

Over Haddon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held 9 March 2026 at Over Haddon Village Hall

Present: Councillors Z. Hawley (chair), S Mosley, J Oldfield, R Truscott. and T Walton plus one member of the public

Minute taking: It was agreed that, in the absence of the Clerk, councillor Truscott would take the minutes

ITEMS

1. Apologies: Councillor Bob Butcher (DDDC)

2. Variations of Business: None

3. Declaration of members interests: None

4. Public Speaking: A member of the public brought up the issue of dog mess in the village which is not being cleared up. It was suggested that a person who might be responsible might have physical difficulty clearing it up....ZH said that the advice of PCSO Bosworth would be to report it to the DDDC, but that evidence (eg: Photograph) would be needed in order for any action to be taken. A message would be sent about it on the village email.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of 12 January: These were approved and signed

6. Matters Arising: ZH reported that the Police survey of people's priorities about local crimes had been circulated on the village email. Grant of £10k from DDDC relating to sale of council house at 2, Dale View: this is now expected to be received in April. Documents relating to policies – this is still to do. Grit bins: we need to check them regularly

7. Items requiring exclusion of members of the public: Item 13

8. Planning: Applications and reports; none

SM raised the question of applications that we do not appear to have been consulted about. ZH reported that she had inquired of the Peak Park and their reply is that we do get consulted about all matters which they are statutorily required to consult on, which excludes tree issues and permitted development. It seems that the question of caravan use at New Close Farm, including a toilet block on the north side of the lane, may be an issue. JO will inquire. The question of the structure attached to the temporary caravan at the Sough Mill, together with the removal of some wall (and some trees) at the Lodge, was raised. It was agreed that we would write to the Peak Park about this. Development at the wild camping site was also raised, along with conversion of the old barn to residential use; it was agreed to contact the owner about this. The issue of the 30mph sign at the Monyash Road entry to the village was raised; it was agreed that this should be changed to coincide with the “Over Haddon” sign, in view of recent developments nearby, and that we should write to the Highways department of DCC. Travellers site: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Reports and Decisions: Allotments; One quarter site has been vacated but we have three on the waiting list. It was agreed that the first on the list should be offered this site. A three-quarter plot still does not appear to be under cultivation, and it was agreed that this should be monitored and not renewed this year if work on it does not begin. There has been a query about erecting a poly tunnel and a shed, the dimensions of which seem reasonable, and the planting of a tree, which should be next to the boundary wall, so a reply will be sent to this effect.

War Memorial: JO displayed plans which he had drawn up for redevelopment of the War Memorial site, which would involve lowering the majority of the site to just above road level. This would make it much more accessible (especially for the disabled) and safer, with a wider, more central entrance. Planting would be replaced and made more decorative and two seats provided. Further work will be needed to work out the cost of the job and once that is obtained then it is planned to hold a village meeting to discuss the proposal. General approval was expressed for the scheme and JO was congratulated on his work.

Trees: SM raised the issue of tree safety in relation to a DDDC report on facebook about liabilities for owners of land where trees posed a hazard. The site of the former “village tip” (managed by the Peak Park since about 1970 for amenity purposes and planted with trees)

was raised as a possible site with such a problem, but councillors who had visited reported that the trees are mostly safe and in apparently healthy condition. It was agreed that we need to check the status of the site with the PPPB.

TW mentioned a tree at the village car park site which had died and was resting against others next to a boundary wall. Agreed that we need to check with DDDC about this. The “Landscape Trees” initiative of the PPPB was mentioned and some landowners were taking part in this.

Policies: A policy on IT was required. TW outlined the DALC format. ZH said that it would be outlined at the next meeting and reviewed in a year's time.

Public footpath No. 7: Simon Thompson (Northern Footpaths officer) and a representative of the Ramblers are concerned and will meet us at the car park at 1pm on Monday the 2 April to discuss.

Parking Charges: It had been agreed that we would put up some signs around the village after half term advertising the reasonable cost of using the village car park (£2.05 all day). TW will look into it.

Bus shelter advertising: Deferred.

10.Financial Reports: The current account balance is £,3,234.24 and the savings account balance £8,693.19 at 1 March. Standard salary payments had been made to the clerk and the cleaner.

11.Updates: TW reported on the Peak Cluster proposal (taking condensed carbon dioxide by pipeline from the Hope Valley to Morecombe Bay, for storage – carbon capture) an admirable scheme, of lesser environmental impact than proposals for a new electricity grid scheme for East Derbyshire.

12.Correspondence: Nothing of any significance.

(At this point it was agreed to extend the meeting beyond the 10pm.deadline.)

13.Going Forward: exempt item.

14.Date of Next Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting : 27th April at Village hall; Annual Parish Council Meeting 11 May at Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.30