

OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Over Haddon Parish Council held at Over Haddon Village Hall on Monday 14th July 2025

(In the absence of the Clerk it was resolved that councillor Roger Truscott should take the minutes)

Present: Councillors: Zena Hawley; Sally Mosley; Roger Truscott; Tim Walton; one member of the public

1.Apologies for absence: Joe Oldfield; Bob Butcher; Anthony Boswell

2.Variations of Order of Business: None

3.Declarations of Members Interests: None

4.Public Speaking: None

5.To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2025: These were agreed and signed by the chair. It was noted that any unresolved matters should be picked up under subsequent items on the agenda. There was some discussion over whether an item entitled “Matters Arising” should be included in future to ensure that any other outstanding issues could be discussed. This was agreed.

6.Items from which members of the public should be excluded: It was resolved that this should apply to “going forward” under Item 8

7.Planning Applications: Application No. NP/DDD/1224/1379 had been withdrawn.

NP/DDD/1224/1403 – Sough Mill – is due to go before the next Planning Committee and any further comments are required by the 16 July.

It was agreed that observations already sent should remain but some further discussion was agreed. Inconsistent comments made by the planning officer were commented upon: In particular those relating to arrangements for sewage treatment and disposal. Disposal directly into the river, the possible dangers of an electrically operated tank, the possibilities of river flooding in the future and the possible dangers of future owners lacking understanding of the system were emphasised. The experience of having a static caravan occupied on site for the past 18 months was also mentioned, along with the Planning authority's apparent lack of concern about this. Concern was also raised over the lack of any public benefit from the conservation of the milling machinery due to no provision being proposed for public access. It was proposed that we do not have confidence that the application is acceptable and it was resolved that we should recommend refusal. A further letter should be written to the Peak Park Planning Authority (ZH)

8.Reports and Decisions:

Parking: SM reported on this, suggesting that the local councils should be contacted about advertising the new lower charge of £2.20 for a whole day, to encourage people parking on the streets to use the car park. The possibility of leafletting holiday homes was also discussed, and suggestions were made to have more yellow lines but that was not favoured. (Action: SM)

Highways and Footpaths: Some potholes had been filled in, especially by the allotments entrance. A new bridleway sign or signs should be installed (ZH to chase CC)

Locked Gate: The issue of the locked gate in the Dale (next to Sough Mill) was discussed and it was agreed to write to Steve Thompson, who was responsible, with a copy to the Peak Park (Action: ZH)

Allotments and Village Assets: SM reported that Howard Thurlby's plot had been taken and that another new village resident was interested in a plot. The question of the renewal of allotments that were not being used was discussed (usually at the end of the year) and it was agreed to carry out an inspection in September. The question of water storage facilities was discussed at some length, with the possibility of 1,000 litre IBC units being provided for each plot. As Severn Trent provide grants for such facilities it was resolved to complete application forms (Action: SM and ZH - see Allotment items on main agenda)

In view of the harvest season getting progressively earlier it was wondered whether we should bring forward the date of the Village Show, and/or possibly have a Spring Show. This should be discussed by the Village Hall Committee.

1, Dale View: Problem over unsatisfactory bin arrangements, operated by holiday tenants. TW had written a letter to Vinod (the owner) and ZH would send. (TW update)

Public Toilets: ZH had sent a report to the District Council about the need for a “deep clean” and general refurbishment, suggesting that we should meet on site to discuss this. Concern was expressed about the employment status of Kevin, who does the cleaning, and this needs to be regularised. (Action: ZH/others)

9.Updates: TW is going to the PPPF meeting tomorrow and will report back. A major item may be issues caused by “over-tourism” (Action: TW)

The Wombles have cleared the war memorial site and need a letter of thanks to Steve Pope, the organiser (Action: ZH)

10: Correspondence: None

!!. Date of Next Meeting: 15 September 2025 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm