

Eyam Parish Council

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Minutes of Eyam Parish Council meeting held Monday 30th March 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), Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC).

Item		Action by
0326/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and Adrian Webster (Handyman)	
0326/2 Variation of business	None.	
0326/3 Interests	Cllr Wright declared an interest in item 0326/12 Request for use of car park and toilets.	
0326/4 Public speaking	Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - Negotiations over a potential site for local needs housing continue to progress and are going well. - A recent meeting of the District Council reiterated its stance on the reorganisation of local government and that the business case for the proposals is flawed. - In response to the Clerk's recent email to the Head of Community Services at DDDC setting out the Parish Council's disappointment at the lack of grant funding towards the upkeep and maintenance of the toilets, Cllr Ripton and Cllr O'Brien have encouraged officers to look again at this issue and will champion the Parish Council's efforts to get a fair deal.	
0326/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Jackson, it was agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 27th February 2026 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
0326/6 Chair's remarks	Cllr Silley gave the following report: - The Chair attended the Management Committee of the Peak Park Parishes Forum (PPPF) in March. The issues of note were: • There will be elections for Parish council representation on the Peak Park Board in 2027 and the authority has asked the PPPF to take the lead in organisation. There will be 6 positions, which are technically Secretary of State appointment. • There were discussions on the Peak Cluster proposals, but these have next to no impact on Eyam. • Parishes Day 2026 is likely to include discussions around the impact of local government changes in the Peak Park. It was interesting to note that parishes in the High Peak are being asked if they wish resources to be transferred from High Peak Borough Council to local parish councils. - Eyam Museum invited Parish Councillors to the presentation from their architects as to their current position. The plans for the building look quite 'big' and that it more than doubles the existing frontage. The current	

	building will house support services for the museum, including toilets, and the new extension will house the public exhibition side of the museum. Copies of the slides have been promised to the Chair but not yet received.	
0326/7 Clerk and Handyman report	The Clerk reported the following actions and updates since the last meeting: Highway matters: - Following repeated requests to discuss outstanding highways matters with Cllr Charlotte Hill (DCC Cabinet Member for Highways), the Parish Council has now been allocated a liaison member. Cllr Adiran Hunter will highlight any outstanding highways matters with officers, on behalf of Eyam Parish Council, to have them acknowledged, investigated or actioned. The following have been reported to Cllr Adrian Hunter: • Streetlight 42610 at Town Head, outside 3 Orchard Bank obscured by a laurel tree (FS-Case-802398755) We have repeatedly requested the laurel tree around the light be cut RIGHT BACK away from the lamp. The tree is blocking the light from the east and at night is completely ineffective with the pavement and surrounding area in darkness. Furthermore, the tree is overhanging the pavement and hiding a weight restriction sign for the bridge on which it sits. That weight restriction is basically being ignored with possible long-term damage. • Footpath 16 – The Parish Council believes that there has been development over the lower end of Footpath 16. Where the footpath meets Riley Back Lane, FP16 once continued behind the property ‘Thatchers’. This section of the footpath, however, appears to no longer exist. A map, kept on file by the Parish Council, confirms that FP16 does extend behind ‘Thatchers’, but is not shown on DCC’s mapping portal. We have been told that this section of the footpath is not a designated PROW but local knowledge thinks differently. The Parish Council asks that this be investigated and confirmed, one way or the other. • Broken fingerpost at Churchyard entrance/Footpath 13 (FS-Case-733151561) – This remains broken and resting against the wall by the entrance to the churchyard on Church Street, Eyam. • Condition of Footpath 13 through Churchyard (FS-Case-733152986) – This was reported for inspection some time ago following a pedestrian trip on the section of the footpath that runs through the churchyard. No update or report on this matter from DCC. • Japanese Knotweed by the Eyam sign on the closed section of New Road (FS-Case-727255592) – This was reported some time ago. The Parish Council has received no report on action to be taken. • Pollarding of trees on New Road (FS-Case-727251025) – The trees, when in full leaf, completely block the streetlights making them ineffective and leaving the area in darkness. This was reported several months ago, and the Parish Council has had no acknowledgement nor has any action to be taken. • Collapsing bank on Riley Lane (FS-Case-770479907) – Due to the drains not being cleansed by a scheduled or reactive cleansing team, the bank is eroding at the bottom and residents are concerned it may collapse. These needs inspecting as soon as possible, as it is the only road that leads to a small number of residential dwellings. • Replacement (DCC) grit bin for The Hillock (FS-Case-768110627) – The bin is cracked and when the salt leaks out, it kills the grass. The bin needs to be replaced.	

	• Missing bench on The Nook – During extensive works to the drainage and the surface of The Nook in 2025, the bench that was there was moved by DCC operatives but never returned. Does DCC have any idea where this is? • Resurfacing of The Nook - The Parish Council has requested, on several occasions, that the surface of the Nook is not resurfaced using loose stone. During heavy rainfall, the stone is washed into drains and gullies in the village, causing them to block and become ineffective. Loose stone was recently applied to the Nook, so we ask again that this is not done. Can DCC please confirm this? • HGVs contravening the weight restriction on Edge Road - This happens on a regular basis. Can additional signage be put in place on the hill, particularly at the start of Sir William Hill Road? • Cleansing of gullies, drains and culverts - The gullies and drains within Eyam Parish are rarely cleansed and we see no sign of a scheduled gully cleanser in the village. Can you confirm when the scheduled gully maintenance takes place? As parts of the village and homes are prone to low-level flooding, the Parish Council would like to see parish-wide gully cleansing happen very soon, along with jetting and cleansing off all drains and culverts. • Parking concerns - The Parish Council has numerous concerns around parking, but whatever small improvements are suggested, DCC simply bats them away with the excuse that a TRO is needed. Our only three requests are: 1. Double yellow lines are laid on a small section of road at Town Head, where the road narrows and parked cars often restrict access for buses and emergency services. 2. Double yellow lines are laid on Chapel Corner (The Causeway) to prevent parking on both sides of the road where there is a blind bend. Although the Parish Council is repeatedly reassured that there have been no accidents, local residents and Councillors are well aware of numerous minor incidents - that are not reported to the police. In the interest of driver, pedestrian and cyclist safety, double yellow lines are needed. 3. The PC would like to discuss changing the timings on the parking restrictions in the village. We feel these could be altered to improve parking provision for residents and visitors to Eyam. - Bulging retaining wall (FS-Case-788742318) – DCC Highways has inspected the wall. The officer has stated that it isn't a maintainable asset of the authority and thus the responsibility for repairs fall to the landowner whose land it supports. The Parish Council is advised to contact the owner to make them aware of the need to undertake repairs to the wall. Action: The Clerk is to pass on details the property owner's details to DCC. - Replacement CCTV – This matter is to be considered under item 0326/10 CCTV. - Hedge cutting in Parish Council Car Park – Following discussions with the Handyman and Chair, it was agreed to purchase a hedge cutter and attachments to allow the work to be carried out in-house. The purchase of the equipment, at a cost of up to £750.00 (excl VAT) was agreed in October 2024 under minute 1024/5 Handyman's report. - Repairs to culvert at Entrance to Parish Council Car Park – The contractor has accepted the works, as agreed at the February 2026 Parish Council meeting, and will aim to complete them before the end of April 2026. - Repair to Parish Council Car Park gate – The above contractor has agreed to carry out the repair works alongside repairs to the culvert.	Clerk
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	- Signs for fingerpost in The Square – The contractor has confirmed that the signs have been made and just need to be painted. They should be ready in the next 2 weeks. - Car park honesty box signs – These have now been ordered and should be completed in the next 2 weeks. - Community Toilet Grant – Following a request from the Parish Council, the agreement for the grant has been amended and now signed by the Clerk. The £1,000.00 grant has now been received. - Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) claim 2025/26 – A claim for £430.00 from DCC towards the cost of maintaining parish footpaths has been successful. Confirmation of BACS payment has been received. - Housing letter – 750 copies of the 2nd housing letter have been printed and are ready for distribution within the community.	
0326/8 Housing regeneration	The Chair reported that the 2nd Housing Letter has now been printed and is ready for delivery to all households in Eyam. It was noted that the Eyam Sports Association (ESA) also have their annual newsletter ready for distribution and delivery of both letters can be shared between the 2 organisations. Agreed: Cllr Silley and Cllr Belivanis are to coordinate delivery plans between the Parish Council the ESA.	Cllrs Silley & Belivanis
0326/9 IT and Social Media Policy	Councillors considered the revised draft IT and Social Media Policy that had been circulated prior to the meeting. On the motion of Cllr Wiles, seconded by Cllr Haywood, it was agreed: The Parish Council adopts the IT and Social Media Policy with immediate effect.	
0326/10 CCTV	Councillors considered options for the future provision of CCTV systems in the Parish. There are currently 2 systems in the Parish: - Parish Council car park on Hawkhill Road – 2 cameras overlooking the car park and an ANPR camera at the entrance. - The Mechanics Institute – overlooking Church Street. A recent service of the systems has identified a defective camera I the car park. Attempts to get quotes for its replacement has proven difficult with many contractors suggesting that the equipment is dated and in need of an upgrade. Councillors considered 3 options: 1. To accept the one quote received to replace the defective camera in the car park. 2. Formulate a tender specification for a complete upgrade/replacement of the 2 CCTV systems and source quotes for supply and installation. 3. Keep the current systems in place and remove them once they fail completely. On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was agreed: - The Clerk and Cllr Belivanis are to draft a tender specification for the complete upgrade/replacement of the 2 CCTV systems. - The Clerk is to source quotes from at least 3 local and reputable suppliers and installers of CCTV systems.	Clerk & Cllr Belivanis Clerk

0326/11 Website upgrade	Councillors considered 3 quotes for the purchase of a new Parish Council website package, along with a GOV.UK domain and email addresses for Parish Councillors and staff. The website packages put before members would ensure the Parish Council meets its statutory requirements in relation to Accessibility Regulations 2018 and Assertion 10 requirements. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: - The Parish Council accepts the quote of £250.00 (excl VAT) from Parishes Online for the annual subscription for a new Parish Council website, up to 20 email accounts and a GOV.UK domain. - The Council notes that the first year's subscription is discounted by £100.00 and in the second year this will revert to the standard annual fee of £350.00.	
0326/12 Request for use of car park and toilets	Councillors considered a request from the organisers of the 'Red Rat Rampage' event for use of the Parish Council car park and toilets on Sunday 20th September 2026 from 8am to 4.30pm. An additional request was made to allow a drinks vendor to trade from the car park during the event. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Haywood, it was agreed: - To approve the above request from the organisers of the 'Red Rat Rampage' for use of the car park and toilets. - To approve the request to allow a drinks vendor to trade from the car park, but on condition that the vendor is a business from within the Eym Parish. Alternatively, drinks are to be made and sold by the organisers themselves. - The following conditions apply to the organisers of the event: 1. The correct insurance is in place for the event and risk assessments are carried out by the organisers. 2. Both the car park and toilets be returned as received – in a clean and tidy condition. 3. Any damage to Parish Council property is to be repaired to its original state and the cost met by the organisers.	
0326/13 Hucklow Edge	Following the receipt of further correspondence on the closure of Hucklow Edge, Councillors discussed the general issue of road slippages in the local area. Agreed: The Parish Council adopts the following stance in relation to road slippages: - The Parish Council believes that there is a danger in accepting that any road that has slipped is simply closed and not repaired. This will set a precedent for other, more vital roads that are prone to slippage. - The Parish Council is to await any official consultation from DCC Highways before supporting the closure or repair of any future road slippages. - The number of HGVs contravening the weight restrictions in and around Eym are exacerbating this problem and the Parish Council is to make a official complaint to DCC about the lack of signage and enforcement.	
0326/14 Village reports	- Cllr West reported that the Gardening Group has agreed to take on the planting of the grass plot at Town Head. This is likely to commence in the autumn. The Gardening Group will contribute bulbs and flowers. - Cllr Wright raised concern over the poor quality of road and pothole patching throughout the village that has recently been carried out by DCC. Action: The Clerk is to raise the above concerns with DCC.	

	- Cllr Haywood reported a dangerous tree on the closed section of New Road. The tree is leaning and the roots are lifting during strong winds. Action: The Clerk is to report the above issue to DCC. - Cllr Spittle told the meeting that the Village Society has expressed interest in assisting with the creation and financial contribution to an interpretation board to be placed in the Parish Council car park.	Clerk Clerk																																										
0326/15 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Spittle the following payments were agreed: <table> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of expenditure:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk and Handyman</td><td>Salaries, pension and tax (Mar 2026)</td><td>£ 2,354.95</td></tr> <tr> <td>AJ Porter</td><td>Cleaning (March 2026)</td><td>£ 510.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (Feb 2026)</td><td>£ 21.08</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (February 2025)</td><td>£ 7.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Blachere Illumin.UK</td><td>Tree dressing (Christmas lights)</td><td>£ 630.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Markovitz</td><td>Paving materials for grit bin</td><td>£ 23.77</td></tr> <tr> <td>Torne Valley</td><td>Stihl hedge trimmer and attachments</td><td>£ 845.00 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Initial Washrooms</td><td>2x box of toilet rolls</td><td>£ 166.63 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amazon</td><td>Graffiti remover spray</td><td>£ 19.99 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cartridge People</td><td>Printer ink (for Housing Letter)</td><td>£ 32.89 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tesco</td><td>Printer paper</td><td>£ 6.65 *</td></tr> </table> * Purchased by and to be reimbursed to the Clerk. ii. Income received <table> <tr> <th>Payee</th><th>Item of income</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>DDDC</td><td>Community Toilet Grant</td><td>£ 1,000.00</td></tr> </table> iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement (as of 28th February 2026) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0326/A1 Agreed: The Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement be noted and accepted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, pension and tax (Mar 2026)	£ 2,354.95	AJ Porter	Cleaning (March 2026)	£ 510.00	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (Feb 2026)	£ 21.08	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (February 2025)	£ 7.00	Blachere Illumin.UK	Tree dressing (Christmas lights)	£ 630.00	Markovitz	Paving materials for grit bin	£ 23.77	Torne Valley	Stihl hedge trimmer and attachments	£ 845.00 *	Initial Washrooms	2x box of toilet rolls	£ 166.63 *	Amazon	Graffiti remover spray	£ 19.99 *	Cartridge People	Printer ink (for Housing Letter)	£ 32.89 *	Tesco	Printer paper	£ 6.65 *	Payee	Item of income	Amount:	DDDC	Community Toilet Grant	£ 1,000.00	
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0326/16 Planning	- NP/DDD/0326/0276 – 26 Glebe Park, Eyam Construct a single storey rear extension for sun lounge On the motion of Cllr Haywood, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, it was agreed: The Clerk is to submit the following comment to PDNPA in relation to the above application: <i>The Parish Council has no objections and is supportive of the proposals set out in the application.</i>																																											
0326/15 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DCC - Mobile library routes (April and May 2026) - Local resident – Follow up email regarding closure of Hucklow Edge Road - Bakewell SNT – Newsletter (March 2026) - DALC – Newsletter (March 2026) - Red Rat Rampage – Request to use car park and toilets - DDDC - Temporary Road Closure for Eyam Half Marathon - Bakewell SNT – Newsletter (April 2026) - Eyam Church - The welcome service of Revd Fran Smettem																																											

	- Hope Valley Parish's meeting – Meeting invite Thursday 23 rd April 2026	
0326/16 Next agenda	<u>Agreed:</u> The next agenda is to include the following items: - Plans for the creation and installation of an interpretation board in the Parish Council Car Park. - Consideration of any quotes for replacement CCTV systems.	
0326/17 Next meeting	<u>Agreed:</u> The next Eyam Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 27 th April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

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
ESA – Eyam Sports Association

Appendix 0326/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement

Budget 2025/26

28th February 2026

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 25,440.72	£ 27,000	£ 1,559.28
Administration and expenses	£ 153.99	£ 100	-£ 53.99
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 452.27	£ 550	£ 97.73
IT and website	£ -	£ 100	£ 100.00
Advertising	£ 40.00	£ 150	£ 110.00
Room hire	£ 103.50	£ 250	£ 146.50
Payroll	£ 132.00	£ 160	£ 28.00
Insurance	£ 1,340.79	£ 1,250	-£ 90.79
Audit	£ 415.00	£ 500	£ 85.00
Subscriptions	£ -	£ 425	£ 425.00
Training	£ -	£ 500	£ 500.00
Toilet cleaning	£ 4,451.78	£ 6,000	£ 1,548.22
Washroom contract	£ 2,683.60	£ 3,500	£ 816.40
Market Hall electricity	£ 639.63	£ 150	-£ 489.63
Defibrillators	£ 765.00	£ 300	-£ 465.00
CCTV maintenance	£ 375.00	£ 500	£ 125.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 1,008.74	£ 2,000	£ 991.26
Elections	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Grants/donations	£ 1,250.00	£ 1,200	-£ 50.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 6,359.86	£ 6,360	£ 0.14
Bank charges	£ 147.00	£ 200	£ 53.00
Flood Prevention	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Christmas lights	£ 6,158.00	£ 1,000	-£ 5,158.00
Total expenditure:	£ 51,916.88	£ 53,795.00	£ 1,878.1
Income			
Parish precept	£ 50,250.00		
Donations (Facilities)	£ 723.10		
Donations (Christmas lights)	£ 11,311.50		
Grants	£ 250.00		
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ 1,000.00		
Grant - UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£ -		
Bank shares	£ 5.13		
Bank interest	£ 1,335.28		
VAT reclaim (2024/25)	£ 4,697.67		
Total income:	£ 69,572.68		

Bank Reconciliation

28th February 2026

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2024/25	£ 45,936.37	Unity Trust Current Account	£ 1,192.59
Plus receipts	£ 69,572.68	Unity Trust Instant Access Account	£ 35,349.74
Less payments	-£ 51,916.88	Unity Trust Savings Account	£ 20,000.00
Less VAT paid	-£ 2,210.93	Coop Current Account	£ 5,539.97
	£ 61,381.24	Coop Reserve Account	£ -
		Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
		Less unrepresented cheques/payment	-£ 701.06
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