

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday 9th April 2025

Held at Edale Parish Hall, 8pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Joanna Collins (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Morgan Jackson, David Shirt
Parish Clerk: Tracy Whitley
Plus 2 Edale Residents

The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chair Councillor Joanna Collins

Minutes of previous Annual Parish meeting on 10th April 2024

Minutes from the meeting of 10th April 2024 were proposed for adoption as a true representation of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert; Seconded by Cllr. Shirt. Adopted. Signed by Cllr. Collins (Chair).

Matters arising: None

Report from the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The following report was given by Tracy Whitley:

In the year to March 2025, there have been 11 regular meetings of Edale Parish Council and one extraordinary meeting. High Peak Borough Council has continued to provide regular, up-to-date information on relevant items. PC Alex Simpson and PCSO Will Brocket have also attended a number of meetings and Edale residents frequently attend meetings to speak on planning applications and other Parish business.

I have now completed my fourth full year as Clerk, and Responsible Financial Officer and I have attended all Parish Council meetings, plus Annual Parish Meetings and any public meetings facilitated by the Parish Council and have provided agendas and minutes plus accounting records. I've kept the Council's web site up to date with relevant documentation according to their Publication Scheme and the Transparency Code.

I continue to research a variety of topics for the Council as required, including monitoring new legislation to ensure the Council is fully compliant.

As RFO I am pleased to report that the previous year's Parish Council Accounts for 2023/24 were audited by Mr David Marriott with no adverse comments, and the External Audit Exemption Form was submitted on time to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

I am also pleased to report that the end of year accounts for this year 2024/25 have been completed and were put to the Council for preliminary approval at the meeting earlier tonight. Excluding the Edale Charities Car Park receipts, the Council had an income of £7,896 and an expenditure of £7,494, giving a surplus of £402. This will be put to the budgeted provisions for future village projects and repairs to the 7 parish noticeboards.

The Council's books and accounts will be submitted to Mr John Mariott for internal audit later this month. The "Annual Governance and Accountability Return" and details of Public Rights will be published in due course as required.

For the coming 2025/26 financial year, it was agreed to request a precept of £7,606.65 in order to balance the budget with no shortfall. This will result in a 5.1% increase at Band D (£2.31 up on last year).

The Council continues to administer Edale Charities Car Park at Station Yard on behalf of participating charities. The total income for 2024/25 is £11,498. This will be shared equally between the 5 participating charities, with each of them receiving £2,299.

That concludes my combined report. I would like to thank all the council members for the assistance I have received in carrying out my role as Clerk and RFO during these past 12 months, and also thank them for the work they do for this community.

Report from the Chair:

The following report was given by Joanna Collins:

During the past year the Parish Council continued its regular activities for the Parish, including involvement in the management of the charities car park. This raised just under £11,450. Thanks to John Payne and our clerk for their support with the car park, and to the charities who manage it and help ensure Edale continues to thrive.

The Council sourced the giant Christmas tree outside the church from the National Trust. Thanks to those who used their expertise with ropes to raise and secure it. The Council laid a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, as usual.

The footpaths grant from DCC will be used to repair the path opposite Skinners Hall, path . Thank you to our park ranger Nick and Richard Wainwright for organising this. Derbyshire CC have still not mended the fence on the footpath down to Gibraltar Bridge, although they admit it needs mending. We'll continue pushing.

There have been no major planning applications this year, but we responded to the first round of consultation on the Peak Park's Local Plan. Tracy as Clerk and I attended the Park's Parishes Day, where planning was the main topic, and contributed to discussions as well as learning more of how parishes influence planning decisions.

The Council has followed up on its biodiversity duty with a Biodiversity Policy and held two meetings on the topic, involving speakers from Hope Wildlife and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Following comments from our residents we have slightly changed mowing regimes. The edges of Parish land in the village will be mown regularly, but some left to grow in May. Experience from other places suggests this shows the land is being managed while helping to encourage biodiversity.

Residents have raised various issues, with the most common being around roads and visitor numbers. Where possible we follow these up by contacting other authorities since the Council is not responsible for issues such as roads or for visitors. We also signposted residents to further information and organisations that can help. We have reported a great many potholes this year as the roads deteriorate, after observing them ourselves or after reports from residents.

We have continued to engage with organisers of events, where these are brought to the Council's attention. As Chair, I set up a meeting between local parishes and the National Trust where it was agreed to exchange information about events so that we and the Trust can try to influence organisers to respect the countryside and inform landowners of routes.

We also attended other meetings on devolution, visitor management, and environmental issues. We've aimed to keep residents up to date by continuing to distribute newsletters and informing people about surveys they may be interested in, such as the Housing Needs Survey.

Once again, huge thanks to Tracy, who has been meticulous in performing her duties as clerk. She has often been proactive in keeping the Council on track and dealing with correspondence and finances with great discretion and good sense.

Public Speaking and Any Other Business:

A question was raised about an event to welcome all the new people who have recently moved into the village. Cllr. Collins said that in the past this has been organised by the Village Hall Committee. It was thought that the last one was 3 or 4 years ago. The Clerk will contact the VH about this and put it on the PC agenda for later in the year. ACTION: Clerk.

With no further business, the meeting was closed

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