

Eyam Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC).

Item		Action by
0325/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Wiles. Apologies were also received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and the Safer Neighbourhood Team.	
0325/2 Variation of business	It was agreed that item 0325/7 Regeneration Project be moved into confidential business.	
0325/3 Interests	Cllr Belivanis declared an interest in item 0325/9 ESA donation and will not take part in any debate or vote on the matter.	
0325/4 Public speaking	Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - Having seen the final plans from Peak Architects Ltd, Cllr Ripton congratulated the Parish Council on an exceptional piece of work and excellent presentation. Eyam was the only Parish that took up the initiative and should be commended. - Both Cllr Ripton and Cllr Peter O'Brien will ensure DDDC give a robust response to the plans. - A recent meeting of DDDC Full Council approved a motion which has given delegated authority to the Chief Executive to bring the Regeneration Project to fruition. - Additional capacity is to be given to the DDDC housing team and it is hoped that this will ensure the Eyam housing scheme is picked up progressed. - Cllr Ripton and Cllr O'Brien have met with John Whitby MP to ask that he also applies pressure to DDDC to progress the scheme. Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) reported the following: - Grant funding for VE Celebrations and events is available from DDDC. - There has been considerable concern within Eyam following the closure of Hulleys and the loss of the 257 bus service. Action: The Clerk is to write to Cllr Charlotte Cupit (Cabinet Member for Transport), Cllr Barry Lewis (Leader of Derbyshire County Council), Claire Ward (East Midlands Mayor) and John Whitby MP to express the importance and urgency in finding an alternative bus operator to provide the 257 service and school transport.	Clerk
0325/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, with one abstention, it was agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 24th February 2025 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

0325/6 Clerk's report	The Clerk gave the following report on actions taken since the last meeting: - DCC protocol for replenishing grit bins – DCC has confirmed that they will restock Parish Council grit bins and have quoted £124.81 (excl VAT) for each one filled. DCC did stress that there was no guaranteed delivery time, so Parish Councils may wish to source other means of replenishing grit stocks during the winter months (COMPLETED). - Damage to bus shelter – A local fabricator has taken the seat from the bus shelter and will be carrying out a repair at the earliest opportunity. - Streetlight at Town Head, outside 3 Orchard Bank obscured by a laurel tree (FS-Case-562396255 and follow-up reference FS-Case-592138858) – DCC has resent an enforcement notice asking for the laurel to be cutback. - Car park collapsed culvert – A local contractor is to meet with the Handyman to inspect the area where the culvert has collapsed in the verge next to the car park entrance. A quote to excavate and repair is to be provided. - Peak Park CEO roadshows – The Clerk has written to the PDNPA inviting Mr Mulligan to host one of his rolling roadshows in Eyam (COMPLETED). - CCTV camera found in Hawkhill Road drainage – This has been reported as found to DDDC Estates Manager, but there has been no response (COMPLETED). - Footpath 16 (reference 82033163) – Following concerns raised at the February 2025 Parish Council meeting, DCC has logged the issues and will investigate at the earliest opportunity.	
0325/7 Regeneration project	As agreed earlier, this item is to be considered under confidential business.	
0325/8 PPPF subscription	On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: To pay the amount of £12.00 to the Peak Park Parishes Forum for the annual subscription 2025/26.	
0325/9 ESA donation	Councillors considered the annual request from the Eyam Sports Association (ESA) for the annual £1,000.00 donation from the Parish Council. In a letter to the Clerk, the ESA state that the funds are needed for the maintenance and upkeep of play equipment and sports facilities. The ESA also claimed to have made a similar request the previous year, but this was never considered by the Parish Council and no funds donated. The ESA is, therefore, requesting that an additional £1,000.00 donation be approved to make-up the shortfall from the previous year. On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Wright, with one abstention, it was agreed: A grant of £2,000.00 be awarded to the ESA for the purposes outlined above. Note: Cllr Belivanis had previously declared a Pecuniary Interest in this item and would not be participating in any discussion or vote.	
0325/10 Wakes Committee request	Councillors considered a request from the Eyam Wakes Committee for the following land and facilities on Saturday 30th August 2025: - Parish Council car park - The Hillock - Village Green and stocks - Market Hall On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: To grant permission to the Eyam Wakes Committee to use the land and facilities listed above, on condition of the following: - The correct insurance is in place and risk assessments are carried out by the	

	organisers. - All land is to be returned 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. - The organisers are to be made aware of laws which restrict vehicular movements over the Village Green.																																		
0325/11 Local govern. restructuring	Agreed: To defer this item until the next meeting.																																		
0325/12 Village reports	None.																																		
0325/13 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Spittle, 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, tax and pensions (Mar 2025)</td><td>£ 1,947.97</td></tr> <tr> <td>JA Porter</td><td>Cleaning (March 2025)</td><td>£ 420.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (March 2025)</td><td>£ 8.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ann Harrison</td><td>Cleaning products</td><td>£ 44.39</td></tr> <tr> <td>Eyam PCC</td><td>Church Centre room hire</td><td>£ 30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Peak Architects Ltd</td><td>Feasibility Programme (3rd payment)</td><td>£ 6,553.49</td></tr> <tr> <td>Initial Washrooms</td><td>2x boxes toilet rolls</td><td>£ 158.09 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cartridge People</td><td>Printer ink</td><td>£ 49.90 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>ESA</td><td>Donation</td><td>£ 2,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>PPPF</td><td>Annual subscription 2025/26</td><td>£ 12.00</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 (as of 28th February 2025) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0325/A1	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, tax and pensions (Mar 2025)	£ 1,947.97	JA Porter	Cleaning (March 2025)	£ 420.00	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (March 2025)	£ 8.00	Ann Harrison	Cleaning products	£ 44.39	Eyam PCC	Church Centre room hire	£ 30.00	Peak Architects Ltd	Feasibility Programme (3 rd payment)	£ 6,553.49	Initial Washrooms	2x boxes toilet rolls	£ 158.09 *	Cartridge People	Printer ink	£ 49.90 *	ESA	Donation	£ 2,000.00	PPPF	Annual subscription 2025/26	£ 12.00	
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0325/14 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications - NP/DDD/0125/0055 - Dale Cottage, The Dale, Eyam Construction of wooden garden office (4x3.6M), installation of a 2m high boundary fence to roadside of garden and fitting of two radon extraction pipe flues to the property. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, it was agreed: The following comments be submitted to the PDNPA: Eyam Parish Council has no objection to the above planning application, as long as the Highways Department does not raise any concern over the fence being in an elevated position above the carriageway. The Parish Council would also like reassurance that the fence will be installed safely and securely to prevent it falling into the road. ii. PDNPA decisions on recent planning applications - NP/DDD/1224/1358 - Post Office, Royal Mail, Main Road, Eyam Change of use of vacant building, comprising a purpose-built Post Office lying within Class E (Commercial Business and Service) to a single dwelling, Class C3 (residential) together with the creation of new door and window openings. Decision: Withdrawn.																																		

0325/15 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DDDC – Road closure notice for Eyam Half Marathon - Eyam Wakes Committee – Request to use Parish Council facilities - DALC – Newsletter (March 2025) - DCC – Presentation slides from Parish and Town Council Forum - DCC – Community News (17.03.2025) - PPPF – Minutes of meeting held 11th March 2025 - PDNPA – Planning appeal notice for Suidhe Ban, The Nook, Eyam	
0325/16 Next agenda	Agreed: The next meeting is to consider the restricting of Local Government and its implications on the Parish Council.	
0325/17 Next meeting	Agreed: The next Eyam Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 28 th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	
0325/18 Exclusion of public and press	On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was moved that: By reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following agenda item be closed to the public and press.	
0325/19 Regeneration project	Councillors considered Peak Architects Ltd's final proposals and discussions with DDDC for the provision of an affordable housing scheme in Eyam. On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: - The Parish Council formally accepts the final report from Peak Architects Ltd in its entirety. - The Clerk to submit the final report to Paul Wilson, Chief Executive of DDDC, and ask for timeline for implementation. - The Parish Council supports attaching the 'Peak Park Clause' to the properties, to give priority to local people when allocating homes. Action: The Clerk to complete the 'UKSPF Community Resilience Grant Final Report' and submit it to Derbyshire Dales CVS.	Clerk Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

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

Appendix 0325/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Budget 2024/25

28th February 2025

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 23,347.72	£ 26,500.00	£ 3,152.28
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	£ 417.30	£ 425.00	£ 7.70
Training	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Toilet cleaning	£ 5,083.03	£ 5,500.00	£ 416.97
Washroom services and supplies	£ 3,896.32	£ 3,500.00	-£ 396.32
Market Hall electricity	£ 88.00	£ 500.00	£ 412.00
Defibrillator maintenance	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
CCTV maintenance	£ 365.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 635.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 13,477.33	£ 2,000.00	-£ 11,477.33
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:	£ 55,355.87	£ 52,835.00	-£ 2,520.9
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	£ 7,423.57		

Bank Reconciliation

28th February 2025

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2023/24	£ 53,475.36	Current account balance	£ 10,000.00
Plus receipts	£ 62,779.44	Reserve Account balance	£ 47,604.84
Less payments	-£ 55,355.87	Plus unpresented receipts	£ -
Less VAT paid	-£ 3,533.92	Less unpresented cheques/payment	-£ 239.83
	£ 57,365.01		£ 57,365.01