

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM.

Present: Councillor: M Pearcy, P Wait, S Pearcy, J Hobson, D Bird, M Hall and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None

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74/26 Open Forum

Mrs M Penny was welcomed to the meeting, Mrs Penny has come along as she has not attended a meeting for a long time, and feels the council is an important asset in the parish. Mrs Penny is also promoting an event on Coaley Peak in April and again in September, this has been advertised on the noticeboards.

75/26 Apologies for absence

None.

76/26 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

77/26 Co-option of Councillor

Martin Hall was voted on to the council, all councillors supported.

78/26 CRAG Update

Minutes circulated before the meeting; Cllr Hobson commented only the initials are reported which is not helpful when you don't know the committee members. Cllr Pearcy to ask for full names to be included in the minutes.

Toddler play area open and being well used. Open day was a great success.

Tennis court fence, short repair to minimise the risk, Clerk to obtain quotes.

Clerk to obtain quotes to secure the electricity box.

Quote for the repair to the fence, car park and old play park, Cllr Pearcy to chase Steve Birkbeck.

RoSPA report due in April, then the council will review what happens with the old park.

The hedge consultation was placed in the newsletter, clerk is receiving lots of comments, these will be reviewed at the May meeting.

The CRAG committee is planning to organise a consultation workshop, the idea is to take a pause and then go back out to the residents to see what they want for the recreation field. There are 2 sessions, 12th June in the shop and 19th June in the Jubilee room.

Cllr Hobson advised the strip along the hedge is not being cut, and the grass between the path and the other path, clerk to speak to Hathaway.

Cllr Pearcy

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79/26 Reports

District Cllr Pearcy circulated a report before the meeting.

80/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

81/26 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

S.26/0465/HHOLD – Hillcroft, Hamshill – erection of replacement garage. **No comment**

S.26/0082/TPO – The Old Vicarage, The Street – Beech Tree TPO/0087 **Support**

S.26/0364/LBC – The Old Vicarage, The Street – replacement of bay window, replacement and refurbishment of windows, and internal alterations. **Support**

S.26/0292/VAR – Nutgrove, Silver Street – removal of condition D (agricultural occupancy) from permission S.15411 **Support**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

None.

82/26 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Summer Fete	1025.82	Holding agreement
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – March 26
Hathaway Gardenscape	447.90	Grass cutting contract
S Cook	118.99	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter Editing
GALC	299.32	Annual Subscription
G Gritt	332.50	Path Clearing

83/26 Clerks Report

The clerk has chased Sarah from GCC PROW regarding the reason behind the change to the Bridleway off Peak Lane.

Cucan have submitted a grant application, the councillors reviewed and voted to support this application.

The clerk has been notified of a CIL payment pending of £2827.24, the council agreed not to take the payment at this time. Clerk to notify SDC.

Clerk

84/26 Annual Parish Meeting

This is confirmed for Monday 13th April 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room. Les Compton has agreed to present on behalf of CRAG and provide an update of the committee's activities for the last year and plans for the future.

Clerk will purchase tea, coffee and biscuits.

Clerk

85/26 Tennis Court

Clerk to obtain quotes for the fence and electricity box.

Clerk

86/26	<p><u>Village Shop</u> Cllr Wait advised there was not a financial report at this month's meeting. The committee is still waiting for an update on the paths from CRAG. Cllr Pearcy confirmed the paths have been re rolled and the contractors have been asked if they supplied the correct material. If the rolling has not worked, then they need to think of a different solution. A stocktake will take place on 29th April. The Co-op is now central, the committee must spend £250 in a month to keep the discounts on offer. The committee will continue with the training programme. The committee will be discussing the hedge consultation at the next meeting on 28th April.</p>	
87/26	<p><u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported new fire doors have now been installed, and the broken manhole cover has been replaced. The new sanitary bins are in place, the committee decided to expand on this and to have a bin for stoma users. The waste is considered hazardous, so a contractor has been sourced, this is the same contractor as the shop/pub.</p>	
88/26	<p><u>Leases</u> Cllrs Pearcy and Hobson attended a short meeting with Tony, Serge and Barbara. It was agreed with the advice of WSP to seek out a KC to get a definitive answer on the land ownership. It is understood this will cost money and it has been agreed to go ahead collaboratively.</p>	
89/26	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> Cllr Pearcy needs to arrange a meeting with the local PCSO, currently there are 6 members. Cllr Pearcy is hoping to arrange a meeting in July.</p>	Cllr Pearcy
90/26	<p><u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> It has been confirmed the bridge reported by Susan Jones last month is scheduled for repair by GCC. There is footpath sign in the hedge on Peak Lane, the path leads to the Steels farm. Clerk to report.</p>	Clerk
91/26	<p><u>Allotment Update</u> The clerk has asked WSP for advice on how to progress with an eviction for a tenant who has not paid their rent. Waiting for a response.</p>	Clerk
92/26	<p><u>Village Maintenance</u> Cllr Pearcy met with Mr Guy Goring to discuss the purchase of land to help managing flooding near Coaley Mill.</p>	
93/26	<p><u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> The land owned by the National Trust at the top Peak Lane is unstable, clerk to chase with the NT to carry out repairs. There are several potholes on Elmcote Lane, Cllr Pearcy to report on Fix my Street with What3words. Cllr Pearcy will arrange a speed survey.</p>	Clerk Cllr Pearcy Cllr Pearcy

The clerk has not received a response from the school regarding parking, potentially follow this up with the Diocese who oversee the academy.

Clerk

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Playarea Update

The RoSPA is due in April or early May.

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Matters for forward consideration

AGM.

School Parking.

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Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.