

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Edale Village Hall on **TUESDAY 17th February 2026**
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DRAFT Minutes

This meeting was originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th February.

Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Morgan Jackson, Austin Neves, David Shirt. Clerk – Tracy Whitley.

26/02/1 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Cedric Gilbert. Noted.

26/02/2 Declarations of interests. None

26/02/3 Public speaking

- (i) Members of the public (Max 10 minutes). None.
- (ii) Borough Councillor. None.
- (iii) County Councillor. HPBC Cllr. Joanna Collins reported on three topics
 - a) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Consultation. There are basically two possible outcomes: DCC's preferred option of one single unitary authority for the whole of Derbyshire including Derby city; or two separate authorities, Northern Derbyshire and Southern Derbyshire (the exact split is as yet unclear). Edale Parish Council are against having one authority for the whole of Derbyshire, and believe that Edale would be better served as part of a smaller authority comprising only the northern part of the county. A consultation is currently underway (ends 26th March) Full details of all the proposals plus a link to the consultation can be found at the following address. Residents are encouraged to respond.
www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-derbyshire-and-derby/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-derbyshire-and-derby
The Clerk will circulate the link on edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk.**
 - b) As part of LGR there is a proposal to set up Neighbourhood Area Committees to compensate for the gap that will exist between Parish Councils and the new unitary authorities once borough councils have ceased to exist. They will comprise parish councils, police and other community services.
 - c) Another part of LGR may mean that some borough council assets may transfer to parish councils. Add to March agenda for more information and discussion. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/4 Chairman's announcements (Not for discussion). None

26/02/5 Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 14th January 2026 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Shirt, seconded by Cllr. Collins. Adopted.

26/02/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting). None.

26/02/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

26/02/7.1 AGAR Assertion 10 Compliance

- (i) Report from DALC forum. Three main steps to compliance were discussed at the forum (a) the use of a gov.uk domain name and associated email addresses – this is underway (b) website accessibility – the Clerk is to review the accessibility statement and website (c) the need for an IT policy – the Clerk will use the DALC template as a starting point for drafting this policy. **3 ACTIONS Clerk.**
- (ii) Update on website change to gov.uk domain and associated email addresses. The Clerk reported that the new domain name edaleparishcouncil.gov.uk is already up and running. The Clerk will update

details where necessary and circulate to contacts. The old domain name still exists and anyone using it will automatically be re-directed to the new one. The website itself remains the same. All Councillors will be provided with individual email addresses. The main contact email address for the Parish Council will also change, but for the time being anyone using the old address will automatically be forwarded to the new one. The Clerk will make all the changes. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/7.2 Purchase of 3 new parish noticeboards. The new boards have arrived. The payment will be authorised at this meeting (see item 26/02/9.7). The boards are to be fitted asap in order for the Clerk to claim payment of the grant. In the meantime the Clerk will forward proof of purchase **ACTION: Clerk.** The Grindsbrook board can be fitted straight away as it is to be wall hung. **ACTION: Cllrs. Neves & Jackson.** The boards at Mill Cottages and Barber Booth need new posts. Cllr. Neves will order from Eyres. **ACTION: Cllr Neves.**

26/02/7.3 Council assets

(i) Asset review update. Ongoing. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk.**

(ii) Repair of council laptop. At the moment the PC data is being run from an external hard drive. No data has been transferred. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/7.4 Defibrillator Annual Support Agreement. For the past 10 years Edale Parish Council has paid for an Annual Support agreement with Community Heartbeat Trust for the maintenance of the community defibrillator. The support agreement is nearing its end. The Clerk will contact the service provider to find out what the options are. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/7.5 Broadband in Edale. The Clerk has recently sent a request to Digital Derbyshire to discover if there are any plans to upgrade broadband speeds to the more remote areas of Edale. The reply stated that Openreach do have plans to upgrade these areas; it seems as though they will be building on their first round of upgrades. Unfortunately Digital Derbyshire could not provide any timescales as to when this will be. It was recommended that residents sign up for updates directly from Openreach by following this link <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/where-when-building-ultrafast-full-fibre-broadband> The Clerk will circulate the information on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/7.6 Local restriction order for low-flying helicopters in March and April. For the past few years Bristows have restricted their training operations during lambing season. The Clerk will write to them to request the restriction again this year. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/8 Planning.

New Applications: None. Noted.

Decisions: None. Noted.

26/02/9 Finance.

26/02/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2025/26. Noted.

26/02/9.2 Bank reconciliation and record of balance of funds. Total funds £15,012.90 comprising Council funds of £4,353.44 and Edale Charities Car Park funds of £10,659.46. Approved and signed by the chair. It was proposed by Cllr. Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Collins that the Clerk transfer £1,500 from the deposit account to the current account to cover this month's payments. Approved.

26/02/9.3 Unity Trust Bank. Bank fees will rise from £6 per month to £7 per month in April.

26/02/9.4 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved and signed by the Chair.

26/02/9.5 PRoW Form 2. Signed by the Chair. The Clerk will send this off to DCC. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/9.6 Budget 2026/27 – finalised budget including precept. Signed by the Chair.

26/02/9.7 Invoices & Payments. All approved for payment by bank transfer.

i	PDNPA (work to FP 7 PRoW MMA)	£120.00
ii	Boards Direct (3 x parish noticeboards)	£1,112.40
iii	Tracy Whitley (Clerk salary & expenses)	£382.77
iv	Unity Trust Bank (service charge)	£6.00

26/02/10 Items for Information

26/02/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues a) the drain near Nether Booth has now been unblocked b) the drain between Glan Noe and Skinner's Hall is still blocked. Cllr. Neves is to investigate. **ACTION: Cllr. Neves.**
- (ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues a) there is a very large, deep pothole on the way up to Upper Booth b) there are several deep potholes on Station Approach. Clerk to report both of these to DCC c) flooding in the tunnel between the two railway platforms. Clerk to ask Edale Station Friends if this needs to be reported to Network Rail d) reports of antisocial and dangerous parking on the road from the village along past Glen Thorne. Residents are requested to carry on reporting these types of issues. Illegal parking – i.e on double yellow lines or within clearway signs - should be reported to DCC. Dangerous or obstructive parking should be reported to the police. The Clerk will circulate the details on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- (iii) PRoW Grant footpath repairs. Form 2 has now been signed. The Clerk will initiate invoicing for the grant. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. There was a good turnout for the crowd-funding launch for the new roof and solar panels.

26/02/10.3 DALC

- (i) Newsletter. Noted.
- (ii) Training. Cllr. Neves has attended Councillor Essentials online training.

26/02/10.4 Police Reports. The Safer Neighbourhood team have received no crime reports in Edale over the past month.

26/02/10.5 Village Events

- (i) Edale Skyline Fell Race - March 22nd. Noted.
- (ii) Notification of Trail Running Event - Saturday 30th May 2026. The proposed route for this event has changed. The Clerk will circulate the new route to landowners through whose property it now passes. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/10.6 Minutes from Hope Valley Parishes Councils meeting 21st January. Following on from the Peak Park Summit in October, Hope Valley Councils have now sent a follow-up letter to the East Midlands Mayor to ask for any updates on actions regarding cars & transport and communications with visitors.

26/02/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

26/02/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (also posted on Edalelist)

- (i) Community News – 12th January
- (ii) Community News – 19th January
- (iii) Community News – 28th January

26/02/11.2 Peak Cluster CCS Pipeline - EIA Scoping Consultation and Notification

26/02/11.3 Peak Cluster Carbon Capture Consultation – Comments from Hope Valley parish councils

26/02/11.4 Report Fraud service fully launches. Details will be sent out on Edalelist. **ACTION: Clerk.**

26/02/11.5 East Midlands Combined Authority "Mayor's Transport Plan Vision" Consultation

26/02/11.6 Message for parish and town councils in High Peak about LGR and start of Statutory Consultation

26/02/11.7 Hope Valley Climate Action – Newsletter

26/02/11.8 Public Transport services transfer to EMCCA

26/02/12 Date of next meeting

Regular meeting of the Parish Council. **Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 8pm, Edale Village Hall.**

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