

Eyam Parish Council

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Minutes of Eyam Parish Council held on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Ian Jackson (Chair), Chris Mason (Vice-Chair), Mano Belivanis, John Plant, Peter Silley, Paul Wiles and Jeremy Wright.

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

Item		Action by
0124/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Leslie Spittle and Cllr Jeremy Wright. Apologies were also received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC), Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and PCSO Boswell.	
0124/2 Variation of business	None.	
0124/3 Interests	Cllr Belivanis declared an interest in item 0124/13 Planning in relation to application NP/DDD/1223/1513 .	
0124/4 Public Speaking	Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and other District Councillors have formed a working group who will engage with DCC about improving bus services. - Cllr Ripton said he had attended EA's 'drop-in' event where he discussed with DCC officers the need to cleanse the drains throughout Eyam, service the attenuation pond and address other flood related matters. He also stressed the need for DCC officers to meet with Parish Councillors and those residents affected by flooding in the village. - DDDC have approved the cost of undertaking a hydrology report which will happen at the earliest opportunity. - There have been complaints of missed bins at Riley Back Lane where waste crews have claim that parked cars have been blocking access for the refuse wagon. A sign has been erected at the entrance to the lane asking residents to keep the access way clear, but residents are saying that access has never been an issue in the past. Cllr Ripton and Cllr Peter O'Brien have raised the matter with DDDC officers and are monitoring it.	
0124/5 Handyman's report	The Handyman reported the following: - J&A Road Sweeping Ltd has inspected the hole in the verge at the entrance to the Parish Council car park, but this was limited due to the volume of water. The area will require digging out, but this should be deferred until later in the year when it is drier. - The drains in the toilets have been flushed out, but everything appears to be functioning well. It was suggested that the seals on the drainage inlet pipes are giving off an odour and might need to be replaced. Action: The Clerk to contact DDDC about the above matter. - The lights in the toilets have not been repaired yet. Action: The Clerk to contact DDDC about the above matter. - The Hillock is beginning to look a mess due to cars encroaching onto it and some form of bollard should be considered in the future.	Clerk Clerk
0124/6 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Wiles, it was agreed: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 th December 2023 be accepted as true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

0124/7 Clerk's report	The Clerk reported the following: - Flooding – No update from DCC regarding a meeting with Parish Councillors. The EA and DCC community 'drop-in' for those affected by flooding was advertised through the website and Eyam Facebook page. Action: The Clerk to chase DCC officers over the meeting with Councillors. - Eyam Surgery – A second letter has been sent to Dr Taylor enquiring about future medical services in Eyam. No reply has been received. A public meeting has been held by the new owners of Eyam Surgery and reassurances given that medical services will continue as before. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - 3x faulty streetlight faults – These have been inspected by DCC and the current status of each is as follows: - FS-Case-562395604 (Street light on Main Road adjacent to Butchers) Investigation requested. - FS-Case-562396255 (Town Head Outside 3 Orchard Bank) Job fully completed. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - FS-Case-562396534 (Tideswell Lane Opposite Croft House) Job authorised. - Overhanging vegetation at The Dale – DCC has inspected the area of concern and reported it as 'not actionable'. Action: The Clerk to contact DCC to challenge the above decision. - Hand dryers in public toilets – The Handyman has provided the Clerk with details of the existing hand dryer models and serial numbers which have been forwarded to the Initial Contract Manager. There has been no further update. - Toilet drainage – This matter was covered in the Handyman's report. - Toilet lights - DDDC have agreed to repair the 4x lights in the toilets and carry out a full electrical inspection. Works will take place as soon as possible. - Road sweeping – A complaint was made to DDDC about the state of the roads throughout the village, but DDDC have inspected and said that they are of an acceptable standard. DDDC have, however, offered to bring forward the sweep scheduled for March to February. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - Bus services – Email resent to Hulleys of Baslow giving comment on the 257 bus service. No direct reply has been received, however, the company published a social media post accepting that their services have not been up to standard and improvements will be made. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - Housing meeting – Email resent to Head of Housing at DDDC, Rob Cogings, outlining the Parish Council's views and preferences on an affordable housing scheme in the village. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - Casual vacancy – The vacancy was reported to DDDC before Christmas 2023 and acknowledged on 3rd January 2024. As DDDC have taken no action on this matter, it was chased up again on 19th January 2024. Action: The Clerk to pursue the above matter before the next meeting. - Markovitz trade account – Account now live and number provided. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED. - Precept 2024/25 – Submitted to DDDC on 5th January 2024. Agreed: This matter is now RESOLVED.	
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0124/8 Flooding update	Councillors expressed disappointment that the meeting with DCC has yet to take place and that gullies throughout the village remain blocked – which needs actioning immediately. Questions were asked about why DCC are not resurfacing The Nook - is it because of cost saving or flood prevention? Councillors commented that the EA and DCC's public meeting was very much appreciated, but it was felt that it was not overly helpful. Maps on displays of water courses were inaccurate and did reflect those in the Eyam. Furthermore, The grant funding for those affected by flooding is poor and the process of applying is complex. Action: The Clerk to press DCC officers for the meeting with Councillors. Action: The Clerk to chase-up the request for the gullies in Eyam to be cleansed. Action: The Clerk to seek clarification on The Nook, as outlined above.	Clerk Clerk Clerk																					
0124/9 Eyam Surgery public meeting	Councillors gave feedback from the recent public meeting with the new owners of Eyam Surgery which included: - DHU Healthcare will be taking over the surgery. - DHU Healthcare is a 'not for profit community interest company'. - The company will continue to fulfil the NHS GP Contract. - The staff and opening hours will remain the same. - There is the potential to offer new and additional services to the village. - The Bradwell Surgery will remain open. Councillors felt that the takeover by DHU Healthcare should be seen as a positive step towards maintaining medical services in the village.																						
0124/10 Working group	It was confirmed that the group session is still to go-ahead on Wednesday 15th February 2024 at 10:30am in the Miners Arms. Action: The Clerk and Cllr Plant are to see if they can find copies of the previous Parish Plan to bring along to the meeting.	Clerk & Cllr Plant																					
0124/11 Village reports	None.																						
0124/12 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, 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 & Handyman</td><td>Salaries, pensions and tax</td><td>£ 1,842.09</td></tr> <tr> <td>JA Porter</td><td>Cleaning (January 2024)</td><td>£ 465.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td><td>Market Hall Electricity (January 2023)</td><td>£ 8.00 (DD)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Eyam Village Club</td><td>Room Hire (2023)</td><td>£ 242.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>PWLB</td><td>Loan repayment</td><td>£ 3,179.93</td></tr> <tr> <td>Initial Washrooms</td><td>Toilet rolls</td><td>£ 73.52 *</td></tr> </tbody> </table> * Purchased by and to be reimbursed to the Clerk. ii. Income received None. iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The budget and bank reconciliation (December 2023) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0124/A1. Agreed: The budget and bank reconciliation be noted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk & Handyman	Salaries, pensions and tax	£ 1,842.09	JA Porter	Cleaning (January 2024)	£ 465.00	EDF	Market Hall Electricity (January 2023)	£ 8.00 (DD)	Eyam Village Club	Room Hire (2023)	£ 242.00	PWLB	Loan repayment	£ 3,179.93	Initial Washrooms	Toilet rolls	£ 73.52 *	
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Note	Having an interest in the subsequent item, Cllr Belivanis made a statement and left the meeting.																						
0124/13 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications - NP/DDD/1223/1513 - Top Riley, Riley Lane, Eyam Change of use from domestic garden to camping pod site. Agreed: Members determined not to make a comment.																						

Note	Cllr Belivanis rejoined the meeting	
	ii. PDNPA decisions on recent planning applications None.	
0124/14 Correspondence	<u>Agreed:</u> To note the following correspondence received: - DALC – Newsletter (January 2024) - Environment Agency – Drop-in event for shoe affected by flooding - PCSO Anthony Boswell – Bakewell SNT Newsletter (December 2023) - Sarah Dines MP – Portrait of King Charles - DCC – Mobile library dates (February, March and April 2024) - Cadent Gas – Road closure in The Square - DCC – Road closure notice (Edge Road, Eyam) - DCC – Community News (23.01.2024) - Bakewell SNT – Burglary prevention advice - Local Government Boundary Commission – County division boundaries - Sarah Dines MP – Contact details for notice board - Police and Crime Commissioner – Contact details for notice board - Parishioner – Information on local flooding	
0124/15 Next agenda	<u>Agreed:</u> The next agenda is to include the following items: - Signage to improve village parking - Biodiversity policy - Payments to households who provide power for Christmas lights - Outcome from the Working Group	
0124/16 Next meeting	<u>Agreed:</u> The next Eyam Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 26 th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9.19pm

DDDC – Derbyshire Dales District Council
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DCC – Derbyshire County Council
EA – Environment Agency

Appendix 0124/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Budget 2023/24

Sunday 31st December 2023

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 18,828.93	£ 25,000.00	£ 6,171.07
Administration and expenses	£ 79.19	£ 100.00	£ 20.81
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 364.26	£ 550.00	£ 185.74
IT and website	£ -	£ 250.00	£ 250.00
Advertising	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Room hire & Zoom	-£ 35.00	£ 200.00	£ 235.00
Payroll	£ 132.00	£ 200.00	£ 68.00
Insurance	£ 969.74	£ 1,000.00	£ 30.26
Audit	£ 390.00	£ 450.00	£ 60.00
DALC subscriptions	£ -	£ 425.00	£ 425.00
Training	£ -	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Cleaning	£ 4,387.10	£ 3,000.00	-£ 1,387.10
Toilets - Initial contract and supplies	£ 1,559.79	£ 3,500.00	£ 1,940.21
Market Hall electricity	£ 42.00	£ 500.00	£ 458.00
Defibrillator maintenance	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
CCTV	£ 355.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 645.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 550.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,450.00
Elections	£ 1,438.00	£ 500.00	-£ 938.00
Donations	£ 275.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 925.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 3,179.93	£ 6,360.00	£ 3,180.07
Bank charges	£ 90.00	£ 150.00	£ 60.00
Christmas lights	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Market Hall re-roofing	£ 6,572.00	£ 8,500.00	£ 1,928.00
Total expenditure:	£ 39,177.94	£ 57,385.00	£ 18,207.06
Income			
Parish precept	£ 43,262.00		
Car park donations	£ 1,045.96		
Public toilet donations	£ 657.51		
Mompesson's Well donations	£ 83.64		
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ 1,000.00		
New Road Residents Association	£ 495.00		
Co-Operative Bank shares	£ 3.88		
Co-Op Reserve Acc. interest	£ 885.74		
VAT reclaim (2022/23)	£ 984.57		
Total income:	£ 48,418.30		
Balance 2023/24:	£ 9,240.36		

Bank Reconciliation

December 2023

Cash book		Bank	
Balance from 2022/23	£ 55,973.94	Current account balance	£ 2,500.00
Plus receipts	£ 48,418.30	Reserve Account balance	£ 64,733.77
Less payments	-£ 39,177.94	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
Less VAT paid	-£ 505.11	Less unrepresented cheques/payment	-£ 2,524.58
	£ 64,709.19		£ 64,709.19