

OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Over Haddon Parish Council held at Over Haddon Village Hall at 8:00 pm on Monday 10th March 2025

Present: Councillors: Zena Hawley, Sue Mosley, Tim Walton, Roger Truscott, Joe Oldfield, Parish Clerk. PCSO A Boswell, Cllr G Gee (DDDC), Cllr B Butcher (DDDC) & 1 Parishioner

997 Apologies for absence

Council accepted apologies from: Cllr Alisdair Sutton (DCC)

998 Variation of Order of Business and clerk's notification of time constrained items

No variations required.

999 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests declared in respect of this meeting: None

1000 Public Speaking

a) Members of the public – None

b) PCSO Boswell reported that since the last meeting there has been no recorded crime in the village. The current priority is burglary with this priority ongoing. Since January until now the force has seen a reduction in dwelling breaks across all 54 villages in comparison to the previous year. There has, however, been an increase in outbuilding breaks such as garages and sheds. The police have put out alerts on this. The thieves have been targeting bikes, power tools and garden tools. It was noted that items that aren't marked should be marked and residents should assess how secure their shed is as padlocks are easily broken. Outbuildings can also be alarmed for £5 - £10 with motion sensor alarms. CCTV could also be considered.

Cllr B Butcher reported the Banking hub is now open at ABC in Bakewell.

The Local Government reorganisation means that the DDDC will disappear. In 2 to 3 years, unitary authorities will be set up. Different options are being considered. There are concerns around finances and merging social services but this will be a problem for the Unitary Authority. The County elections are coming up on the 1st May. There are reports of litter appearing on the roads into the village on Bakewell Road. Cllr Butcher noted that if residents see problems, they can photograph and report to DDDC if necessary. DDDC will also help to organise litter picks in communities

Cllr Mosley reported that there is a Wombles day coming up soon thinking of doing a litter pick. Bakewell Road is dangerous so litter can be reported instead to the DDDC.

Cllr G Gee reported that the Local Government reorganisation is not a fait accomplie. The District Council have a full Council meeting on the 19th March which has been delayed to give further information on Local Government reorganisation. There is not a set in stone system proposed with lots of suggestions but no firm plans as of yet. Cllr Gee is sceptical that it will be better but noted that it needs to be better. He has concerns that whilst the current councils give locality this will be lost in a large unitary authority. He also noted that since large amounts of money will be needed bailing out the bigger councils it seems unlikely the merging will

save money.

The Local plan is coming up for review shortly and there are plans to build massively across the Derbyshire Dales. The Peak Park has protections but the rest of the area does not.

Cllr Truscott hopes that consultation with the public will occur before any Local Government reorganisation plan is put forward.

1001 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2025
Council approved the minutes for signature by the Chair.

1002 To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded- none

1003 Planning Applications and Reports

Decisions received: None

Applications returned before the meeting: None

Applications:

Planning issues – Parish Statements and Shepards Hut

Parish Statements – Cllr Truscott will complete the Parish Statements.

Shepards Hut – there is no further information on the hut and it has not moved nor seems to be being used. Cllr Hawley will speak to the owners.

Report of the Clerk / matters for decision: -

1004 Highways and Footpaths

- Potholes – Cllr Sutton visited on Tuesday on reported some potholes in the village. There is a bad section on Monyash Road and just before 3 Lane Ends. The Clerk will report these.
- Motorcyclists using the Ford and using the Bridleway – this has still not been done and the Clerk will continue to chase. Cllr Hawley will send round a photo of the signage required.
- Additional Road Signpost Signage at the Triangle and School Lane – It was agreed to drop the project due to cost and concerns that it will make the triangle so busy.

1005 Allotments and Village Assets

- Allotment Survey –. The survey still needs doing but the invoices have been produced and will be delivered. Cllrs Hawley and Walton will do the survey.
- Water Harvesting and Group Composting – it was thought that the water harvesting should be central but currently there is no location for it at present so it is on hold until plots have been renewed. It was reiterated that the plots may have to be advertised outside the village due to a lack of demand. Another effort will be made to find holders within the village first via the voice email. The Community Plot has been paid for by Mr Mark Wakeman again this year.

1006 Active Improvements

Bus Shelter – Cllr Hawley reported that she will get on with the bus shelter over the spring and Cllr Walton will assist with a plan.

1007 Over Haddon in bloom 2025 – Cllr Walton reported that the sheep planters would need building and it would be difficult to organise them with him out of the village. It was

agreed to push the hanging baskets this year. It was noted that it would be good if residents took ownership of their own plots. Well dressing is coming up and the flower festival. It was suggested that the Parish Council could purchase bulbs and issue them at the village hall open day. It was also suggested that it could be advertised for residents to make a flower sculpture for the village public areas. Cllrs Hawley and Walton will draft a village email to encourage residents. Open gardens was suggested for well dressing time and this will be looked at.

- 1008 Bench on Dale Road – The Clerk noted that the tribute bench is still ongoing. The broken bench needs removing and this will be organised. Cllr Oldfield will remove it.
- 1009 Village Bin Provision – The Clerk reported that this is still ongoing. There are two bins a blue bin and a black bin abandoned on the triangle and have been parked by the toilets.
- 1010 War Memorial – Cllr Hawley reported that the hedge has been cut. She will now try and get the area tidied and look at placing a seat and planters. It was agreed to get some quotes and bring them to the next meeting. Prices will also be sought for the addition of the extra name to be placed on the memorial. It was agreed to look at putting up some bunting for the 80th VE day. The village hall will be looking at doing events for it. Cllr Hawley and Walton will look at planters and the bench.
- 1011 Plantation Checks - Cllr Hawley queried whether anything needs doing to the plantation. It was noted that the holly bush could do with a cutting back next winter. All the furniture is in good repair. Snowdrops and alliums will be considered for next year.
- 1012 Councillor Training – The clerk reported that the training would cost £295 plus mileage from Cromford and it was agreed to look at doing the training in August.
- 1013 Website Upgrades and Accessibility Costs – it was **RESOLVED** to spend up to £660 on the website to bring it up to the accessibility requirements and add a .gov.uk domain name.
- 1014 New Clerk Laptop - it was **RESOLVED** to spend £500 on a new laptop and Microsoft office.
- 1015 Village Map - Cllr Hawley reported that the village map has been raised again due to parcels being lost around the village. Last time it was raised not everyone was onboard with having their house name on the map. The location is a difficult issue. Cllr Walton noted that the problem would resolve if deliveries were using what3words. Directing delivery drivers to the map would prove difficult. It was agreed that the map is not a solution to the issue.
- 1016 Financial Report
Current Account. Balance £1732.43 @ 4 February 2025
Savings Account Balance £8493.33 @ 4 February 2025
- a. It was **RESOLVED** to present the following accounts for Payment:
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mrs S Bacon £217.76 for Clerks Salary (Feb)
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 - DDR Payee: NEST - £16.11 (Feb)

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- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr K Shimwell for 1xwk cleaner £80 (March)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr K Shimwell for 2xwk Cleaner £160 (April)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Gilkin Tree Services – War Memorial Hedge Cutting - £350.00
- Unity Trust – Service Charge - £12.00
- Ubdpyt Payee:- J Aston – 6 months website - £108.00
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Dalc – Subs 2025/26 - £235.85

b. Income to Note
£35 for the Community Allotment

c. Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

1017 DALC/PDNPA reports and notices – there is a PPPF meeting on tomorrow. There is a new Clerk. There has been feedback from the planning training that took place in January.

PPPF – None

20s Plenty – no news.

Community Speed Watch Scheme – no news

Neighbourhood Watch – they are going to have a presence at the village hall open day and PCSO Boswell has been asked to attend. The alert was used today for a lost child.

Wombles – the wombles were quiet over winter. On the 22nd March at 10am they will be doing a litter pick and general bits and bobs. It was suggested they could have a table at the village hall open day. They are looking for more work to do. The jennal down to Rose Cottage was suggested as a potential job. They are happy to set up a wombles working group and do some work on the churchyard. Cllrs Hawley and Truscott agreed to meet with the wombles to look at the jobs that need doing around the churchyard.

1018 Correspondence –

- Peak District National Park - Local Plan Review - Call for Sites
- Road Close Bakewell Road Over Haddon for Electrical supply works 14th April to 16th April 2025
- Peak Park - Consultation on the updated Local Validation list

1019 Village hall – there will be an open afternoon on the 22nd March. All hall users will get a mention.

Date of next meeting.

Monday 14th April 2025 commences at 7.30pm (Parish Meeting followed by an Ordinary meeting)

Dates of meetings- Monday 14th April 2025, Monday 12th May 2025, Monday 14th July 2025, Monday 15th September 2015, Monday 10th November 2025. (2nd Monday bi-monthly)

The meeting ended at 22.00pm