

Eyam Parish Council

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Minutes of Eyam Parish Council held Monday 29th June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Peter Silley (Chair), John Plant (Vice-Chair), Mano Belivanis, Leslie Spittle, Kym West and Paul Wiles.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) and one member of the public.

Item		Action by
0626/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs, Rebecca Haywood, Ian Jackson and Jeremy Wright. Apologies were also received from Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC) and Cllr Peter O'Brien (DDDC) and Adrian Webster (Handyman).	
0626/2 Variation of business	Resolved: Agenda item 0626/15 Parish Council aims and strategy be taken after 0626/10 Donations post .	
0626/3 Interests	None.	
0626/4 Public speaking	- Cllr Simon Ripton (DDDC) reported the following: - DDDC is close to securing a site for local needs housing. - A decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Derbyshire should be made towards the end July. - DDDC's Local plan is progressing and will soon be going out to public consultation. - A member of the public raised objections to plans by BT Open Reach to install 7x 8-meter timber telegraph poles along a section of road between Well Cottage and High Cliffe. The installation of the telegraph poles is thought to be related to the roll out of the fibre optic network for Grindleford. It is also thought that two telegraph poles are being installed to supply fibre optic to two nearby properties in Eyam which already have phone telephone lines connected to them that come up from Eyam. The resident said that the section road currently has no streetlights, poles or signage and the introduction of the telegraph poles will ruin an area of unspoilt open countryside. It was questioned why the cables could not be put under the ground so that they cannot be seen. This would be preferable option. The member of the public has also contacted the PDNPA to ask that they intervene, but the authority has said that there is nothing they can legally do. Cllr Silley informed the resident that the matter was on the agenda for consideration by members under item FC0626/8 Telegraph poles.	
0626/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Belivanis, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was unanimously resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 20 th May 2026 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

0626/8 Chair's remarks	Cllr Silley gave the following report: - Cllr Plant and I attended the Hope Valley Parish Council Forum on 18th June 2026. There was little of significance to report. - Since the last Parish Council meeting, a tree has been uprooted in the Parish Council car park. This was recorded on CCTV but unfortunately the image quality was insufficient to identify the vehicle registration. This has prompted the addition of CCTV to the agenda for this meeting. - Can I remind all members that we cannot debate agenda items outside of meetings. - Due to family matters, Cllr Jackson is unable to attend meetings. Members will be asked to consider a granting a dispensation for Cllr Jackson at the July Parish Council meeting. I am sure all members will join me in passing on our best wishes to Ian and his family.	
0626/9 Clerk and Handyman report	The Clerk reported the following actions and updates since the last meeting: - Field at High Cliffe – A formal letter has now been received from Peak Park Planning Enforcement in relation to commercial activities on a site at High Cliffe. - 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) – Tree has been removed (COMPLETED). - Collapsing bank on Riley Lane (FS-Case-770479907) – No update. - Replacement (DCC) grit bin for The Hillock (FS-Case-768110627) – No update. - Bulging retaining wall (FS-Case-838202314) – DCC has sent a letter to the property owner requesting that remedial action is taken to improve the condition of the wall. - Bus shelter on Church Street – The new shelter has been installed (COMPLETED). - Damaged bus shelter at Townhead – A quote to install a replacement panel has been requested from Shelter Maintenance. The quote is awaited. - Repairs to culvert and gate post at the Parish Council Car Park – No update. - Signs for fingerpost in The Square – The signs have been supplied by Pennine Woodworking Ltd and installed by the Handyman. The Handymans has also repainted the post (COMPLETED). - Car park honesty box signs – The new signs have been supplied by Howson Signs and passed on to the Handyman for installation (COMPLETED). - Defibrillator at The Square – It has now been confirmed by Community Heartbeat Trust that the kiosk has been adopted by a parishioner, and they	

	have no intention of cutting off the power supply (COMPLETED). - Replacement Royal Mail pillar box (ref 1204465) – A response has been received from Royal Mail which states that Royal Mail endeavour to have a Post box within 0.5 miles of each delivery point and there are several boxes within 0.5 miles from where the pillar box has been removed from Church Street. Action: The Clerk is to contact Royal Mail to contest the above response. It is to be pointed out that delivery points at Townhead and Tideswell Lane are further than 0.5 miles from the nearest pillar boxes at The Square, Eyam and Foolow. - PROW Minor Maintenance Agreement – The Clerk has applied to join the DCC scheme for 2026/27. - External Audit submission - The Clerk has submitted the Parish Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and accompanying documents to the External Auditor. The AGAR and Notice for the Exercise of Public Right have been displayed on the Parish Council website and noticeboard. A Notice of Conclusion of Audit is now awaited from the External Auditor.	Clerk
0626/8 Telegraph poles	Councillors considered the comments made by a member of the public, during item FC0626/4 Public speaking, in relation to proposals by BT Openreach to install 7x 8-meter timber telegraph poles along a section of road between Well Cottage and High Cliffe On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Spittle, it was unanimously resolved that: - The Clerk is to write to BT Openreach to object to the installation of the telegraph poles as outlined above for the following reasons: - The telegraph poles are to be installed in an unspoilt area the open countryside and natural beauty. - There are currently no signs or streetlights in the area and the introduction of telegraph poles will have an adverse visual impact on the area and local environment. - BT Openreach should consider putting the cables underground where they will be out of site. - The 2 telegraph poles proposed to be installed next to Well Cottage and Hollowbrook Barn are not required as the properties already have telephone lines supplied from Eyam. - The Clerk is to contact Openreach and welcome the arrival of the fibre optic network in Eyam, but how the village supply will be impacted when fibre optic is rolled out.	Clerk
0626/9 CCTV	Following a recent incident in the Parish Council car park where a vehicle hit and uprooted a tree in the car park, the Chair felt that the Council needed to revisit its decision on whether to purchase and install a new and improved CCTV system. Prior to the meeting, the Clerk and Cllr Plant met with a representative of Hasland Security Services to look at recommendations for a suitable CCTV system to replace the 2 existing systems; one the car park (overlooking the car park and the sports field) and one at the Mechanics Institute (overlooking Church Street). A quote and specification from Hasland Security Services was circulated to members for consideration prior to the meeting. Members discussed at length the merits of having CCTV at the 2 existing	

	locations and what the Parish Council's obligations and responsibilities are in providing them. On the motion of Cllr Wiles, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was unanimously resolved that: - The Parish Council has no duty nor responsibility to provide CCTV cameras overlooking Church Street and, therefore, the CCTV system at the Mechanics Institute is to be removed and not replaced. - The CCTV system at the car park is to be replaced on the grounds that it is essential for the security and management of a Parish Council facility, as well as the neighbouring sports field. - The following questions be put to Hasland Security Services to seek clarity and reassurances over the proposed CCTV system: - What quality of images are captured with a 180° camera and is face recognition possible? - Would a PTZ camera provide better coverage and images than a 180° camera? - Can a comparative quote for PTZ cameras be provided? - The Clerk is to bring the answers to the above questions and any additional quotes to the July 2026 Parish Council for further consideration.	Clerk
0626/10 Donations post	Councillor considered the costs, practicalities and benefits of installing a donations post in the Parish Council car park. The Clerk provided Councillors with approximate costs for the purchase, and installation of a donations post, as well as running costs and bank charges. It was noted that the Eyam Sports Association (ESA) already have a donations post at the play area and that it might be beneficial to relocate it to the car park and the Parish Council and ESA share the proceeds. The Clerk said that this would be acceptable, but a formal agreement between the 2 parties would need to be drawn up in relation to ongoing maintenance costs and the sharing of revenues. It was also suggested that the car park lease agreement be considered to ensure the installation of a donations post would be acceptable. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Spittle, it was unanimously resolved that: - Cllr Silley is to begin informal discussions with the ESA about the relocating and sharing the proceeds of the existing donations post. - The Clerk is to contact the landowner to request a copy of the lease agreement to check that the above would be permissible under the conditions set out in the lease.	Cllr Silley Clerk
0626/11 Bus shelter quote	The Clerk reported that the quote to replace the glass panel in the Townhead bus shelter was still awaited. The quote had been promised for the meeting, but the contractor had not met the deadline. On the motion of Cllr Silley, seconded by Cllr Plant, it was unanimously resolved that: The Clerk be given delegated authority to accept a quote of up to £500 (excl VAT) from Shelter Maintenance Ltd to replace the glass panel in the Townhead bus shelter.	Clerk
0626/12 Request for use of the Market Hall	Councillors considered a request from the Eyam Well Dressing Committee for use of the Market Hall from Sunday 23rd August to Saturday 29th August 2026.	

	On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr Wiles, it was unanimously resolved that: - 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.																						
0626/13 Cleaner's contract	Councillors considered a request from AJ Porter, the contracted toilet cleaner, to accept an increase in the hourly rate of pay from £15.00 per hour to £18.00 per hour. It was noted that this was the first increase requested in 3 years of the contractor being with the Parish Council. On the motion of Cllr Plant, seconded by Cllr West, it was unanimously resolved that: - The increase in the contracted cleaner's hourly rate of pay from £15.00 per hour to £18.00 per hour is accepted. - The Clerk is to renew the cleaner's contract with the Parish Council to reflect the increase in the hourly rate of pay. - A condition is added to the contract which states that the Parish Council will next review the cleaner's hourly rate of pay in June 2029.	Clerk																					
0626/14 Insurance renewal	On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr West, it was unanimously resolved that: To approve the payment of £1,371.53 to Clear Councils for the annual insurance premium 2026/27.																						
0626/15 Parish Council objectives and strategy	Councillors felt that the Parish Council needed to set itself a number aims and objectives over the next 12 months which would benefit the village, create a sustainable community and support local business. Resolved: A Working Group be established to discuss what should be the Parish Council's aims and objectives for the coming months. Action: The Clerk is to liaise with members following the meeting to find a suitable date, time and venue for the Working Group to meet.	Clerk																					
0626/16 Village reports	Cllr West raised concern over a faulty streetlight on the junction of Tideswell Lane and Townhead. Resolved: Cllr West and Cllr Wiles are to look at the light and either report to DCC or provide the Clerk with details.	Cllr Wiles Cllr West																					
0626/17 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Spittle, seconded by Cllr Belivanis, it was resolved: The following items of expenditure be approved for payment: <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 (June 2026)</td><td>£ 2,439.05</td></tr> <tr> <td>AJ Porter</td><td>Cleaning (June 2026)</td><td>£ 270.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>EDF Energy</td><td>Market Hall electricity (May 2026)</td><td>£ 32.27</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (May 2026)</td><td>£ 7.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clear Councils</td><td>Parish Council insurance (2026/27)</td><td>£ 1,371.53</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cartridge People</td><td>Printer ink</td><td>£ 49.55 *</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk and Handyman	Salaries, tax and pensions (June 2026)	£ 2,439.05	AJ Porter	Cleaning (June 2026)	£ 270.00	EDF Energy	Market Hall electricity (May 2026)	£ 32.27	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (May 2026)	£ 7.00	Clear Councils	Parish Council insurance (2026/27)	£ 1,371.53	Cartridge People	Printer ink	£ 49.55 *	
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	Wm Eyre and Sons PPE and hardware goods £ 44.27 Howson Signs 2x car park honesty box signs £ 38.40 Pennine Woodworking 2x sapele hardwood fingerpost signs £ 249.60 Parishes Online Annual website service £ 300.00 Initial Washrooms 2x box of toilet rolls £ 166.63 Initial Washrooms 4x box of toilet rolls £ 333.26 ii. Income received None. iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement, as of 31st May 2026, was circulated to members for consideration – see Appendix 0626/A1 Resolved: The Parish Council's budget and financial position be noted. Resolved: The Cash Book and month end bank balances agree.	
0626/18 Planning	None.	
0626/19 Correspondence	Resolved: The following correspondence were considered and noted: - Royal Mail–Response to request for replacement pillar box at Church Street - DALC – Newsletter (June 2026) - DDDC – Temporary road closure for Eyam Carnival (05.09.2026) - Parishioner – Objection to installation of 7x telegraph poles - DDDC - Strategy for new homes to protect Derbyshire Dales rural character - DALC – New chapter for DALC - Eyam Well Dressing Committee – Request to use Market House	
0626/20 Next agenda	Resolved: The next agenda is to include an update from the meeting of the Working Group.	
0626/21 Next meeting	Resolved: The next Eyam Parish Council meeting be held Monday 27 th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

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 0626/A1**Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement****Budget 2026/27**As of 31st May 2026

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Salaries, pensions and PAYE	£ 4,621.03	£ 27,750	£ 23,128.97
Administration and expenses	£ -	£ 150	£ 150.00
Handyman's supplies and equipment	£ -	£ 550	£ 550.00
IT and website	£ 250.00	£ 650	£ 400.00
Advertising	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room hire	£ -	£ 250	£ 250.00
Payroll	£ 132.00	£ 160	£ 28.00
Insurance	£ -	£ 1,500	£ 1,500.00
Audit	£ -	£ 500	£ 500.00
Subscriptions	£ 440.89	£ 450	£ 9.11
Training	£ -	£ 250	£ 250.00
Toilet cleaning	£ 1,069.40	£ 6,500	£ 5,430.60
Washroom contract and supplies	£ -	£ 3,500	£ 3,500.00
Market Hall electricity	£ 40.16	£ 250	£ 209.84
Defibrillators	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
CCTV maintenance	£ -	£ 500	£ 500.00
Footpaths	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ -	£ 2,000	£ 2,000.00
Elections	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Grants/donations	-£ 100.00	£ 1,200	£ 1,300.00
PWLB loan repayments	£ -	£ 6,360	£ 6,360.00
Bank charges	£ 14.00	£ 100	£ 86.00
Flood prevention	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Christmas lights	£ 2,556.60	£ 1,000	-£ 1,556.60
Total expenditure:	£ 9,024.08	£ 55,520.00	£ 46,495.9
Income			
Parish precept	£ 52,763.00		
Donations (Facilities)	£ -		
Donations (Christmas lights)	£ -		
PROW Minor Maintenance Grant	£ 430.00		
Grants	£ -		
Eyam Museum (Advertising)	£ -		
Bank shares	£ -		
Bank interest	£ 41.05		
VAT reclaim (2025/26)	£ -		
Total income:	£ 53,234.05		

Bank ReconciliationAs of 31st May 2026

Cash Book		Bank	
Balance from 2025/26	£ 57,839.13	UTB Current Account	£ 5,854.09
Plus receipts	£ 53,234.05	UTB Instant Access Account	£ 56,052.99
Less payments	£ 9,024.08	UTB 32 Day Notice Savings Account	£ 40,063.62
Less VAT paid	£ 78.40	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
	£ 101,970.70	Less unrepresented cheques/payment	£ -
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