

Eyam Parish Council

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Minutes of Eyam Parish Council meeting held Monday 27th April 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 Simon Ripton (DDDC) and 2 members of the public.

Item		Action by
0426/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC), Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and Adrian Webster (Handyman)	
0426/2 Variation of business	None.	
0426/3 Interests	- Cllr Jeremy Wight declared an interest in item 0326/11 Request from Carnival Committee. - Cllr Ian Jackson declared an interest in item 0326/11 Request from Carnival Committee.	
0426/4 Public speaking	- 2 members of the public raised concern over the recent pollarding of trees on New Road and the storage of waste from those works being stored on a field at High Cliffe, Eyam. The residents do not believe that the contractors have the correct waste exemptions in place to store the waste (sawdust, brash and tree trunks) they are creating as part of the works. It was also questioned whether permission was in place or required to use the field for the purpose intended. The Clerk reported that the matter had been raised with him prior to the meeting. A complaint has been raised with DCC, but so far, no helpful response has been received. Agreed: The Clerk is to contact the Environment Agency to raise concern over the waste being stored on the field at High Cliffe Road. Agreed: The Clerk to establish with Peak Park whether appropriate planning permission has been granted for the works being carried out on this site. - Cllr Simon Ripton gave the following update: - The Parish Council on DDDC's efforts to find sites for the delivery of local needs housing. One site is currently progressing, and another has been abandoned. - The recent request to DDDC for fairer funding towards the upkeep and maintenance of public toilets is being considered by officers and the political leadership at the authority. The Parish Council should receive an update soon.	Clerk Clerk
0426/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr West, it was unanimously agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 30th March 2026 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

0426/6 Chair's remarks	Cllr Silley gave the following report: With John Plant, I attended the second meeting of the Hope Valley Parish Councils, held and hosted by Castleton PC. Present were representatives from Edale, Castleton, Hope, Bamford, Hathersage and Bradwell. There are some important issues for us to consider, primarily whether we wish to remain part of the group. It was made clear that only issues of common interest will be discussed where it is considered a collective response will carry more weight than individual PCs responding. The issues discussed fell into three areas: i) public transport, parking and visitor management in the Hope Valley with a consensus view that PCs should consider these issues relative to their villages and then attempt to formulate collective planning that could be taken to the East Midlands Mayor's office. It was considered that these issues will become more relevant when we are all part of the same unitary authority. ii) visitor levies, what is the Eyam PC position on overnight levies and vehicle levies? iii) Peak Cluster, it was agreed that the Bradwell response to this be accepted, simply that should the Peak Cluster go ahead then there are major new road changes/building to mitigate the disruption and thereby providing some benefits to the community. If we are to remain part of the group we would be expected to take our turn in hosting, arranging and minuting the meeting. Currently this falls upon the clerks of the respective PCs. The simple question I am posing is to ask whether we wish to be part of this group with the associated additional work that will be entailed. If we are then we need to begin to work on the issues faced by Eyam that are common to other PCs in the Hope Valley. The next meeting is likely to be in June and will be hosted by Hope. On the motion of Cllr Haywood, seconded by Cllr Jackson. It was unanimously agreed: - The Chair and Vice-Chair continue to represent the Parish Council at future meetings of Hope Valley Parish Councils. - The Clerk be given additional paid hours to Clerk the meetings, when it is Eyam Parish Council's turn to host the meeting. - The issue of 'visitor levies' is to be on the next Parish Council agenda to enable members to reach a collective view to present at the next Hope Valley Parish Councils meeting.	
0426/7 Clerk and Handyman report	The Clerk reported the following actions and updates since the last meeting: • Streetlight at Old Butchers – The streetlight has now been relocated (COMPLETED). • Streetlight 42610 at Town Head, outside 3 Orchard Bank obscured by a laurel tree (FS-Case-802398755) – No update. • Footpath 16 – No update. • Broken fingerpost at Churchyard entrance/Footpath 13 (FS-Case-733151561) – No update. • Condition of Footpath 13 through Churchyard (FS-Case-733152986) – No update.	

	• Japanese Knotweed by the Eyam sign on the closed section of New Road (FS-Case-727255592) – No update. • Dangerous tree on closed section of New Road (FS-Case-832448536) – This has been reported to DCC. • Pollarding of trees on New Road (FS-Case-727251025) – The works have now been undertaken (COMPLETED). • Collapsing bank on Riley Lane (FS-Case-770479907) – No update • Replacement (DCC) grit bin for The Hillock (FS-Case-768110627) – No update. • HGVs contravening the weight restriction through Eyam - This has been raised with DCC. A response is awaited. • Bulging retaining wall (FS-Case-788742318) – Details of the property owner have been passed on to DCC. • Repairs to culvert and gate post at the Parish Council Car Park – The contractor plans to start works by mid-May. • Signs for fingerpost in The Square – No update. • Car park honesty box signs – Delivery is awaited. • New Parish Council website – A draft version of the website has been previewed by the Clerk. A few amendments have been requested, but it is hoped that the new website will go live in May 2026. • Internal Audit 2025/26 – The Clerk has completed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and handed over the necessary paperwork and financial documents to the Internal Auditor.	
0426/8 Housing regeneration	The Clerk reported that the Council has received 1 response to the recent Housing newsletter. Agreed: A reply, drafted by the Chair, be sent to the Parishioner. Agreed: 'Housing regeneration' be removed as a running item from future agendas.	Clerk
0426/9 CCTV	The Clerk reported that only one contractor has responded to the Parish Council's tender notice for the provision and installation of a new CCTV system at both the car park and Mechanics Institute. The one respondent has informed the Clerk that the costs to fulfil the Parish Council's specification would be more than £10,000.00. On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Jackson, it was unanimously agreed: - The Parish Council will no longer pursue the replacement of the CCTV systems. - The existing CCTV system and equipment is to be kept in place for as long as it continues to function. - The effectiveness of the existing CCTV system is to be kept under review.	
0426/10 Request from Eyam Makers Market	Councillors considered a request from the Eyam Makers Market for the use of the Market Hall from Saturday 21st November to Sunday 29th November 2026 On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Spittle, it was unanimously agreed: - The above request from the Eyam Makers Market be approved. - The organisers be asked to observe the following conditions of use:	

	- The correct insurance is in place for the event and risk assessments are carried out by the organisers. - The Market Hall is 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.	
0426/11 Request from the Carnival Committee	Councillors considered a request from the Carnival Committee for use of the car park, Hillock, Stocks, Village Green and Market Hall on Saturday 5th September 2026. As discussions developed, in relation to the above request, Councillors considered previous agreements whereby a condition was set that required any hot food or drinks vendors trading from Parish Council land or premises must come from within the Eym parish boundary. Members felt that they should remain consistent in the setting of conditions when granting permission for use of Parish Council land or premises. Note: At this point in the debate, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Wright declared an interest and agreed not to participate in the resolution or vote. On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr West, with 6 votes in favour, 1 abstention and 2 no-votes, it was agreed: - The above request from the Carnival Committee be approved. - The organisers be asked to observe the following conditions of use: - The correct insurance is in place for the event and risk assessments are carried out by the organisers. - The Market Hall is 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. - Any vendors trading from Parish Council land or premises must be from within the Eym parish boundary. On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr Wiles, with 6 votes in favour, 1 abstention and 2 no-votes, it was agreed: All future permissions granted for the use of Parish Council land or premises must observe the condition that vendors trading from the sites must come from within the Eym parish boundary.	
0426/12 Meeting with MP	Councillors considered a request from the Office of John Whitby MP to arrange a community meeting with residents, business owners and Parish Councillor where Mr Whitby MP can discuss local issues and answer questions. On the motion of Cllr Wiles, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was unanimously agreed: - The Parish Council notes the invite from the Office of John Whitby MP. - The following response be issued to the Office of John Whitby MP: <i>The Parish Council welcomes any efforts by all local representatives to engage with the electorate and communities they represent.</i> <i>The Parish Council, however, wishes to remain politically neutral and is not willing to arrange such meetings on behalf of the MP and/or District and County Councillors.</i>	Clerk
0426/13 Interpretation board	At the previous meeting, Councillors discussed the idea of installing an interpretation board at the Parish Council car park.	

	The Clerk asked members to put forward ideas for the interpretation board so that he could start putting together ideas and costs. Agreed: Members felt that an interpretation board in the car park should include the following: - The information provided on the interpretation board should be both historical and functional. - A map of the village should signpost visitors to points of historical interest and facilities. - The map should include the location of pubs, eateries and shops. - The design should be like that of other boards within the parish. Action: The Clerk is to put together proposals for an interpretation board at the earliest opportunity and bring them back to Council for consideration.	Clerk																																				
0426/14 Village reports	- Councillors noted that the bus shelter on Church Street has been removed but no replacement has been installed. Action: The Clerk is to make enquiries with DCC as to when the new bus shelter will be installed. - Cllr West raised concern that the Handyman may not have been instructed not to mow/trim the grass area at the bottom of Tideswell Lane. This area has been allocated for wildflower planting and bulbs have recently been planted. Action: The Clerk is to confirm the above to the Handyman - Cllr Haywood raised concerns that the Royal Mail pillar box at the Old Post Office on Church Street has been removed without any warning. Action: The Clerk is to contact Royal Mail to ask what plans there are to replace the pillar box.	Clerk Clerk Clerk																																				
0426/15 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, the following payments were unanimously 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 (April 2026)</td><td>£ 2,154.62</td></tr> <tr> <td>AJ Porter</td><td>Cleaning (April 2026)</td><td>£ 500.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (March 2026)</td><td>£ 21.08</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (March 2025)</td><td>£ 7.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>DALC</td><td>Annual subscription fee (2026/27)</td><td>£ 428.89</td></tr> <tr> <td>DM Payroll Services</td><td>Payroll services (2026/27)</td><td>£ 158.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ann Harrison</td><td>Cleaning materials</td><td>£ 59.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>DCC</td><td>2x Column upgrade (Christmas lights)</td><td>£ 2,556.60</td></tr> </tbody> </table> ii. Income received <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th><th>Item of income</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DCC</td><td>Minor Maintenance Grant (2025/26)</td><td>£ 430.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>DDDC</td><td>Parish precept (2026/27)</td><td>£ 52,763.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The Year-end Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement (as of 31st March 2026) was circulated to members – see Appendix 0426/A1 Agreed: The Year-end Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement be noted and accepted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, tax and pensions (April 2026)	£ 2,154.62	AJ Porter	Cleaning (April 2026)	£ 500.00	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (March 2026)	£ 21.08	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (March 2025)	£ 7.00	DALC	Annual subscription fee (2026/27)	£ 428.89	DM Payroll Services	Payroll services (2026/27)	£ 158.40	Ann Harrison	Cleaning materials	£ 59.40	DCC	2x Column upgrade (Christmas lights)	£ 2,556.60	Payee	Item of income	Amount:	DCC	Minor Maintenance Grant (2025/26)	£ 430.00	DDDC	Parish precept (2026/27)	£ 52,763.00	
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0426/16 Planning	None.	
0426/15 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DDDC – Road closure notice for Eyam Commemorative Parade (30.08.2026) - PDNPA - Appeal decision at Underlowe, Lydgate, Eyam - DCC – Community News 13.04.2026	
0426/16 Next agenda	Agreed: The next meeting is to discuss proposals for the introduction of an 'overnight levy' for tourists.	
0426/17 Next meeting	Agreed: The Eyam Annual Parish Meeting be held Wednesday 20 th May 2026 at 7pm. Agreed: The Eyam Annual Parish Council meeting be held Wednesday 20 th May 2026 and to immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.	

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
 ESA – Eyam Sports Association

Appendix 0426/A1

Year-end Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement

Budget 2025/26

31st March 2026

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance	2024/25
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 27,565.64	£ 27,000	-£ 565.64	£ 25,535.52
Administration and expenses	£ 186.94	£ 100	-£ 86.94	£ 159.33
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 1,157.09	£ 550	-£ 607.09	£ 97.19
IT and website	£ 16.00	£ 100	£ 84.00	£ 16.00
Advertising	£ -	£ 150	£ 150.00	£ -
Room hire	£ 143.50	£ 250	£ 106.50	£ 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	£ 5,921.78	£ 6,000	£ 78.22	£ 5,577.42
Washroom contract	£ 2,372.46	£ 3,500	£ 1,127.54	£ 4,032.90
Market Hall electricity	£ 149.71	£ 150	£ 0.29	£ 96.00
Defibrillators	£ 765.00	£ 300	-£ 465.00	£ -
CCTV maintenance	£ 375.00	£ 500	£ 125.00	£ 365.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00	£ -
Maintenance and contingency	£ 1,028.55	£ 2,000	£ 971.45	£ 19,071.90
Elections	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00	£ -
Grants/donations	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,200	-£ 150.00	£ 2,075.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 6,359.86	£ 6,360	£ 0.14	£ 6,359.86
Bank charges	£ 154.00	£ 200	£ 46.00	£ 120.00
Flood prevention	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Christmas lights	£ 6,683.00	£ 1,000	-£ 5,683.00	£ -
Total expenditure:	£ 56,116.32	£ 53,795.00	-£ 2,321.3	£ 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	£ 1,250.00			£ -
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	£ 1,521.13			£ 1,169.31
VAT reclaim (2024/25)	£ 4,697.67			£ 530.53
Total income:	£ 70,758.53			£ 62,779.44

Bank Reconciliation

31st March 2026

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2024/25	£ 45,696.34	Unity Trust Current Account	£ 6,863.57
Plus receipts	£ 70,758.53	Unity Trust Instant Access Account	£ 25,471.97
Less payments	£ 56,116.32	Unity Trust Savings Account	£ 20,063.62
Less VAT paid	£ 2,499.42	Coop Current Account	£ 5,539.97
	£ 57,839.13	Coop Reserve Account	£ -
		Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
		Less unrepresented cheques/payment	£ 100.00
			£ 57,839.13