

# **Minutes of the Annual Hope Parish Meeting**

**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm  
at The Old School, Hope**

## **1. Present:**

Cllr Perkins (chair), 1 resident of Hope, Cllrs Hopewell, Barr, Vincent, Alison Wheeler (Clerk)

## **2. Apologies:**

Cllrs Harriss, Price, Chapman, Henson

## **3. 2025 Minutes**

The minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were agreed as a true record.

## **4. Chair's Report:**

Cllr Perkins explained that the full report would be available on the website, but the highlights are:

- 2025 / 26 had been a year of consolidation and thanks were extended to the clerk and councillors.
- There have been several alterations to the internal administration of the Parish Council due to changes in legislation and all documents moving forward will be accessible.
- The Parish Council are trying to encourage different community groups within the village to work together and also working with other Hope Valley Parish Councils to address issues such as visitor management.
- At present the two major community projects are the refurbishment of the war memorial and the purchase of Speed Indication Devices. Funding is being sought for these.
- A smaller project of refurbishing benches is underway.
- Frequent contact has been made with outside organisations such as DCC Highways, Breedon, Peak Cluster, Peak Park Planning and Derbyshire Police (contributing towards the ANPR installation project).

The role of the Parish Council continues to be responding to residents' concerns and requests.

## **5. Village Organisations:**

A written report was received from Martin Chapman about the Pinder Meadow Charity.

The Trustees are Helen Sutton, Joe Dalton, Alice Bettney, Hazel Collins and Martin Chapman as chair and The Pinder Meadow is let on a Grazing Licence for 9 months from 1st March 2026. Extensive tree works were carried out in the Autumn of 2025 and one of the results is the free flowing of the stream which borders the meadow.

The Pinfold is in reasonable repair and was mown twice last season by a volunteer. The QR code signage has been a success with a number of positive comments.

Thanks were extended to Martin for his report, and it was noted that the QR code will

need updating to link to the new website though at present it is re-directed.

Stuart Elliott gave an update on The Bull Meadows Fund.

There is £4,907 in the trust fund and Stuart Elliott and John Watson are trustees. This gives an annual return of £140. This is divided between the 5 farmers in Hope (not Aston) that have cows. It is believed that this may be the only remaining trust of this type in the country.

The full details of the history can be found on the Hope with Aston website.

## **6. Open Forum:**

No questions from residents.

Cllr Perkins thanked everyone for attending.

**The Meeting closed at 19:30.**