

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 18th March 2026
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Minutes

Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Austin Neves, Helen Marson (Acting Clerk)

26/03/1 Apologies for absence. Tracy Whitley (Clerk), Cllrs David Shirt & Morgan Jackson. Noted

26/03/2 Declarations of interests. None to report

26/03/3 Public speaking –

- (i) Members of the public (Max 10 minutes) - None
- (ii) Borough Councillor – HPBC Cllr. Joanna Collins reported on two topics
 - The Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Consultation is still underway. The outcome is likely to be known by June/July 2026.
 - Food waste initiative – the start of this is still very delayed and likely to be pushed back to Sept. The delay is largely due to the single manufacturer of the waste food vehicles being unable to meet the demand created by provision of vehicles for the whole of England.
- (iii) County Councillor – None.

26/03/4 Chairman’s announcements (Not for discussion) - None

26/03/5 Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 17th February 2026 were proposed for adoption as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Neves seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Adopted and signed and dated by the Chair.

26/03/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).
None

26/03/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

26/03/7.1 Update on website change to gov.uk domain and associated email addresses. The Clerk is having a problem accessing the new generic email address. She has contacted Andy Kirkland – awaiting a reply. Once sorted she will set up the Councillor’s individual addresses. **ACTION** - add to next month’s agenda.

26/03/7.2 Installation of three new parish noticeboards. All three now installed. At Mill Cottages, Barber Booth, and Grindsbrook. The Clerk has sent photographs to HPBC to finalise the claim for the Town & Village Regeneration Grant.

26/03/7.3 Council assets

- (i) Asset review update. This had been completed and a revised asset register circulated. The Chair read through the main points and actions required.
 - It was noted that the telephone kiosk at Upper Booth was in need of cleaning. **ACTION** – need to identify a volunteer to help with the cleaning of the kiosk at the next meeting
 - The council bottle recycling bin needs to be moved from the current site at the entrance to the overspill car park by the station. It was proposed that it be moved to behind the village hall. **ACTIONS** – the Chair to confirm this would be agreeable to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee (Julia) after which Cllr. Neves kindly offered to move the bin.
- (ii) Repair of council laptop. Tracy has contacted the man-in Hope who fixed the laptop the last time it broke down. No reply from him as yet. In the meantime the hard drive is being used on another device so there is no loss of data. **ACTION** – to rediscuss at next meeting. The committee agreed that a working laptop was essential and the Chair suggested that ‘Computer Bits’ in Chapel was a potentially good place to purchase a new laptop.

26/03/7.4 Defibrillator Annual Support Agreement. The Clerk has written to Community Heartbeat Trust to enquire about the lifespan of the defibrillator. The defibrillator and support agreement have now been in place 10 years. Awaiting reply. **ACTION** – to add to next agenda.

26/03/7.5 Local Government Reorganisation

- (i) Derbyshire Local Government Reorganisation Forum 18 March 2026. The Chair was not able to attend this meeting today so was not able to provide an update.
- (ii) Potential transfer of assets from HPBC to Parish Councils It was suggested at the last meeting that the ‘old’ graveyard opposite the church was transferred as an HPBC asset to the church. John Payne had been asked to raise this matter with the PCC. **ACTION** – The Clerk to write to the PCC to confirm the outcome of this matter

25/03/7.6 Response from East Midlands Mayor to Hope Valley Parish Councils’ Letter on Transport, Tourism and Rural Priorities. A letter has been circulated to all Cllrs. Following the Peak Park Summit Autumn 2025 – a collective letter was submitted to request for clarification on several points. A reply was received from Claire Ward – stating that tourism is essential to economic growth. However, Edale PC have serious concerns about over-tourism in this area. The proposed Tourist Tax of £1 per overnight visitor falls very short of addressing the issues.

26/03/7.7 Appointment of internal auditor. **ACTION** – the Councillors would be grateful if the Clerk would recontact John Marriot. Cllr. Neves would like to be copied into correspondence.

26/03/7.8 Arrangements and advertising for Annual Parish Meeting. To be held at 8pm on Wednesday 8th April – immediately following the regular meeting of the Parish Council which will be held at 7pm. This is a public event where all members of the parish are entitled to attend, speak and vote on any matter of relevance to the Parish. **ACTION** – The Clerk will advertise it in Ringing Roger, on the noticeboards, via Edalelist and on the website.

26/03/8 Planning.

New Applications:

26/03/8.1 NP/HPK/0226/0205 The Old Parsonage, Grindsbrook Booth, Edale. To erect a Victorian style greenhouse in the back garden. There was unanimous support for the erection of the proposed greenhouse as it did not present any concerns. **ACTION** - The Clerk to respond online by 13th April 2026

Decisions: None

26/03/9 Finance.

26/03/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2025/26 For information only – the accounts were provided for the meeting, and no action required.

26/03/9.2 Bank reconciliation and record of balance of funds. Total funds £14,492.69 Comprising Council funds of £3,833.23 and Charities Car Park funds of £10,659.46 The Chair signed and dated the reconciliation and both bank statements.

26/03/9.3 Clerk’s pay and expenses. The Chair signed and dated the payroll record and the expenses report.

26/03/9.4 Budget report – Month 11 – The Clerk had provided a report which was available for review. The Chair noted a few overspends but nothing untoward.

26/02/9.5 Invoices & Payments – February 2026 – These were approved including a transfer of £500 from the deposit account to the current account to cover the outgoing payments. Approval was proposed by Cllr. Neves and seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Approved.

i	Edale Village Hall (Feb Mar)	£33.00
ii	Tracy Whitley (Clerk salary & expenses)	£381.21
iii	AK Web Solutions Ltd (set up of gov.uk domain + email addresses)	£100.00
iv	Unity Trust Bank (service charge)	£6.00

26/02/10 Items for Information

26/02/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

- (i) Letter from resident re: terrible condition of Station Approach. These potholes have already been reported via the DCC website. This stretch of road is particularly bad. **ACTION** – The Clerk to send a letter to DCC
- (ii) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues. No new issues to report but there was acknowledgement of the ongoing problem with a blocked drain and resultant road flooding opposite Skinner's Hall. **ACTION** – Cllr. Neves to investigate and report back.
- (iii) New Highways & Footpath Issues. There had been a complaint that the footpath across the Wainright's field is very muddy, markedly so since the fencing off of areas for regrassing. It was hoped that this patch will just dry out with improved weather conditions.

26/03/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. No official report was provided, but it was noted that crowd funding for the roof solar panels was going well with around £6000 raised so far.

26/03/10.3 DALC Newsletter & Training. Nothing to report

26/03/10.4 Police Reports. Very quiet month. Usual MRT call outs and one RTC

26/03/10.5 Village Events. The Clerk has been in touch with the National Trust. They are still running their Responsible Events Provider Scheme (REPS). She has asked for the Parish Council to be informed when an event is due to take part in this area (this used to happen but seems to have lapsed).

26/03/10.6 High Peak Parish Forum - presentations and information

- Edale residents will be receiving food waste caddies in the future and small wheelie bins for the removal of food waste.
- Residents will have to pay for the emptying of their green compost bins in the future.

26/03/11 Correspondence (circulated) All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

26/03/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (also posted on Edalelist)

- (i) Community News – 2nd February
- (ii) Community News – 9th February
- (iii) Community News – 16th February
- (iv) Community News – 2nd March – nothing of note

26/03/11.2 HPBC: Next round of community climate change grants to open next month

26/03/11.3 Letter and questions from Hope Valley communities – Hope Valley Parish Councils asked the mayor why she is advertising the Peak District as a place to visit and basing plans for economic growth on tourism.

26/03/11.4 Peak Cluster newsletter: February 2026 – ongoing discussions about the logistics and funding of this, multiple problems with this proposal .

26/03/11.5 Community Flooding Officer Introduction (letter received)

26/03/11.6 Hope Valley Parish's meeting in April 2026

26/03/11.7 Hope Valley Climate Action – Newsletter

26/03/12 Date of next meeting

Note change to usual time.

Regular meeting of the Parish Council. **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7pm, Edale Village Hall. To be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting**

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