

Minutes of Eyam Parish Council meeting held Monday 23rd February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Peter Silley (Chair), John Plant (Vice-Chair), Mano Belivanis, Rebecca Haywood, Ian Jackson, Leslie Spittle, Kym West, Paul Wiles and Jeremy Wright.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Adrian Webster (Handyman) and Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC).

Item		Action by
0226/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC).	
0226/2 Variation of business	None.	
0226/3 Interests	- Cllr Silley declared an interest in item 0226/14 Planning in relation to application NP/DDD/0126/0075. As the applicant, Cllr Silley told the meeting that he would leave the room when the application was considered. - Cllr Plant declared an interest in item 0226/14 Planning in relation to application NP/DDD/0226/0143.	
0226/4 Public speaking	Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - Negotiations over a potential 2nd site for housing appear to have stalled and planning officers are looking again at the Parish Council's proposals for development on the car park site. - Further to the above, DDDC continue to explore other potential sites for the provision of local needs housing. - The Real Time Display at the bus stop in The Square continues to show the incorrect time and date. Cllr Ripton has reported this several times to DCC.	
0226/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, it was agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 26th January 2026 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
0226/6 Chair's report	Cllr Silley made the following remarks: - A meeting was had with the film producers C3. Their plans are progressing, but full funding remains to be agreed. - The Clerk has circulated an important communication re Government Reorganisation. The Council should consider whether to make a formal response. In brief the proposals include: a. How council services could be delivered to Derbyshire's communities in the future have been put out for consultation by the Government. b. It is a seven-week statutory consultation by Government, and the background information is provided. c. Town and parish councils are not listed by Government as statutory consultees, but our feedback is considered important. We must specify that we are responding as a town/parish council. d. The consultation is seeking views on the five submitted to Government in November last year:	

	i. Seven of Derbyshire's eight district and borough councils, together with Derby City Council, submitted their 'One Derbyshire, Two Councils' plan to create two new unitary councils to cover the whole of the county. This plan includes four separate proposals, which differentiate based on where the boundary line between the northern and southern councils is drawn. ii. Derbyshire County Council submitted a separate proposal to create a single unitary council covering the whole of the county. On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Wright, it was agreed: - In principle, the Parish Council supports the 'One Derbyshire, 2 Councils' proposal and dividing Derbyshire into a north and a south Unitary Authority. - The Parish Council has no strong preference on where the boundary lies between the new north and south authorities, but it is essential that the Peak District National Park is contained within one Council area - not straddle across the boundary.	
0226/7 Clerk and Handyman report	The Clerk reported the following actions and updates since the last meeting: - Streetlight 42610 at Town Head, outside 3 Orchard Bank obscured by a laurel tree (FS-Case-802398755) – Having had no success with the Streetlight officer, this matter has been reported through the DCC website, citing it as a health and safety concern. - Streetlight at Old Butchers – DCC state that works to relocate the streetlight will be completed by end of February/beginning of March 2026. - Footpath 16 – No update. The Clerk continues to pursue this with DCC PROW. - Broken fingerpost at Churchyard entrance/Footpath 13 (FS-Case-733151561) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Condition of Footpath 13 through Churchyard (FS-Case-733152986) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Japanese Knotweed by the Eyam sign on the closed section of New Road (FS-Case-727255592) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Pollarding of trees on New Road (FS-Case-727251025) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Collapsing bank on Riley Lane (FS-Case-770479907) – No update. - Bulging retaining wall (FS-Case-788742318) – No update. - Meeting with Cllr Hill (DCC Cabinet Member for Highways) – No update. - Fingerpost in The Square – No update. Awaiting confirmation that the signs are ready for collection. - Collapsed culvert – The Clerk has spoken with the contractor regarding the works needed to resolve the collapsed culvert and grass verge at the entrance to the Parish Council Car Park. As the water has not come over the verge or escaped into the car park, it is assumed that the water is draining away through either a manmade or natural culvert. The contractor has proposed, therefore, that the verge be filled-in to act as a permanent	

	soakaway. The opening is to be lined with terram, filled with stone and topped with soil. On the motion of Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Jackson, it was agreed: - To accept the contractor's proposals, as outlined above. - The Clerk is to order all materials directly so that the VAT can be reclaimed on all purchases. - The Handyman is to erect a fence around the repaired verge to ensure public safety. - The area is to be routinely monitored for sinkage and flooding. - The Clerk be given delegated authority to pay the contractor up to 2x his day rate for labour, plus the purchase of materials. - Replacement CCTV Annual Service – The Clerk is to pursue a potential second quote for a replacement camera. - Replacement (Parish Council) grit bin for Dunlow Lane – This has been installed by the Handyman (COMPLETE). - Replacement (DCC) grit bin for The Hillock (FS-Case-768110627) – No update.	
0226/8 Housing regeneration	Councillors consider the text for a 2nd Housing Letter which has been formulated by Cllr Wiles and circulated to members prior to the meeting. The letter provides parishioners with an update on the Parish Council's efforts to provide local needs housing in Eyam. The letter is to be distributed to all houses in the village. On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, it was agreed: - To approve the text for the Housing Letter. - Thanks be expressed to Cllr Wiles for drafting the text. - The Clerk be given delegated authority to print 750 copies of the letter using the most cost-effective means.	Clerk
0226/9 IT and Social Media Policy	A draft copy of the IT and Social Media Policy was circulated to members for consideration prior to the meeting. Councillors put forward several revisions and amendments to the document which were noted by the Clerk. Agreed: The Clerk is to amend the draft IT and Social Media Policy, as suggested by members, for further consideration at the March 2026 meeting.	Clerk
0226/10 New Financial Regulations	A draft copy of the new Financial Regulations (2025 NALC Model) was circulated to members prior to the meeting for consideration. Councillors put forward several revisions and amendments to the document which were noted by the Clerk and accepted by members. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Jackson, it was agreed: To adopt the new Financial Regulations, as formulated by the Clerk and amended by members, with immediate effect.	
0226/11 Village reports	Councillors considered a request from the Eyam Car Show for sole use of the Parish Council Car Park on Saturday 18th April 2026. On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: - To approve the above request from the Eyam Car Show for use of half of the Parish Council Car Park.	

	- The event organisers are responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment for their activities and ensuring that adequate insurance cover is in place. - The organisers must return the car park as received – in a clean and tidy condition. - Any damage to Parish Council property is to be repaired to its original state and the cost met by the organisers.																						
0226/12 Internal Auditor	On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Haywood, it was agreed: Mrs Janice Jackson be appointed as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 financial year.																						
0226/13 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Belivanis the following payments were agreed: <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of expenditure:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk and Handyman</td><td>Salaries, pension and tax (Feb 2026)</td><td>£ 2,433.54</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (Jan 2026)</td><td>£ 21.08</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (February 2026)</td><td>£ 6.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wm Eyre and Sons</td><td>PPE and hardware goods</td><td>£ 102.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mechanics Institute</td><td>Room hire (2026)</td><td>£ 66.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Initial Washrooms</td><td>2x box of toilet rolls</td><td>£ 134.88 *</td></tr> </tbody> </table> ii. Income received None. iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement (as of 31st January 2026) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0226/A1 Agreed: The Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement be noted and accepted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, pension and tax (Feb 2026)	£ 2,433.54	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (Jan 2026)	£ 21.08	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (February 2026)	£ 6.00	Wm Eyre and Sons	PPE and hardware goods	£ 102.80	Mechanics Institute	Room hire (2026)	£ 66.00	Initial Washrooms	2x box of toilet rolls	£ 134.88 *	
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0226/14 Planning	- NP/DDD/0226/0143 Belmont, Riley Back Lane Demolition of rear conservatory and front hipped-roof porch and replacement front and rear single storey extensions. On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Jackson, it was agreed: The Clerk is to submit the following comments to PDNPA in relation to the above application: - The Parish Council has no objections to the proposals set out in the application. - The plans improve the appearance and aesthetics of the building.																						
Note:	Cllr Silley left the meeting.																						
0226/14 Planning (continued)	- NP/DDD/0126/0075 - Gervas Close Field, Off Water Lane, Eyam Erection of polytunnel and associated works On the motion of Cllr Haywood, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, with one abstention, it was agreed: The Clerk is to submit the following comments to PDNPA in relation to the above application: - The Parish Council has no objections to the proposals set out in the application.																						
Note:	Cllr Silley rejoined the meeting.																						

0226/15 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DCC – Community News (28.01.2026) - PDNPA - Impact Report 2024 to 2026 - PCSO Boswell - Have Your Say - Current Priorities under review - DCC – Community News (02.02.2026) - Foolow Parish Meeting – Hucklow Edge Road - Hucklow Parish Council – Hucklow Edge Road - DCC - Public Transport services transfer to EMCCA - DDDC - Consultation on the future of local government in Derbyshire Agreed: In regard to the Bakewell SNT’s review of priorities, the Parish Council is to ask the police to monitor the illegal use of footpaths and bridleways by off-road and motorised vehicles.	
0226/16 Next agenda	Agreed: The next agenda is to include further consideration of the IT and Social Media Policy.	
0226/17 Next meeting	Agreed: The next Eyam Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 30th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9pm

DDDC – Derbyshire Dales District Council
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
PPPF – Peak Park Parishes Forum

DCC – Derbyshire County Council
PDNPA – Peak District National Park Authority
NALC - National Association of Local Councils

Appendix 0226/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement

Budget 2025/26

31st January 2026

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance	2024/25
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 23,007.18	£ 27,000	£ 3,992.82	£ 25,535.52
Administration and expenses	£ 153.99	£ 100	-£ 53.99	£ 159.33
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 366.60	£ 550	£ 183.40	£ 97.19
IT and website	£ -	£ 100	£ 100.00	£ 16.00
Advertising	£ 40.00	£ 150	£ 110.00	£ -
Room hire	£ 37.50	£ 250	£ 212.50	£ 294.00
Payroll	£ 132.00	£ 160	£ 28.00	£ 132.00
Insurance	£ 1,340.79	£ 1,250	-£ 90.79	£ 1,099.37
Audit	£ 415.00	£ 500	£ 85.00	£ 400.00
Subscriptions	£ -	£ 425	£ 425.00	£ 429.30
Training	£ -	£ 500	£ 500.00	£ -
Toilet cleaning	£ 4,451.78	£ 6,000	£ 1,548.22	£ 5,577.42
Washroom contract	£ 2,571.20	£ 3,500	£ 928.80	£ 4,032.90
Market Hall electricity	£ 625.02	£ 150	-£ 475.02	£ 96.00
Defibrillators	£ 765.00	£ 300	-£ 465.00	£ -
CCTV maintenance	£ 375.00	£ 500	£ 125.00	£ 365.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00	£ -
Maintenance and contingency	£ 1,008.74	£ 2,000	£ 991.26	£ 19,071.90
Elections	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00	£ -
Grants/donations	£ 1,250.00	£ 1,200	-£ 50.00	£ 2,075.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 6,359.86	£ 6,360	£ 0.14	£ 6,359.86
Bank charges	£ 141.00	£ 200	£ 59.00	£ 120.00
Flood Prevention	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Christmas lights	£ 6,158.00	£ 1,000	-£ 5,158.00	£ -
Total expenditure:	£ 49,198.66	£ 53,795.00	£ 4,596.3	£ 65,860.79
Income				
Parish precept	£ 50,250.00			£ 43,695.00
Donations (Facilities)	£ 723.10			£ 1,485.14
Donations (Christmas lights)	£ 11,311.50			£ -
Grants	£ 250.00			£ -
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ 1,000.00			£ 1,000.00
Grant - UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£ -			£ 14,895.00
Bank shares	£ 5.13			£ 4.46
Bank interest	£ 1,335.28			£ 1,169.31
VAT reclaim (2024/25)	£ 4,697.67			£ 530.53
Total income:	£ 69,572.68			£ 62,779.44
Balance 2025/26 (incl VAT paid)	£ 18,209.17			-£ 7,779.02

Bank Reconciliation

31st January 2026

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2024/25	£ 45,936.37	Unity Trust Current Account	£ 3,592.24
Plus receipts	£ 69,572.68	Unity Trust Instant Access Account	£ 45,349.74
Less payments	-£ 49,198.66	Coop Current Account	£ 10,000.00
Less VAT paid	-£ 2,164.85	Coop Reserve Account	£ 18,719.90
	£ 64,145.54	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
		Less unrepresented cheques/payment	-£ 13,516.34
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