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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30 pm at Old School, Hope.

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

In attendance: A. Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr C. Farrell (HPBC), R. Gregory

101/26	**Apologies** for absence **received** and **approved** – Cllr J. Lenton, S. Barr
102/26	**Variation of Order of Business** – None
103/26	**Declarations of Interests** – None
104/26	**Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded -** None
105/26	**Public participation –** R. Gregory wished to speak on several agenda items, councillors **agreed** to allow him to participate as each topic arose.
106/26	**Safer Neighbourhood Team report** – No report received.
107/26	**District Councillor report –** Cllr Farrell explained that plans for the Local Government Reorganisation have been withdrawn and no further information on the future is available at this time. The HPBC Wildfire PSPO is to be reworded for 2027 to enable HPBC to be more pro-active. Alliance Norse is addressing the cracked cemetery gate pillar and the installation of a "Dogs must be on a lead" sign. Cllr Farrell agreed to request more information about the PSPO dog fouling signs.
108/26	The **minutes** of the meeting held on 12th October 2026 were **confirmed** and **approved.**
109/26	**Matters arising –** none
110/26	**Parish Council assets**
110/26.1	War memorial **–** No update
110/26.2	Castleton Road Planters **–** It was **agreed** that the artwork would be cleaned in the spring.

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110/26.3 Spar noticeboard – No update

110/26.4 Village Gateways – A 63% grant (not including VAT) has been awarded from the HPBC Regeneration Fund towards the refurbishment costs. Cllr Perkins signed the grant agreement. Works can commence once the agreement is countersigned by HPBC. The work will be carried out by Marsh Tree Care at a total cost of £2,700 exc VAT.

It was **agreed** that when funds permitted more welcoming village signs would be investigated.

R. Gregory volunteered to carry out annual wood staining of the structures once refurbishment was complete.

110/26.5 Bus Shelters – Quotes for repainting the Post Office bus shelter and cleaning and weeding all four Parish Council owned shelters were **considered**. A quote of £1248 inc VAT from Shelter Maintenance was **approved.**

110/26.6 Asset inspection – the inspection report for October 2026 was **received.**

111/26 **Planning**

111/26.1 Peak Cluster monthly update – Stage 2 of the consultation will commence on 12/11/26 which includes minor alterations to the pipeline route and a building alteration on the Wirral.

A public meeting is planned on 26/11/26 at Buxton and a Derbyshire webinar on 1/12/26. Breedon will also be holding a public meeting – it was **noted** that Breedon is not Peak Cluster and has a different ethos.

Concerns were raised about potential additional noise from the carbon capture plant on the Breedon site and that responses have not been received to questions raised with Peak Cluster during the initial consultation.

The Parish Council is awaiting more information in the next phase of the consultation before forming a view.

111/26.2 No applications received following publication of the agenda.

112/26 **Highways and Rights of Way**

112/26.1 Edale Road Large Vehicles **–**It was **noted** that the chevron sign adjacent to the bridge has been repaired.

113/26 **Meetings / Responses**

113/26.1 Mini Switzerland – No date has yet been publicised for the December meeting. Hope Valley District Councillors have requested to be representatives for residents. The scheme is on the agenda for the next Hope Valley Parishes Forum.

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113/26.2 NALC Next generation leadership: building inclusive parish and town councils training – the clerk **attended** the webinar and **reported** that it was focused on enthusing young people to become involved in parishes and the importance of increasing the public profile of the council.

113/26.3 Hope Valley Parishes Forum – Cllrs Perkins and Harriss **agreed** to attend the meeting on 24th November. Cllr Vincent **requested** that the Northern Rail policy on bicycles be raised.

113/26.4 Chair / Councillor / Staff reviews – Cllr Perkins **stated** that he would be contacting individuals to arrange meetings.

113/26.4 Earles Sidings Meeting – Cllr Perkins reported that residents were divided about the installation of noise reduction barriers and no decision has been reached. Breedon has agreed to pay for alterations to reduce light pollution but Heavy Haul Rail (who would carry out the work) has stopped attending meetings.

It was **resolved** to contact PDNPA to request that HHR are reminded that they attend meetings. **Action - Clerk**

114/26 **Village Matters**

114/26.1 Christmas event – it was **noted** a decision is still awaited on the grant request to assist with the purchase of advent calendars. Posters and Facebook posts are prepared. Councillor availability for marshalling is to be confirmed. **Action - Clerk**

114/26.2 Remembrance Sunday – Thanks were extended to David Lake, Martin Harriss, Jo Owen and Matthew Silverton for assisting councillors with marshal duties and Castleton Parish Council for the loan of "Road Closed" signs. It was **agreed** to investigate costs of similar signs for future events. **Action – Cllr Chapman**

114/26.3 Tour de France Femmes 31st July 2027 – it was **agreed** that when more information is available an article will be placed in the HwAPC newsletter to ensure that residents and businesses are fully informed of any opportunities available. **Action Cllr Barr**

114/26.4 Primary School Parking – it was **noted** that no response had been received from the school, the Parking Enforcement Team are due to visit and that the SNT has requested that the double yellow lines be repainted. It was **resolved** to request line re-painting by DCC Highways and to contact the Chair of Governors. **Action - Clerk**

114/26.5 Breedon January 2027 Shutdown – it was **noted** that the Breedon planned shutdown is 4th to 31st January 2027 and the likely window of refractory removal will be confirmed in November. It was **noted** that this will only happen on day shifts.

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114/26.6 Local Government Reorganisation – detailed in minute 107/26.

115/26 **Newsletter**

115/26.1 Spring edition **–** it was **agreed** to include information about SID funding and to highlight differences between Hope's precept and adjacent parishes. **Action Cllr Barr**

116/26 **Parish Council Policies and Procedures**

116/26.1 Expenses Policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**

116/26.2 Equality and Diversity Policy - **reviewed** and **adopted**

116/26.3 Christmas Tree Risk Assessment – **reviewed** and **adopted**

116/26.4 Christmas Event Risk Assessment - **reviewed** and **adopted**

117/26 **Finance**

117/26.1 Financial Summary – The Parish Council's financial position on 31/10/26 was £2,209.91 in the current account and £15,749.63 in the savings account. Total £17,959.54.

117/26.2 Payments were **approved**:

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

- £412.32 Wages future dated 30/11/26
- £24.00 Homeworking future dated 30/11/26
- £23.00 Old School rent
- £35.00 Royal British Legion
- £42.00 NALC training

Total £536.32

Cllrs Hopewell and Chapman to approve

117/26.3 2027 / 28 budget – Cllr Hopewell outlined details of the proposed budget. It was unanimously **approved** and scheduled for a final review in January 2027.

117/26.4 Planter sponsorship - thanks were extended to Mr Carpet, Jo's Pantry, Café Adventure and Pindale Outdoor Centre for sponsorship received. It was noted that one other business had pledged a donation. It was **agreed** that councillors would continue to speak to businesses and that money received would be ringfenced in the accounts.

118/26 **Clerk's report and correspondence:**

A response from Cadent had been circulated.

No response has been received from the Ladybower Trail Run

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organisers.

It was **resolved** to contact DCC Highways about the unplanned closure of Edale Road on Tuesday 3rd November for telegraph pole replacement **Action - Clerk**

It was **resolved** to contact DCC Highways to request information on the purpose of the cameras at the Travellers Rest. **Action - Clerk**

119/26 **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be on Monday 14th December 2026, 7.30pm at Old School, School Lane, Hope.

Items for December 2026 agenda:

None at this time

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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