

OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 May 2026 at the Village Hall Over Haddon

Present: Councillors Zena Hawley, Sally Mosely, Joe Oldfield and Roger Truscott
DDDC councillors Butcher and Gee and two members of the public

In the absence of the clerk it was agreed that councillor Truscott would take the minutes

1.Apologies: Councillor Tim Walton

2.Variations of Order of Business: None

3.Declaration of Members' interests: SM wondered whether she should declare an interest in respect of the planning application below, as a nearby resident, but it was ruled that she had no pecuniary interest so was allowed to speak

4.Public Speaking: Councillor Gee asked whether the money due to the parish council relating to the council house sale had come through yet and ZH replied that it had been confirmed but there was a procedural delay in paying it. It was also reported that both councillors Gee and Butcher had increased personal allowances for dispersal and requests were invited from parish councils. Councillor Butcher reported that a review of public toilets was being carried out and wondered if any work was needed at the Over Haddon toilets. ZH replied that an inspection had been carried out last Autumn and it was agreed that refurbishment was needed, but nothing had happened yet. Both councillors agreed to follow this up. There was discussion about the future status of the toilets, with the possibility that the parish council might assume complete responsibility for the Over Haddon ones. ZH said that this would only be feasible if the parish council also had ownership and running of the car park, which would provide sufficient income for doing so and which we were happy to do. Councillor Gee thought this entirely reasonable and said that he would recommend it, as part of the local government reorganisation discussions now under way. Councillor Butcher reported on the situation regarding travellers' sites in the district, confirming that Over Haddon would be very unlikely to be affected by this. SM wondered whether the district council was aware of a caravan that had been parked for several months in a layby on the Monyash to Bakewell road just east of the junction with the road that runs east to Over Haddon, but was actually just inside the Bakewell town council area. They agreed to investigate.

A resident asked to be allowed to provide some supporting information relating to the planning application on the agenda below, as the applicant. This was allowed. She talked about the reasons for the design and materials proposed for the house extension, which were based on the ideas of reducing the carbon footprint in carrying out the development, by using wood, with screw fixed posts into the ground, instead of concrete foundations.

5.Minutes of the Meeting of 9 March 2026: These were agreed and signed

Matters Arising: Most issues were already on the agenda for discussion. However, the question of tree safety and the possibility of damage caused was discussed. SM suggested that we write to residents warning of this, which ZH agreed to do. The particular case of the small wood near the junction of Monyash Road with the road to Haddon Grove was raised. This is in the Parish Council's ownership but had been managed by the Peak Park since the early 1970's. There being no records of the lease arrangements it was agreed to ask the Peak Park about this.

6.Items for Exclusion of members of the public: The only one is item 12 on the agenda, "Going Forward," the final one.

7.Planning Applications: Number NP/DDD/0326/0335, relating to development at No. 4, The Old Orchard, was down for consideration. ZH pointed out that although the consultation period for this had theoretically passed it was agreed with the National Park Authority that they would receive our comments after this evening's meeting.

JO offered his comments, which were that the development needed planning permission because it was sited partly to the side of the existing house; also that he supports the idea of building in wood, with screw-fixed supports (rather than concrete foundations) for speed of erection and a low carbon

footprint. SM wondered whether it would result in some loss of light for the rear aspects of other adjoining properties. It was agreed that a site visit would help councillors to arrive at a decision for a recommendation to the Peak Park, and this was arranged for 11am on Tuesday 12 May.

JO also reported on the Sough Mill development. He had spoken to the Peak Park enforcement officer, who has not yet been to visit the site, but had also said that there was no issue in relation to Lathkill Lodge. JO had also spoken to Tom Armstrong about the temporary toilet block off New Close Lane, who had assured him they would be moved and that there was no plan to use the right to site caravans in the field for up to 60 days in a year. Other councillors confirmed that the toilet block had been moved.

8.Reports and Decisions:

Issues arising from the Annual Parish Meeting : Highways: it was agreed that Monyash Road should be brought within the 30mph limit as far as Mycock's farm because of the residential development that had taken place, resulting in four new dwellings on this stretch in recent years. As it is a County Council (highways) matter JO said he would contact Alistair Sutton, our local county councillor. In relation to the telegraph pole, re-sited near the junction with the eastern ginnel off Main Street, JO said he had sent an objection to Open Reach but had not yet received a reply. Motor homes: some had been parking overnight on the lower level of the public car park and it wasn't clear whether they were allowed in the car park or not. RT said he would write to the DDDC to clarify this.

In response to the query about changes in Lathkill Dale ZH said that a suggestion was made to approach Natural England asking them to hold a public meeting at the village hall to explain their policies and management activities as there was much local interest. It was agreed to do this.

Allotments: SM reported that a greenhouse and shed had been applied for on one allotment, which had been agreed and also that Anna had given up her allotment (which had not been cultivated) and part was already let out.

War Memorial ; JO was awaiting a response from a structural engineer on costing estimates for the work, which we needed to know before deciding about taking the project further.

Assets of Community Value: ZH reported that rules on these had changed recently, allowing public authorities longer to raise funds for purchasing them should they come on the market. It had been agreed that this could apply to the Wesleyan Reform Chapel and that we should register our interest.

IT Policy: A revised version had been drawn up by councillor TW, which had been circulated and which was approved.

Rubbish in Hallyard car park: This was noted, as was the fact that it appeared to contravene the covenant conditions of the sale of the site, so that the owner of Hallyard car park should take it up with the current owner, and perhaps with the DDDC environmental services department. The parish council would support this if necessary.

Printer: ZH suggested acquiring a printer, for joint use between the parish council and village hall committee, to be kept at the village hall, which was agreed.

9.Financial Report: ZH reported that we have a healthy balance, in both the current and savings accounts. A list of accounts for payment was shown on the agenda. The main part of the income (from the precept) of £6,400, had been received. The auditing update is ongoing.

10.Updates: Nothing further to report

11.Correspondence: None

12.Date of Next Meeting: 13 July 2026.

The meeting closed at 10pm