

HOPE WITH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

In attendance:

A. Wheeler (Clerk), PCSO Edwards (part), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC) (part)

044/26 **Apologies** for absence **received** and **approved** – Cllr S. Price, L. Vincent, M. Harriss

045/26 **Variation of Order of Business** – None

046/26 **Declarations of Interests** – Cllr Chapman - 054/26.3 and 055/26.3

047/26 **Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded** - None

048/26 **Public participation** – no members of the public present

049/26 **Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – PCSO Edwards reported that there had been one reported crime in Hope in June, this was shoplifting in Spar and had been resolved.

At present the priorities for the Hope Valley SNT are vehicle crime and road safety especially speeding on the Castleton Road.

Cllrs requested a written update on the success of the ANPR cameras for use in the Parish Council newsletter. It was agreed that this could inspire residents to report crimes.

Cllrs extended thanks for the support given during the Hope Wakes parade, it was felt that the level of support was well judged.

050/26 **District Councillor report** – Cllr Farrell reported that the cemetery gates should have been installed. Cllrs confirmed that this had not happened and also that the cemetery resurfacing was not completed. It is likely that HPBC will not replace the Caroline court bench.

A working group is ensuring that people that receive Carelink services will receive the same cover when the service is closed.

HPBC is being slow to issue fines relating to the fire risk PSPO.

Discussions are still taking place about Local Government Reorganisation.

A Peoples Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis is taking

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place at Castleton National Park Centre on 28th July 7-9pm.

051/26 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 8th June 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved**.

052/26 **Matters arising** - none

053/26 **Parish Council assets**

053/26.1 War memorial – An updated Heritage Statement has been received and funding enquiries made. It was **resolved** to request an update from Smith and Roper on timescales. **Action - Clerk**

053/26.2 Benches in the parish – It was **noted** that a donation had been received to carry out the refurbishment of the Edale Road bench. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

053/26.3 Castleton Road Planters – Thanks were extended to Cllrs Chapman and Harriss for coordinating the planting, Hope Valley Garden Centre for donating plants and volunteers for assisting with the planting and watering.

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Chapman and Harriss would produce a proposal of plants and costs. Suggestions were lavender, rosemary and heuchera.

It was **resolved** to approach local businesses to consider sponsorship once more information was available. **Action – Clerk**

053/26.4 Spar noticeboard – It was **resolved** to apply to the Councillors' Initiative Fund to cover costs. **Action – Clerk**

053/26.5 Asset inspection – the inspection report for June 2026 was **received**. No further issues since May 2026.

054/26 **Planning**

054/26.1 Peak Cluster monthly update – no official update. Landowners have been approached to request access for surveys. It was noted that HwAPC position is neutral until there is more clarity around the plans.

054/26.2 NP/HPK/0626/0649, 10 The Marshes – single storey front extension and rear window alteration – No objection

054/26.3 NP/HPK/0626/0631, 61 Eccles Close – First floor extension above existing single storey extension to the rear and single storey rear extension and timber decking – No objection

054/26.4 NP/HPK/0526/0459, 8, The Stables, Castleton Road – Change of use – No objection.

It was noted that the Parish Council has no influence with PDNPA Planning Department apart from commenting on planning applications received through the planning portal.

It was agreed to comment on the potential Primary School building application as and when this is submitted.

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055/26 **Highways and Rights of Way**

055/26.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles – Cllr Barr has not yet received a response to his complaint and will contact D.C.C. again.

It was **resolved** to contact Edale YHA again to re-iterate the need to ensure that coach companies are informed of the limitations. **Action – Clerk**

055/26.2 Travellers Rest traffic lights – it was **noted** that a response from D.C.C. has been received and that light timings have been adjusted. It was **resolved** to contact D.C.C. again about the positioning of the lights and control box. **Action – Clerk**

055/26.3 ROWMMA – It was **agreed** to order stone to a value of £495 from Markovitz for FP1 (Eccles Close to Upper Weir Cottage). It was **resolved** to contact affected landowners and local volunteers. **Action – Clerk**

055/26.4 Footpath survey group – it was **noted** that several residents have expressed an interest in reforming the group. **Action Cllr Perkins**

056/26 **Meetings / Responses**

056/26.1 Hope Valley Parishes Forum, 18th June 2026. – It was **noted** that the meeting was well attended and the notes distributed to all councillors. The meeting focused on identifying appropriate methods for highlighting the countryside code etc to visitors and residents, such as advertising on buses.

It was **agreed** to place Countryside Code posters on noticeboards where space is available. **Action – Clerk**

056/26.2 DALC Day & AGM, 15th October 2026, Matlock – no councillors available

057/26 **Village Matters**

057/26.1 Village gateways – a quote has been received of £6,453 to replace the fences (not gates). It was **resolved** to investigate costs for refurbishing the existing structures. **Action - Clerk**

057/26.2 Motorbikes / BMXs using wasteland – it was **noted** that the landowner is investigating a solution.

057/26.3 Hedgehog signs – It was **agreed** to order 20 hedgehog highway signs at a cost of £55.50 including postage. Cllr Farrell agreed to support this expense through the Councillors' Initiative Fund. The signs will be distributed free of charge to interested residents whose property adjoins a public area. **Action – Clerk**

057/26.4 Speed Indication Devices – it was **noted** details of the application process had been received from D.C.C. and **resolved** to identify possible location. **Action - Clerk**

057/26.5 Christmas event – it was **agreed** that the event last year was a success

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and that the Parish Council would help to facilitate a 2026 event. It was **resolved** to contact interested parties and investigate a road closure.

Action - Clerk

058/26 **Newsletter**

- 058/26.1 Autumn edition – it was **agreed** that articles would include updates on ANPR, planters, footpath work, the footpath survey group, local government reorganization, a Christmas event and Remembrance Sunday.

059/26 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

- 059/26.1 Disciplinary policy - reviewed and adopted
059/26.2 Grievance policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**
059/26.3 Health and safety policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**

060/26 **Finance**

- 060/26.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council’s financial position on 31/06/26 was: Balance of £2,464.52 current account and £15, It is 675.68 Savings Account. Total £18,140.20.

- 060/26.2 Payments were **approved**:

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

- £399.03 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 31/07/26
- £24 Clerk Homeworking – future dated BACS 31/07/26
- £399.03 Clerk wages – future dated BACS 28/08/26
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- £46 Hope Old School room rent (May)
- £336.01 HMRC Q1 payment
- £100 Neighbourhood Watch CCTV – pledged minute 017/26.5
- £19.45 Engraving Studio – bench plaque
- £48.00 War Memorial plants
- Total Payments £1,395.52

Cllrs Hopewell and Chapman to approve

- 060/26.3 Q1 reforecast budget – the reforecast was **approved**. It was noted that the YTD variance is £1,182 mainly due to payment of the Heritage Statement.
- 060/26.4 Q1 councillor verification – it was **noted** that verification had been completed by Cllr Hopewell.

061/26 **Clerk’s report and correspondence:**

A request has been received from a landowner for the Parish Council to support a new defibrillator. It was agreed to direct the requester to Hope Heartbeat.

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Concerns have been raised about footpath accessibility between Pindale Road and Castleton. It was agreed to contact the Peak Park Access Forum for advice.

Concerns have been raised about overgrown vegetation on Losehill Lane. It was agreed to clarify the exact area and report to D.C.C.

Reports have been received that the pavement between Melodys Corner and the Travellers Rest is overgrown. It was agreed to report this to D.C.C.

062/26 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.

Items for September 2026 agenda.

Remembrance Sunday

Meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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