

Eyam Parish Council

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

Councillors present: Cllrs, Peter Silley (Chair), John Plant (Vice-Chair), Mano Belivanis, Rebecca Haywood and Leslie Spittle.

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

Item		Action by
1125/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ian Jackson, Kym West, Paul Wiles and Jeremy Wright. Apologies were also received from Adrian Webster (Handyman) and Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC).	
1125/2 Variation of business	None.	
1125/3 Interests	Cllr Belivanis declared an interest in item 1125/14 Planning in relation to application NP/DDD/1025/1039 . Cllr Belivanis confirmed that he would leave the meeting when the application is considered. Cllr Silley submitted to the Clerk an updated copy of his Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Form, following the acquisition of new land.	
1125/4 Public speaking	Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) reported the following: - The Peak Partnership Summit, held on 19th November in Bakewell, was well attended. It was clear that Claire Ward (East Midlands Mayor) and Phil Mulligan (PDNPA Chief Executive) have differing views of what is happening in the National Park and delegates also expressed a need for things to improve in relation to transport and planning. Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - DDDC has recently met to debate and agree their submission to the UK Government in relation to the Reorganisation of Local Government. DDDC has opted for two unitary authorities (north and south) covering Derbyshire. The Council also proposed a preferred option (A1) which would see the Amber Valley District split between the north and south authorities. It was noted that DCC has submitted proposals for one council covering the entire county.	
1125/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Spittle it was agreed: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 27 th October 2025 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
1125/6 Chair's report	Cllr Silly gave the following report: - On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Silley attended the Peak Park Partnership Summit in Bakewell. The meeting explored ways to tackle shared issues that cross county borders within the National Park, including public transport, planning and tourism. There appeared to be a consensus amongst those present that public transport is not up to standard and there are huge challenges in relation to planning in the Peak Park. - Claire Ward (East Midlands Mayor) announced her Transport Plan Consultation and invited Parish Council's to respond on behalf of their communities.	

	Agreed: Cllr Silley is to formulate a response to the Mayor's Transport Plan Consultation and share this with members for comment. Agreed: The draft response to the consultation is to be approved at the December Parish Council meeting. - Cllr Silley continues as a member of the Peak Park Parishes Forum (PPPF) and will always continue to relay information to the Parish Council from the meetings. It is noted that the Parish Council occasionally has differing views to those of the PPPF, but the forum's advice should always be welcomed and considered. - Councillors are encouraged to look at the training opportunities advertised through the monthly DALC newsletters and take up any that they feel would be beneficial to their role.	Cllr Silley
1125/7 Clerk's report	The Clerk reported the following actions and updates since the last meeting: - 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 confirmed it will repair the light. A request has also been issued to the 'DCC Tree Cutting Team' to cut back the laurel tree. - Streetlight at Old Butchers – A meeting is to be held on Wednesday (following the Parish Council meeting) to agree dates for works to streetlights in the Peak District area. The Parish Council will be kept updated. - Footpath 16 – No update. The Clerk continues to pursue this with DCC PROW. - Broken fingerpost at Churchyard entrance/Footpath 13 (FS-Case-733151561) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Condition of Footpath 13 through Churchyard (FS-Case-733152986) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Japanese Knotweed by the Eyam sign on the closed section of New Road (FS-Case-727255592) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Pollarding of trees on New Road (FS-Case-727251025) – No update. DCC Highways Fault Tracker gives the status as 'In progress'. - Meeting with Cllr Hill – The Clerk has chased a response from Cllr Hill for a follow-up meeting in Eyam to discuss highways related matters. - Fingerpost in The Square – The Handyman is making enquiries with a local joiner about replacing the timber signs. The Handyman is to also repaint the black and white column. - Collapsed culvert – No update from the contractor. - Replacement CCTV Annual Service – The Clerk has asked Cllr Plant to meet with a local contractor to quote for the replacement camera and for an annual service. - DDDC public toilet grant – The outcome of the grant application is still awaited. - Replacement (Parish Council) grit bin for Dunlow Lane – This has been ordered. - Replacement (DCC) grit bin for The Hillock (FS-Case-768110627) – This has been reported to DCC.	

	- Snow Warden Scheme – An application has been submitted to DCC. - Replacement bus shelter (Church Street) – The Clerk has signed and submitted the agreement to DCC. - Minor Maintenance Agreement – This has been signed by DCC and a copy put in the 2025/26 Parish Council file. - Business Savings Account – This is to be progressed for the next meeting. - Quotes for tree maintenance at Eyam Car Park – This is to be progressed for the next meeting.	
1125/8 Housing regeneration	Cllr Mano Belivanis gave the following report on the Housing Working Group's meeting with Paul Wilson (CEO DDDC) and G&CT Consultants Ltd: Shared objectives - The meeting was generally positive and constructive. - There was a shared objective between Eyam Parish Council and DDDC in delivering social rented housing for people with a strong connection to the Eyam community. - There was acknowledgement from DDDC that the number of second homes and holiday lets is a risk to community sustainability and making it hard for young people and families to stay in Eyam. Affordable housing - Only social rent housing will be supported by the PDNPA and Parish Council. - Social rent levels are to be based on government formula of which DDDC will provide forecast rent figures. - Any housing scheme must be evidenced by clear local housing need. - Existing data supports up to 26 units of mixed 1-3 bed homes (maisonettes, bungalows and houses). Contractor and cost issues - Concerns were raised by Parish Councillors about the high construction costs in the DDDC appraisal. - DDDC explained significant challenges finding contractors willing and able to build in the National Park. - Only one contractor has responded with the capacity and warranties and abilities to take on a fixed-price design and build contract. - It was noted that fixed-price contracts in protected areas inevitably push costs higher because the contractor takes all delivery risks. Financial viability - Based on the contractor price, grant assumptions, and RP lending criteria, the scheme, as previously proposed, was found not financially viable. - Larger house types create planning risks as they do not align with evidenced local need. Development options discussed - Car park site (revisit previous NCHA layouts) – Three variations: (1) full site, (2) retaining toilet block and (3) retaining toilets and coach turning. Parish Council has stressed that toilet provision is essential if removed. - An unidentified greenfield site in the village – Could potentially deliver 26 units.	

	Process document - DDDC will provide a full process/milestones document (RP/DDDC perspective). - This will outline stages for consultation, designs, approvals and Parish sign-off points. Noted: DDDC has promised to keep the Parish Council informed and consulted as matters progress.	
1125/9 Christmas lights	Members reported the following in relation to the Christmas lights: - The Christmas lights are now on, and the power points installed. - The Community Switch-on was well attended. - Feedback on the lights has been generally positive, but the suppliers are due to return and make several adjustments to the displays, where improvements are needed. - An additional £475.00 has been received from the Village Quiz towards the purchase and installation of the lights. - An additional £200 is due from DCC, through Cllr Alasdair Sutton's Community Leadership Fund. - An Auction of Promises will soon be held to raise funds towards the lights.	
1125/10 Peak Park Local Plan	Having studied the Peak Park Local Plan and comments put forward by the PPPF, Cllr Silley made the following remarks: - Although the points put forward by the PPPF are helpful, they do not necessarily agree with those of the Parish Council. - It is noted that Eyam has moved up in the 'settlement categories' and is now considered to be a larger village/town with good levels of businesses and employment. - Although the above is questionable, it does not preclude Eyam from the building of sustainable housing developments. - The document refers to a restriction on housing sizes, which is a concern. On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Haywood, it was agreed: - Cllr Silley is to formulate a response to the PDNPA Local Plan Review and share this with members of the Housing Working Group for comment. - The draft response to the Local Plan Review is to be approved at the December Parish Council meeting.	Silley
1125/11 Village reports	- There is a concerning amount of leaves on the roads and pavements around the village. Action: The Clerk to request that DDDC carry out a sweep of the pavements and roads around Eyam. - The gulley by the Sheep Roast is blocked and, as a result of ponding rainwater, the pavements and road have been left hazardous and icy. Action: The Clerk is to report the blocked gulley to DCC. - A complaint has been received in relation to the use of the planters in The Square for the Christmas tree. The complaint stressed that the greenery overlapping the planters will affect the growth of the plants. Furthermore, the volunteers had stood on the planters when erect the tree and lights. Agreed: The complaint be noted and the matters raised with volunteers. - On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Silley, it was agreed: To make payment of £100 as the annual donation to Royal British Legion for the Parish Council's poppy wreath laid at the Service of Remembrance.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	It was asked if the monthly inspection of defibrillators were taking place. The Clerk confirmed that the arrangement is for two village residents to carry out the monthly checks on Eyam's two devices and the Parish Council pays for the maintenance and parts. Action: The Clerk is to check the condition of both devices prior to the next meeting and ensure the above arrangement are still in place.	Clerk																																										
1125/12 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Plant 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, tax and pensions (Nov 2025)</td><td>£ 2,255.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>JA Porter</td><td>Cleaning (November 2025)</td><td>£ 420.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (Nov 2025)</td><td>£ 8.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (October 2025)</td><td>£ 6.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>WM Eyre & Sons</td><td>Work wear and materials</td><td>£ 40.24</td></tr> <tr> <td>Markovitz</td><td>Building materials</td><td>£ 131.18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion</td><td>Annual donation for poppy wreaths</td><td>£ 100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>GritBins.net</td><td>Grit bin</td><td>£ 186.28 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chatsworth Grdn Cent.</td><td>Planting bulbs</td><td>£ 38.94 **</td></tr> <tr> <td>Trainline</td><td>Train tickets (Chair's Parliament visit)</td><td>£ 30.84 ***</td></tr> </table> * Purchased by and to be reimbursed to the Clerk. ** Purchased by and to be reimbursed to the Cllr Rebecca Haywood. *** Purchased by and to be reimbursed to Cllr Peter Silley. ii. Income received <table> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of income:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>Village Quiz</td><td>Donations to Christmas lights</td><td>£ 475.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank interest</td><td>£ 96.08</td></tr> </table> iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The budget and bank reconciliation statement (as of 31st October 2025) was circulated to members – see Appendix 1125/A1	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, tax and pensions (Nov 2025)	£ 2,255.30	JA Porter	Cleaning (November 2025)	£ 420.00	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (Nov 2025)	£ 8.00	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (October 2025)	£ 6.00	WM Eyre & Sons	Work wear and materials	£ 40.24	Markovitz	Building materials	£ 131.18	Royal British Legion	Annual donation for poppy wreaths	£ 100.00	GritBins.net	Grit bin	£ 186.28 *	Chatsworth Grdn Cent.	Planting bulbs	£ 38.94 **	Trainline	Train tickets (Chair's Parliament visit)	£ 30.84 ***	Payee:	Item of income:	Amount:	Village Quiz	Donations to Christmas lights	£ 475.00	Unity Trust Bank	Bank interest	£ 96.08	
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1125/13 Draft budget 2026/7	Councillors considered the draft budget 2026/27. Agreed: The Clerk is to amend the budget ahead of the next meeting to show a 5% increase in the precept. Agreed: With the above amendment, the Clerk is to bring the budget back to the next meeting for further consideration.	Clerk Clerk																																										
Note:	Cllr Belivanis left the meeting at 9.06pm																																											
1125/14 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications - NP/DDD/1025/1039 - Top Riley Holiday Cottages, Riley Lane, Eyam Retrospective permission for the continued use of barn as holiday accommodation and associated works On the motion of Cllr Haywood, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was agreed: The following comments be submitted to PDNPA in relation to the above application: - The application is simply a continuation of a long-standing use of the barn as a holiday accommodation, which has been used in this way since the 1970s – with associated evidence. - The proposals are a good and sensible use of an existing building that does not have any other purpose.																																											

	- The proposals will have no impact on the landscape as it is out of view. - The plans bring a wider benefit of holiday accommodation in support local shops and businesses, whilst having no impact on housing or parking provision within the village. ii. PDNPA decisions on recent planning application. None.	
1125/16 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - PPPF – Read out from Peak Park Parishes Forum - Paul Wilson (DDDC CEO – Regeneration Project update) - PDNPA - Local Plan consultation on Preferred Approach - DALC – Newsletter (November 2025) - DCC – Mobile library dates (December to February) - PDNPA – Planning appeal notification at Underlowe, Lydgate - DDDC - information regarding flu - DCC – Completed/signed Minor Maintenance Agreement	
1125/17 Next agenda	Agreed: The next agenda is to include the following items: - Budget 2026/27 - Parish Council response to PDNPA Local Plan Review - Parish Council response to The Mayor’s Transport Plan Consultation.	
1125/18 Next meeting	Agreed: The next Eyam Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 15th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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 1125/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement

Budget 2025/26

31st October 2025

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 16,261.02	£ 27,000	£ 10,738.98
Administration and expenses	£ 76.15	£ 100	£ 23.85
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ 176.20	£ 550	£ 373.80
IT and website	£ -	£ 100	£ 100.00
Advertising	£ -	£ 150	£ 150.00
Room hire	£ 37.50	£ 250	£ 212.50
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	£ 3,444.62	£ 6,000	£ 2,555.38
Washroom contract	£ 2,571.20	£ 3,500	£ 928.80
Market Hall electricity	£ 56.00	£ 150	£ 94.00
Defibrillators	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
CCTV maintenance	£ 375.00	£ 500	£ 125.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 821.06	£ 2,000	£ 1,178.94
Elections	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Grants/donations	£ 250.00	£ 1,200	£ 950.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ 3,179.93	£ 6,360	£ 3,180.07
Bank charges	£ 93.00	£ 200	£ 107.00
Flood Prevention	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Christmas lights	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Total expenditure:	£ 29,229.47	£ 53,795.00	£ 24,565.5
Income			
Parish precept	£ 50,250.00		
Donations (Facilities)	£ 723.10		
Donations (Christmas lights)	£ 5,780.00		
Grants	£ 250.00		
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ 1,000.00		
Grant - UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£ -		
Bank shares	£ 5.13		
Bank interest	£ 1,081.62		
VAT reclaim (2024/25)	£ 4,697.67		
Total income:	£ 63,787.52		
Balance 2025/26 (incl VAT paid)	£ 33,853.42		

Bank Reconciliation

31st October 2025

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2024/25	£ 45,936.37	Unity Trust Current Account	£ 5,297.98
Plus receipts	£ 63,787.52	Unity Trust Instant Access Account	£ 50,096.08
Less payments	-£ 29,229.47	Coop Current Account	£ 10,000.00
Less VAT paid	-£ 704.63	Coop Reserve Account	£ 15,063.78
	£ 79,789.79	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
		Less unrepresented cheques/payment	-£ 668.05
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