

EDALE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Edale Village Hall on Wednesday 8th April 2026
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Present: Cllrs. Joanna Collins (Chair), Cedric Gilbert, Morgan Jackson, Austin Neves, David Shirt.
Clerk – Tracy Whitley.

26/04/1 Apologies for absence. None.

26/04/2 Declarations of interests. None.

26/04/3 Public speaking

- (i) Members of the public (Max 10 minutes)
- (ii) Borough Councillor. HPBC Cllr. Joanna Collins reported that usage of our local bus, number 62, is still very low. The bus service will soon be changing as the Mayor is taking over and bus 62 may be in line to be cut. However, Hope Valley Climate Action have some funding in their transport plan and could support this bus route. Everyone is encouraged to use the bus when possible to ensure its survival.
- (iii) County Councillor

26/04/4 Chair's announcements (Not for discussion)

- (i) This meeting will be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. This is a public event where all members of the parish are welcome to attend, speak and vote on any matter of relevance to the Parish.
- (ii) The Chair announced that she had received notice from the Clerk of her resignation. She will stay to complete the end of year returns and audit, and will provide a comprehensive handover to her successor. The Councillors all thanked the Clerk for her 5 years of service. The post is to be advertised. Any interested parties are to contact the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/04/5 Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting of 18th March 2026 were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Neves. Adopted and signed by the Chair.

26/04/6 Report on matters arising from the minutes (unless noted for discussion later in the meeting).

- (i) Item 26/03/7.5 The Parochial Church Council have confirmed that they do not intend to take over the Old Graveyard. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ii) Item 26/03/7.3 (i) The Village Hall can not make use of the red recycling bin as it's too small. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/04/7 Items for discussion/ decision.

26/04/7.1 Edale Charities Car Park – distribution of funds from year ending 31st March 2026. The total amount of £10,659.45 was proposed to be split equally between the five participating charities: Edale Church, Edale Village Hall; FOHES; Edale Methodist Chapel, Edale Tennis Club. Each charity will receive £2,131.89. Proposed for approval by Cllr. Shirt and seconded by Cllr. Gilbert. Approved. The Clerk will arrange the payments. **ACTION: Clerk**

25/04/7.2 Council Assets

- (i) Review of asset register at year end. Approved and signed by the Chair.
- (iii) Repair of council laptop. The laptop is with Steve Hayes in Castleton being assessed for repair. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/04/7.3 Update on website change to gov.uk domain and associated email addresses. The Clerk reported that the new generic email clerk@edaleparishcouncil.gov.uk is now up and running. She will set up the councillors email addresses and have them in use before the next meeting. The Clerk will also inform all interested parties of the change. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/03/7.4 Defibrillator Annual Support Agreement. The Clerk still has not had a reply from Community Heartbeat Trust. She will chase this up with a telephone call. Add to next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/03/7.5 Severn Trent: Hathersage to Worksop Pipeline. The Councillors discussed this proposal and a letter from HPBC Cllr. Charlotte Farrell who questions whether Severn Trent have a clear idea of the impact of roadworks along the roads they intend to use. As it includes the main route into Sheffield for most of the Hope Valley it could have a massive impact for residents and visitors. The Parish Councillors agreed with Cllr. Farrell on this and also raised concerns about the ecological impact along the route of the pipeline. The Clerk is to draft a letter to Severn Trent for councillors to approve before sending. **ACTION: Clerk**

26/03/7.6 Parish land

- (i) Grass cutting schedule. It was agreed that mowing of the green areas in Grindsbrook will stop at the end of April to allow for 'No Mow May'. The edges will still be mown the same as last year to maintain a neat appearance. The Clerk will inform Gary Widdowson. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ii) Land at Barber Booth. A suggestion was raised about the possibility of planting some trees on this land in the Autumn. The Cllr. Collins will talk to residents over the course of the summer. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**

26/04/8 Planning.

New Applications:

26/04/8.1 NP/HPK/0326/0332 Edale Village Hall, Grindsbrook Booth, Edale. Replace the existing concrete tiled roof covering of Edale Village Hall with a new roof covering made partly from in-roof solar panels and partly from composite tiles resembling natural welsh slate (Redland Cambrian). This amended application is because the original tiles specified by Peak Park are obsolete. Edale Parish Council unanimously agree that they are in full support of this application and would like to see this excellent project proceed as soon as possible. The Clerk will convey this to the planning department. **ACTION: Clerk**

Decisions: None. Noted.

26/04/9 Finance.

26/04/9.1 Updated daily accounts for 2025/26. Noted.

26/04/9.2 Bank reconciliation and record of balance of funds. The total Council funds after the distribution of the car park income stands at £4686. Approved and signed by the Chair.

26/04/9.3 Clerk's pay and expenses. Approved and signed by the Chair. The Clerk reported that there is £29.11 due to HMRC for employers NI contributions. Payment to HMRC approved.

25/04/9.4 Provisional year end accounts. Approved and signed by the Chair.

25/04/9.5 Provisional year end budget report. At year end there was a variance to the budget of -£1,493. This was due to payments from earmarked reserves for the ANPR project (£967) and the renewal of three parish noticeboards (£227 plus £700 grant). £298 has been used from general reserves. Noted.

25/04/9.6 AGAR and Internal Audit

- (i) John Marriott has confirmed his appointment as internal auditor. Cllr. Neves will be copied in on the audit communications,
- (ii) The external auditors PKF Littlejohn have informed Edale PC that they have been selected for intermediate review for the 2025/26 reporting year as part of the required 5% sample of those who would otherwise be subject to a basic review. However this does not affect eligibility to declare Edale PC as exempt as all exemption criteria will be met. It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Jackson to declare exemption. Agreed.

26/04/9.7 Invoices & Payments – March 2026 – all approved for payment by bank transfer. Approval of £10,659.46 transfer of funds from deposit account to current account proposed by Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. Approved. **ACTION: Clerk**

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| i | Tracy Whitley (Clerk salary & expenses) | 368.04 |
| ii | Edale Methodist Chapel (1/5 share car park income) | 2,131.89 |
| iii | Edale Church (1/5 share car park income) | 2,131.89 |
| iv | Friends of Edale School (1/5 share car park income) | 2,131.89 |
| v | Edale Village Hall (1/5 share car park income) | 2,131.89 |
| vi | Edale Tennis Club (1/5 share car park income) | 2,131.89 |
| vii | Unity Trust Bank (service charge) | 7.00 |
| viii | HMRC (employers NI contributions) | 29.11 |

26/04/10 Items for Information

26/04/10.1 Highways & Footpaths

(i) Updates on Outstanding Highways & Footpath Issues. (a) The ‘big dipper’ near the bottom of Mam Nick road is very bad again. This has been filled in numerous times. The culvert under the road needs investigation. Clerk to contact DCC Highways (b) the potholes on the slope leading into Mill Cottages are also very bad again. There is constant running water in this location. Clerk to contact DCC Highways to investigate. **ACTION: Clerk**

(ii) New Highways & Footpath Issues. None.

26/04/10.2 Village Hall Committee report. Cllr. Shirt reported that there is an intermittent fault with the heating at the Village Hall. It is currently being investigated. The contractor for the roof and solar panels has been agreed upon.

26/04/10.3 DALC

(i) Newsletter. Noted.

(ii) Training. None.

(iii) Local Government Reorganisation – DALC forum Slides. Noted.

26/04/10.4 Police Reports. None.

26/04/10.5 Village Events

(i) UNICEF Charity Event – Monday 11th May. The organisers have been in touch to ask about using the car parking area in front of the Nags Head. The Clerk will put them in touch with DCC.

ACTION: Clerk

26/04/11 Correspondence (circulated). All noted and no further action required unless stated below.

26/04/11.1 DCC Community Newsletters (also posted on Edalelist)

(i) Community News – 9th March

(ii) Community News – 16th March

(iii) Community News – 24th March

26/04/11.2 PDNPA Local Plan Review: Publication of Settlement Character Analysis and Landscape Sensitivity Assessment. Cllr. Collins stated that the next consultation on the local plan will take place over the summer break. She will respond. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**

26/04/11.3 High Peak Parish Forum - date of next meeting is 16th April, 10am in Buxton Town Hall

26/04/12 Date of next meeting

ANNUAL MEETING (AGM) of the Parish Council. Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 8pm, Edale Village Hall.

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