participation**

Agenda item 12.7 - C. Mulvey raised concerns about potholes at the side of the pavement near 47a Eccles Close. It was **noted** that a report was made to D.C.C. on 4/9/26 but no response has been received. It was **resolved** to send the D.C.C. portal link to her and encourage other residents to report the safety concern. **Action – Clerk**

Agenda item 14.4 – It was **noted** that the road closure has been approved and the wreath ordered. C. Mulvey confirmed that she is conducting the church service and Act of Remembrance at the war memorial and will co-ordinate timings with the church clock chiming 11 O'clock. It was **agreed** to contact a resident to play The Last Post. It was **noted** that road marshals will be required. **Action – Cllr Chapman**

068/26 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – No report received.

PCSO Brockett has provided a written update on the success of the ANPR cameras, for use in the Parish Council newsletter.

069/26 **District Councillor report** –

Cllr Farrell reported that Local Government Reorganisation is on hold and at present there is no information about when / if this will re-start.

The food waste collection starts week commencing 14/09/26 and if residents have not received requested green bin stickers or food waste caddies they should contact H.P.B.C.

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- 070/26 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 13th July 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved**.
- 071/26 **Matters arising** - none
- 072/26 **Parish Council assets**
- 072/26.1 War memorial – Draft design and access statement and the works proposal have been received in preparation for a Listed Building Consent application being submitted. It was **agreed** that once reviewed Smith and Roper would be instructed to proceed with the LBC application.
Action - Clerk
It was **noted** that the war memorial gardening group requires more volunteers and that an appeal was to be placed in the September newsletter.
- 072/26.2 Benches in the parish – It was **noted** that the Edale Road benchwork is scheduled.
- 072/26.3 Castleton Road Planters – It was **resolved** to approach local businesses to consider sponsorship of the planters and the war memorial. **Action – Clerk**
- 072/26.4 Spar noticeboard – It was **noted** that Councillors Initiative Funding had been received and a date for the refurbishment works is awaited.
- 072/26.5 Village Gateways – it was **resolved** to request temporary removal of the Castleton gate due to H&S concerns and to continue to seek quotes for refurbishment. **Action – Clerk**
- 072/26.6 Jubilee Corner – it was **resolved** to place the loose coping stones on the ground and budget for re-pointing in the future. **Action – Cllr Perkins / Clerk**
It was **noted** that all three apple trees had produced fruit that had been enjoyed by walkers / residents.
- 072/26.7 Bus shelters – it was **resolved** to respond to the EMCCA consultation stating that in principle HwAPC are supportive, on the condition that maintenance is continued. **Action – Clerk**
- 072/26.8 Asset inspection – the inspection reports for July and August 2026 were **received**.
- 073/26 **Planning**
- 073/26.1 Peak Cluster monthly update – no official update. It was **noted** that Breedon has raised concerns about the Peak Cluster consultation and is going to carry out its own consultation.
- 073/26.2 Hope Primary School new classroom – It was **noted** that the proposed plan is affordable and replaces a previous structure. Councillors agreed that local pre-school provision remains essential. It was **resolved** to

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contact the head teacher for an updated timeline on plan submissions and to ask how the Parish Council can best assist.

073/26.3 No applications received following publication of the agenda.

074/26 **Highways and Rights of Way**

074/26.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles – Cllr Barr has not yet received a response to his complaint.

The information sent to groups by Edale Youth Hostel was **received** and it was **agreed** that this was clear and concise.

074/26.2 Travellers Rest traffic lights – it was **noted** that timings have been adjusted, lights are installed in accordance with legal specifications and the control box in the footpath is due to buried services.

074/26.3 ROWMMA – Thanks were extended to the volunteers that had helped to move the stone (provided by D.C.C. funding) onto FP1 (Eccles Close to The Meadows).

The Chair signed the completion certificate for submission to D.C.C. to enable costs to be reclaimed.

074/26.4 Footpath survey group – it was **agreed** that the group would not be re-convened and residents would be encouraged to report issues through the D.C.C. portal or to the clerk.

074/26.5 Winnatts Pass road closure – it was **noted** that details of the temporary road closure, 1st October to 26th November, had been publicised on social media and would be included in the newsletter.

074/26.6 Mini Switzerland – Cllr Vincent attended the launch event at Edale on 17th July where a presentation was given about the £6M project. Cllr Hopewell agreed to attend the Steering Group meeting on 24th September as an observer.

074/26.7 Path Eccles Close to Marsh Avenue – detailed in minute 067/26

074/26.8 Path Marsh Avenue to Mary Lane – Following a request from a resident to address the condition of the permissive path it was **resolved** to speak to the landowner about possible clearance work. **Action - Clerk**

075/26 **Meetings / Responses**

075/26.1 Hope Valley Parishes Forum, 8th September 2026. – It was **noted** that the meeting was well attended and the notes distributed to all councillors. The meeting focused on visitor pressure, the nature of the forum and the proposed Severn Trent pipeline and pumping station that is now on hold awaiting an environmental impact statement.

075/26.2 P.D.N.P.A. Draft Local Plan 2026-2045 – it was **noted** that previous comments had been incorporated into the updated plan.

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076/26 **Village Matters**

- 076/26.1 Hedgehog signs – 20 hedgehog highway signs have been purchased using funding from the Councillors Initiative Fund. 15 potential high-profile locations have been identified where signs could be placed to raise awareness of the need to have safe access between gardens (and discourage hedgehog road crossings). It was **resolved** to contact the landowners. **Action – Hope Wildlife Group**
- 076/26.2 Speed Indication Devices – D.C.C. Highways department has in principle approved two locations. A preferred location for one device (outside Hope Valley College) was **agreed**, with a view to having a device that can be rotated. It was **resolved** to investigate sharing a device with neighbouring parishes. **Action - Clerk**
- 076/26.3 Christmas event – it was **noted** that Pam Critchlow had agreed to co-ordinate the event and that a road closure of Market Place had been applied for.
- 076/26.4 Remembrance Sunday - detailed in minute 067/26
- 076/26.5 Anti-social behaviour – residents’ concerns were **noted**. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been consulted and are monitoring the situation.
- 076/26.6 Drone survey – it was **resolved** to support Manchester University by publicising its survey. **Action - Clerk**

077/26 **Newsletter**

- 077/26.1 Autumn edition – it was **noted** that the next newsletter will be distributed by the end of September and that additional volunteers were needed in the future to enable efficient delivery. It was **agreed** to place details on the noticeboards of where the newsletter can be viewed on the website. **Action - Clerk**

078/26 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

- 078/26.1 Business Continuity Plan - **reviewed** and **adopted**
- 078/26.2 Complaints Procedure - **reviewed** and **adopted**
- 078/26.3 Freedom of Information policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**
- 078/26.4 Litterpicking policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**
- 078/26.5 Newsletter delivery risk assessment - **reviewed** and **adopted**

079/26 **Finance**

- 079/26.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council’s financial position on 31/08/26 was £1,094 in the current account and £14,675.68 in the savings account. Total £15,769.68.

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079/26.2 Payments were **approved**:

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

- £479.15 Wages (inc NALC pay award back pay) future dated 30/09/26
- £24.00 Homeworking future dated 30/09/26
- £23.00 Rent
- £84.99 Microsoft
- £25.00 Road Closure Fee (Christmas)

Total £636.14

Cllrs Hopewell and Perkins to approve

It was **agreed** that on receipt of the September precept payment a transfer would be made to the savings account.

079/26.3 Accounts paid on 24th July were **ratified**:

- £621 Smith and Roper - War Memorial update
- £60 The Happy Tree Company – Strimming Jubilee Corner
- £480 Markovitz - Footpath 1 stone
- £55.50 Hedgehog Trust – Hedgehog highways

£1000 transfer from savings to current account

080/26 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**

It was **agreed** to contact Breedon about night-time noise complaints.

Action - Clerk

It was **agreed** to contact D.C.C. about issues with the Cadent Lights at Market Place. **Action - Clerk**

Concerns have been raised about footpath access from Pindale Road. It was **agreed** to contact the landowner. **Action - Clerk**

A request from the Hope Historical Society to include more information about the society on the Parish Council website was **considered**. It was **agreed** that the Society should submit the proposed information to the Clerk via email.

081/26 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Monday 12th October 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.

Items for October 2026 agenda.

None at this time

Meeting closed at 9.27pm.

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