

Over Haddon Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held 12 January 2026 at Over Haddon Village Hall

Present: Councillors Z Hawley (chair), S Mosley, R Truscott, and T Walton
CPSO's Anthony Boswell and Rachel

Minute Taking: It was agreed, in the absence of the Clerk, that Councillor R Truscott would take the minutes

Apologies: Councillor J Oldfield

Variations to the order of Business: None

Declarations of members' interests: None

Public Speaking: PCSO Boswell outlined a survey which had been carried out by the Derbyshire Police Department to establish the main crime concerns throughout the county. Parish councils were one of the main consultees but the response rate, so far, has been very low, and they were keen to get a better response. Having established that there was very little crime locally the issue of anti-social behaviour was raised, citing a local case of someone illegally dumping and burning toxic waste in the village. PCSO Boswell confirmed that this was criminal behaviour and would be acted upon by the Environmental Health department of the District Council and suggested that a report was emailed to the Police. Councillor Hawley promised to consult the local community and send a response before the 1st of March.

Minutes of the Meeting dated 10 November 2: These were agreed and signed

Matters Arising: The following were discussed:

Grant of £10,000 promised by the DDDC (Housing Department) following the sale of 2, Dale View; ZH reported that there had been no response to our queries, and it was agreed to press our inquiries and SM suggested writing also to the DDDC legal department.

Allotments and Village assets: ZH reported that she not yet had the opportunity to search for written documents of ownership in the village hall loft. SM reported that no ideas had been elicited so far about an allotment project. ZH said that councillor Oldfield was preparing alternative plans and elevations for the War Memorial for its upgrade. ZH said that she had spoken to the War Memorials Trust, who sounded very positive about financial support for a scheme involving better public access.
Long-term sickness policy ; This was now agreed and would be formally adopted by the Parish Council at today's meeting.

Grit bins: Concern was expressed over whether or not the Bakewell Road bin had been re-filled. This would be checked.

Local Plan: ZH reported that our earlier response had been sent, as still relevant and we will now await the final draft from PPPB.

Planning Applications: None, as far as is known, but the question was raised of a planning notice at New Close Farm about a caravan site in the field opposite (north) of the farm. We had not been officially consulted but a small toilet block had appeared in the field which could serve caravans....further investigation is needed.

Reports and Decisions: The following items were discussed:

Allotments: The policy, as newly defined following the previous meeting, has been agreed.

Allotment Renewals: ZH produced a set of letters which were ready to go out to allotment tenants. Two were identified as having variations; It was reported that one had agreed to give up half his plot

(a half size plot) and to keep half which was being clarified.

It was reported that the “community allotment” is now defunct and has become plot 12, which is being cultivated.

Christmas de-brief: All agreed that the Christmas tree on the green triangle had been a great improvement and that the Advent Calendar initiative had been successful and should be repeated. TW suggested that we begin with the bus shelter next time (a stables theme?)

Public Footpath No. 7: This footpath (leading from the Dale Road corner below Penny's house diagonally eastwards into the dale) has been a source of contention for several years and a number of walking bodies frequently raise it as an issue. After some discussion it was agreed that this needs resolution as soon as possible and that we should write to the walking bodies – Ramblers Association, Peak and Northern Footpaths, PPPB and DDC – to ask for help in its physical restoration.

Financial Report: The precept has been agreed and the DDDC informed.

Payments: The following are agreed;

Clerk's salary, including the back-dated increase

Cleaners' salary;

Maintenance of the OHPC Website

Updates: The webinar about the “Peak Cluster” was raised, to which TW had signed up. This concerned the proposed pipeline from the Hope Valley (cement works and Tunstead Quarry) carrying liquified carbon dioxide to a storage site below Morecambe Bay.

Correspondence: None

Date of Next Meeting: 9 March 2026