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Minutes of Eyam Parish Council held on Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Mano Belivanis, John Plant, Peter Silley, Leslie Spittle, Kym West and Paul Wiles.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Adrian Webster (Handyman) and 1 member of the public.

Item		Action by
Election of Chair	On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, Cllr Plant takes the Chair for the duration of the meeting.	
0225/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Jackson and Cllr Chris Mason. Apologies were also received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC).	
0225/2 Variation of business	None.	
0225/3 Interests	- Cllr Belivanis declared an interest in item 0225/12 Planning in relation to application NP/DDD/1224/1345. Cllr Belivanis will leave the meeting when the application is considered. - Cllr Plant declared an interest in item 0225/7 DALC subscription as a director of DALC. Cllr Plant will not debate or vote on the matter.	
0225/4 Public speaking	- Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: • In response to complaints about chaotic and inconsiderate parking at beauty spots in the Hope Valley, elected members across the area are working collectively to find solutions. • Cllr Ripton offered assistance to the Housing Working Group to ensure the Regeneration Project continues to progress and reach a successful conclusion. - A member of the public enquired about planting wildflowers in the churchyard. Cllr Wiles responded in his capacity as Church Warden and offered to take-up the matter outside of the meeting.	
0225/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Wiles, it was agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 27 th January 2025 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
0225/6 Clerk's report	The Clerk gave the following report on actions taken since the last meeting: - Highway works at High Cliff (top of The Nook) – The Clerk has contacted Cllr Charlotte Cupit (DCC Cabinet Member for Highways) to express disappointment that MOT type 2 was laid on The Nook – despite objections from the Parish Council. Cllr Cupit is to discuss the matter with DCC officers and provide the Parish Council with a reply at the earliest opportunity. Action: The Clerk to pursue a response from Cllr Cupit for the next meeting. - DCC protocol on replenishing grit bins – DCC provide a chargeable service to refill Parish Council-owned grit bins. The Handyman has reported that the grit bins on Windmill Labe and Dunlow Lane need restocking. Action: The Clerk to arrange for DCC to restock the above grit bins. - DCC protocol for issuing temporary road closures notices – Following advice from DCC, the Clerk has created an account on the one.network website which will ensure the Council is notified of future road closures	Clerk Clerk

	within the Parish and surrounding areas. The Clerk has also checked the one.newtork website for road closures over the next 12 months, with the only one listed being the Eyam Half Marathon on 18th May 2025. Cllr Cupit is to speak with her Highways team to explore ways to improve communications with Parish Councils. (COMPLETE) - Damage to bus shelter (crime reference no. DP-2712-25-3030-04) – Sometime overnight between Sunday 2nd February and Monday 3rd February 2025, the bus shelter on Church Street, opposite the Junction to New Close, was vandalised. The metal seat was removed by force and left lying on the floor. This matter has been reported to Derbyshire Police and the Parish Council's insurers. Action: The Clerk is to explore the costs of repairs and determine whether this is to be paid by the Parish Council or claimed through insurance. - DCC Minor Roads survey – Following recommendations from Councillors the following roads were put forward to DCC; Windmill Lane, The Lydgate (Medium degradation), Riley Back Lane (High degradation), Water Lane (High degradation), Tideswell Lane (High degradation), Dunlop Lane (High degradation), Dunlow Lane (High degradation), The Nook (Medium degradation) and Riley Lane (previous works incomplete). (COMPLETE) - Streetlight at Town Head, outside 3 Orchard Bank obscured by a laurel tree (FS-Case-562396255 and follow-up reference FS-Case-592138858) – No update. Action: The Clerk is to pursue the above matter. - Streetlight on Main Road adjacent to Butchers (FS-Case-562395604 and follow-up reference FS-Case-649900200) – An agreement has been reached between DCC and the property owner to install the streetlight outside the house. (COMPLETE) - Gravel pile in car park – Following a brief investigation, DCC has confirmed that the road sweeper belongs to their contractor. The gravel has now been removed. (COMPLETE) - Leaking tap – DDDC has carried out the necessary repairs. (COMPLETE) - Car park drainage – To be discussed under item 0225/8 Car park drainage. - Toilet issues – The missing box of toilet rolls has been delivered, Initial has provided a replacement toilet roll dispenser and Initial will replace the hand sanitisers at the start of the new contract in June 2025. (COMPLETE) - CCTV camera found in Hawkhill Road drainage – Prior to the meeting, Cllr Spittle handed over a CCTV camera which had been extracted from the drains on Hawkhill Road by a DCC gully cleanser. It was suggested that the camera is similar that of one missing from outside of the public toilets. Action: The Clerk is to contact DDDC regarding the above matter.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
0225/7 DALC subscription	On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Wiles, it was agreed: To pay the amount of £405.30 to DALC for the annual subscription 2025/26. Note: Cllr Plant did not take part in the debate or vote on this item.	
0225/8 Car park drainage	The jetting and CCTV survey of the car park drainage has been completed. Prior to the meeting, the Clerk circulated the report provided by Sub Scan. The report highlighted the following: - The drainage system underneath the car park has been successfully cleansed and appears to be functioning as expected. - The land drain in the centre of the car park is infested with tree roots. If these are removed, specialist equipment must be used to ensure the pipes are not damaged. For the moment, the roots are not causing any problems.	

	The budget and bank reconciliation (as of 31 st January 2025) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0225/A1	
Note:	Cllr Belivanis left the meeting due to having an interest in the next item.	
0225/12 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications - NP/DDD/1224/1345 – Top Riley, Riley Back Lane, Eyam Use of the barn as holiday accommodation On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Spittle, it was agreed: The following comments be submitted to the PDNPA: Eyam Parish Council has no objection to the above planning application. The Parish Council would, however, like to state that historically the property has been used for accommodation. ii. PDNPA decisions on recent planning applications None.	
Note:	Cllr Belivanis rejoined the meeting.	
0225/13 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DCC - Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum (5th March 2025) - DALC – Newsletter (February 2025) - PDNPA – Peak Park Roadshows with new CEO - DCC – Community News (03.02.2025) - Bakewell SNT – Newsletter (January 2025) - DCC – Community News (10.02.2025) - DDDC – Garden waste subscriptions 2025/26 - DCC - B6001 Grindleford to Hathersage 4-week road closure - DCC – Community News (17.02.2025) - PPPF – Proposed changes to the make-up of PDNPA Planning Committee Agreed: The Clerk is to contact the PPPF to express concern over proposals to remove elected members from the PDNPA Planning Committee. The Parish Council believes that such a move will result in a lack of local accountability and scrutiny of planning matters and applications. Agreed: The Clerk is to contact the PDNPA CEO and invite him to hold a roadshow in Eyam.	Clerk Clerk
0225/14 Next agenda	Agreed: When appropriate, a future agenda is to include a discussion on and response to the restructuring of local government.	
0225/15 Next meeting	Agreed: The next Eyam Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 24 th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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
UKSPF – United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund

Appendix 0225/A1**Budget and Bank Reconciliation****Budget 2024/25**31st January 2025

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 21,397.54	£ 26,500.00	£ 5,102.46
Clerk's administration and expenses	£ 117.75	£ 100.00	-£ 17.75
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 97.19	£ 550.00	£ 452.81
IT and website	£ 16.00	£ 250.00	£ 234.00
Advertising	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Room hire	£ 264.00	£ 200.00	-£ 64.00
Payroll services	£ 132.00	£ 200.00	£ 68.00
Insurance	£ 1,099.37	£ 1,200.00	£ 100.63
Audit	£ 400.00	£ 450.00	£ 50.00
DALC/PPPF subscriptions	£ 12.00	£ 425.00	£ 413.00
Training	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Toilet cleaning	£ 4,663.03	£ 5,500.00	£ 836.97
Washroom services and supplies	£ 3,896.32	£ 3,500.00	-£ 396.32
Market Hall electricity	£ 80.00	£ 500.00	£ 420.00
Defibrillator maintenance	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
CCTV maintenance	£ 365.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 635.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 3,852.33	£ 2,000.00	-£ 1,852.33
Elections	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Donations	£ 75.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,125.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 6,359.86	£ 6,360.00	£ 0.14
Bank charges	£ 120.00	£ 150.00	£ 30.00
Flood Prevention	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Total expenditure:	£ 42,947.39	£ 52,835.00	£ 9,887.6
Income			
Parish precept	£ 43,695.00		
Donations	£ 1,485.14		
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ 1,000.00		
Grant - UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£ 14,895.00		
Co-Operative Bank shares	£ 4.46		
Co-Operative Bank interest	£ 1,169.31		
VAT reclaim (2023/24)	£ 530.53		
Total income:	£ 62,779.44		
Balance 2024/25	£ 19,832.05		

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Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2023/24	£ 53,475.36	Current account balance	£ 10,000.00
Plus receipts	£ 62,779.44	Reserve Account balance	£ 65,137.10
Less payments	-£ 42,947.39	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
Less VAT paid	-£ 1,608.92	Less unrepresented cheques/payment	-£ 3,438.61
	£ 71,698.49		£ 71,698.49