

# HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

## **Present:**

Cllrs C. Perkins (Chair), L. Vincent, G. Hopewell, S. Barr, J. Lenton

## **In attendance:**

A. Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC) (part), Andrew Lazenby (Hope Valley Holidays) (part), Gill Petty (Hope Valley Holidays) (part)

- 001/26 **Apologies** for absence received and approved – Cllrs S. Price, M. Harriss, M. Chapman, R. Henson.
- 002/26 **Election of Chair** – Cllr Perkins was unanimously elected as Chair for 2026 / 27.
- 003/26 **Election of Vice Chair** – Cllr Barr was unanimously elected as Vice Chair for 2026 / 27.
- 004/26 **Declarations of Acceptance of Office** – Cllr Perkins and Cllr Barr signed the declaration forms.
- 005/26 **Variation of Order of Business** – None
- 006/26 **Declarations of Interests** – Cllr Vincent minute 015/26.2 and 015/26.7. Cllr Hopewell – minute 014/26.1
- 007/26 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None
- 008/26 **Public participation** – Andrew Lazenby and Gill Petty outlined their plans for Glenbrook to continue as a campsite and residential centre following their purchase of the property in December 2025. They are in the process of applying for and submitting a Lawful Development Certificate for established use over the previous 10 years and requested support from the Parish Council. Cllrs stated that they would need to see the LDC request before confirming support.
- 009/26 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – No report received.
- 010/26 **District Councillor report** – Cllr Farrell is still chasing the burial ground gates and Caroline Court bench replacement and will request that the car park layout is reviewed again.

Following the recent wildfires, Cllr Farrell (and other District Councillors) are urging HPBC to enforce the Public Space Protection Order.

Local Government Reorganisation - HPBC recognise the need for the

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Hope Valley parish councils to be grouped together for neighbourhood consultation, but significant challenges arise from the current division of the valley between authorities.

- 011/26 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved**.
- 012/26 **Matters arising** – None.
- 013/26 **Parish Council assets**
- 013/26.1 War memorial – The request from Smith and Roper to appoint a specialist to produce a Heritage Statement at a cost of £860 (exc VAT) was **approved**. **Action - Clerk**
- 013/26.2 Benches in the parish – A quote of £150 was **received** to renew the wood on the bench outside the school on Edale Road. It was **resolved** to contact the family that wish to pay for this work with a cost for repair and installation of a plaque. **Action - Clerk**
- 013/26.3 Jubilee Corner – it was **noted** that the wall repair has been completed and the apple trees are blossoming. It was **resolved** to request a quote for strimming from The Happy Tree Company. **Action - Clerk**
- 013/26.4 Castleton Road Planters – Cllrs Chapman and Harriss are to meet with Hope Valley Garden Centre to identify the most suitable plants at the end of May.
- 013/26.5 Asset inspection – the inspection report for April 2026 was **received**. No further issues since March 2026.
- 014/26 **Planning**
- 014/26.1 NP/HPK/0426/0376, Brookside, Edale Road – Rebuild and enlargement of existing extension, including integration of air source heat pump enclosure – **Support** as this will be an improvement to the existing property.
- 014/26.2 NP/HPK/0426/0384. 60, Castleton Road – extension to the rear – **No objection**
- 014/26.3 Peak Cluster monthly update – No update, though concerns were raised about anti-cluster signs being placed on private property without permission.
- 014/26.3 No additional applications received after publication of the agenda.
- 015/26 **Highways and Rights of Way**
- 015/26.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles – it was **noted** that the Parish Council advisory sign had been installed at Jubilee Corner and the trees had been trimmed at the school.
- Cllr Barr has contacted DCC Highways again detailing more suitable signage and is awaiting a response.

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- 015/26.2 Losehill footpath – It was **noted** that contact with PDNPA highlighting the path erosion and issues with the path south of Ward’s Piece was still required. **Action - Clerk**
- 015/26.3 Footpath 22 – Concerns were raised about the safety of upgrading FP22 to a bridleway and lack of user evidence that the path has previously been used as a bridleway. It was **resolved** that an objection to the proposed upgrade to a bridleway would be drafted. **Action - Cllr Perkins**
- 015/26.4 Severn Trent Hathersage to Worksop pipeline – it was **noted** that Severn Trent are working with DCC Highways to produce a road closure plan and Parish Councils will receive details in the near future.
- 015/26.5 Aston highways concerns - to **note** that the potholes on Aston Lane and Thornhill Lane and parking in passing places are to be reported to DCC. **Action - Clerk**
- 015/26.6 Travellers Rest traffic lights – it was **noted** that the timing and light positioning issues have been reported to DCC Highways. It was **resolved** to report the issues again. **Action - Clerk**
- 015/26.7 Footpath 3 – Safety concerns have been raised about barbed wire at the side of the path. It was **resolved** to submit a report to DCC. **Action - Clerk**
- 016/26 **Meetings / Responses**
- 016/26.1 Hope Valley Parishes Forum, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026. It was **noted** that minutes have been circulated. HwAPC are to host the next meeting and it was **resolved** to propose 18<sup>th</sup> June or 11<sup>th</sup> June to the forum members. **Action - Clerk**
- 016/26.2 Annual Meeting of the Parish (Aston) – it was **noted** that Aston annual meeting was attended by 18 residents and apologies received from 9. Input from PCSO Brockett was well received. Highways issues are the main concern of residents.
- 016/26.2 Annual Meeting of the Parish (Hope) – it was **noted** that Hope annual meeting was attended by 1 resident.
- 017/26 **Village Matters**
- 017/26.1 Speed reduction measures – it was **agreed** that an item would be placed in the June newsletter outlining the results of the Parish Council residents survey.
- 017/26.2 Village gates – no update.
- 017/26.3 Spar noticeboard - no update.
- 017/26.4 Remembrance poppies – a request from Hope Sports Club to place poppies in the War Memorial flower beds for Remembrance Sunday was **approved**.

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- 017/26.5 Village C.C.T.V. – a request from the Neighbourhood Watch Group for funding towards purchasing the existing cameras was **considered**. It was **resolved** to pledge £100 towards the purchase should Neighbourhood Watch succeed in gaining grant support and raising matched funding.  
**Action - Clerk**
- 018/26 **Newsletter**
- 018/26.1 Newsletter – it was **agreed** that that the next newsletter would be delivered 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June with a draft being produced by 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- 019/26 **Information Technology**
- 019/26.1 Email addresses – it was **noted** that most councillors are regularly accessing .gov.uk email addresses but require details of how to receive notifications and whether it is possible to link to Outlook. It was **resolved** that these issues would be investigated and details circulated. **Action - Clerk**
- 020/26 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**
- 020/26.1 Standing Orders –**reviewed** and **adopted**
- 020/26.2 Financial Regulations – **reviewed** and **adopted**
- 021/26 **Parish Council Advisory Committees**
- 021/26.1 Finance Advisory Committee – **no change** to membership
- 021/26.2 Human Resources Advisory Committee – **no change** to membership
- 021/26.3 Communications Advisory Committee – Cllr Vincent stood down, it was **agreed** Cllr Perkins would join the committee.
- 021/26.4 Terms of Reference – it was **noted** that Terms of Reference will be reviewed in June 2026.
- 022/26 **Finance**
- 022/26.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council’s financial position on 30/04/26 was:  
Balance of £7,908.26 current account and £12,112.68 Savings Account. Total £20,020.94. Precept payment of £5,211.00 was received on 17/04/26.
- 022/26.2 Quarterly account verification – it was **agreed** that Cllr Hopewell would verify accounts in June and September and Cllr Chapman would verify in January and April.
- 022/26.3 Asset Register – the asset register was **reviewed** and **approved**.
- 022/26.4 Insurance – Quotes were **reviewed** and it was **agreed** to renew with Zurich insurance at a cost of £425.52.

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022/26.5 Subscriptions – annual subscriptions were **reviewed** and **approved**.

- DALC £427.51 Paid April 2026
- Peak Park Parishes Forum £12
- Information Commissioners Office £47 Direct Debit, due May 2026
- Parish Online £360 (exc VAT)

022/26.6 Payments were **approved**:

- £399.03 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 29/05/26
- £24 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 29/05/26
- £23 Hope Old School room rent (April)
- £150 Anavio Travellers Rest
- £60 Gill Glen Wild flower seeds
- £402.12 High Peak Signs
- £249.90 Bradwell PC (PO Box)
- £12 PPPF annual subscription
- £425.52 Zurich insurance
- £150 Hope Heartbeat
- £325 WB Stone Walling
- Total Payments £2,220.57

Cllrs Hopewell and Barr to approve

023/26 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**

Cllr Perkins informed councillors that he is unavailable for the Wakes parade. It was agreed to ask Cllr Chapman.

024/26 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.

Items for June 2026 agenda.

Terms of Reference

Mandate

Money transfer

Appointment of internal auditor

Hedgehog signs

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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