

Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Minutes

Minutes of Eyam Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Mechanics Institute.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Ian Jackson (Chair), Chris Mason, John Plant and Peter Silley.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Adrian Webster (Handyman), Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC), Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) and 1 member of the public.

Item	
APM24/1 Welcome by the Chair	The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.
APM24/2 Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs, Mano Belivanis, Leslie Spittle, Paul Wiles and Jeremy Wright. Apologies were also received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and PCSO Anthony Boswell.
APM24/3 Confirmation of minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting	The minutes of the Eyam Annual Parish Meeting 2023 were considered by those present. The minutes were confirmed as true record.
APM24/4 Clerk's financial report	The Clerk read out the Parish Council's income and expenditure for 2023/24. All figures as exclude VAT. Income: £ 48,604.86 (down £4,384.17 on 2022/23) Expenditure: £ 50,572.91 (up £7,846.25 on 2022/23) This resulted in an annual loss of £1,968.05. There were a number of reasons for the increase in expenditure over 2023/24. First, the Parish Council took the decision to reroof of the Market Hall at cost of £6572.00, however, this was planned and well within budget. In early 2023, Councillors took the decision take on a new cleaner for the public toilets which saw the cleaning budget exceed by £2,836.77. Finally, the unforeseen Parish Council elections in 2023 incurred a charge of £1,438.00 which was £938.00 over budget. The Parish Council took the decision to increase the 2024/25 precept by £433.00 (an overall increase of 1%) to meet a forecast expenditure of £52,835.00. The increase in the precept is the equivalent of a 98p increase in the Parish Council's charge to a Band D property. The Clerk concluded his report by confirming that the year-end accounts look very healthy and have been reconciled to the penny. The financial figures were noted.
APM24/5 Chair's report	The Chair said that the last year had been a positive year for the Parish Council, but there had been challenges too. The Chair expressed thanks to Marie Brown, who left the Council in December 2023, for her years of service to the Eyam community. The Chair concluded by saying that he hoped for another successful year.

APM24/6 Reports from County and District Councillors	Cllr Ripton said that DDDC continue to work to tackle the issues surrounding missed bin collections due to parking and access issues. The DDDC Waste Team are monitoring the service and undertaking a ‘parking awareness campaign’ to highlight to residents the restrictions faced by refuse crews. Cllr Ripton spoke about the pending road closure in Grindleford and how this will affect the roads around Eyam and local bus services. Cllr Ripton and Cllr O’Brien continue to meet with the DDDC Corporate Leadership Team to push the Eyam housing scheme up the priority list. Further to this, the Council may apply funding to undertake a feasibility scheme to maximise the capacity on the proposed housing site. Finally, the District Councillors reported that DDDC are reviewing its public toilets across the Derbyshire Dales with a view to potentially re-opening those that were closed under the previous administration. Support is also being considered for those Parish Councils that took over the responsibility and upkeep of toilets within their parish – such as Eyam Parish Council.
APM24/7 Open forum	None.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm