Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Hopton Hall Café on Monday 30th March 2026 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr N. Edmiston (Chair); Cllr H.L Corbett; Cllr M. Wilson; Cllr R.Cole-Morgan and Cllr N MacPherson
In Attendance:	Frank Horsley (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

FC/0326/01 Apologies for Absence

None.

FC/0326/02 Variation of the Order of Business

None.

FC/0326/03 Declaration of Members Interests

None.

FC/0326/04 Public Participation

No matters raised.

FC/0326/05 Ward Councillor Reports

None received. Frank Horsley noted apologies received from Cllr Peacock (DDDC). He suggested that Ward Councillors be requested to provide a brief report if possible prior to each meeting. Members agreed.

FC/0326/06 Minutes of Previous Meeting

No amendments proposed. The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 were a true and accurate record.

FC/0326/07 Council Action Plan

Projects

- Noticeboards – Cllr Edmiston stated that Cartwrights had revarnished the noticeboards but there was an issue with the locks. **ACTION: Cllr Edmiston to contact Contractor**

to resolve or seek locksmith as an alternative.

- Solar powered signage for first aid station – New defibrillator signs fitted and Cllr MacPherson to offer spare sign to local charity.

- Community resilience – Members discussed options for proposed first aid including defibrillator training. Agreed that the Parish Council should organise a session for the community as previously discussed but would need to delay until Church roof repairs completed. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to review training options including St John's Ambulance.**

- County Flag – Cllr Cole-Morgan confirmed she had received the flag from suppliers. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to draft letter to School with offer as part of 300th anniversary.**

Village Green

- Play area refurbishment – CPWF application on the agenda for consideration following quotation received from Peak Playgrounds.
- Slide – Cartwrights has completed reseeding of side area but base still requires attention.

Planning

- Local Plan Review – DDDC has contacted again offering a consultation session with the Parish Council. The proposal is to make central topic of Annual Public Meeting on Tuesday 26th May. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to write to DDDC to invite and request officer support.**

Snow Warden

- Cllr MacPherson reported that the PPC not interested in relocating School Lane grit bin on Church grounds. Members discussed alternative locations but resolved for the grit bin to remain in current location.

Parking on Main Street

- Frank Horsley reported that Derbyshire County Council had yet to confirm OITH licence following public consultation and he had followed up with Highways Hub. Members noted potential issue with double bend sign in Hopton (raised by resident). Cllr MacPherson offered to investigate. Cllr MacPherson asked whether we could request a list of DCC assets in the parish. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to investigate DCC asset list.**

Commemorative Bench

- Frank Horsley noted that he had met the resident proposer on site to discuss and take photographs. He advised that in his opinion, there was enough space for proposed bench but resident in no hurry to progress.

Parking on School Lane

- Frank Horsley confirmed he had contacted DCC Highways requesting an inspection of grass verge and options to improve (copying in Cllr Hunter). No response to date. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to follow up.**

Website

- Frank Horsley confirmed that the website had been updated. Cllr Cole-Morgan requested that the School contact information be updated and would provide details.

ACTION: Frank Horsley to update School contact info.

Woodland Trust Community Tree Packs

- Cllr Cole-Morgan reported that she had discussed with School and noted they would have to apply directly. No further action required.

ACTION: Frank Horsley to update Action Plan with agreed changes.

FC/0326/08 Village Matters Arising (not on Action Plan)

a) CPWF Grant Application – Grounds Maintenance 2026 – Frank Horsley presented the application submitted on behalf of the Parish Council following tendering and quotation received from the preferred supplier, D Cartwright's Ltd. The proposed contract would include an option to extend it for a further year for up to three consecutive years. **Members resolved to approve the CPWF application and grant of £1,155 to contract grounds maintenance for April-October 2026 as detailed.**

b) CPWF Grant Application – Replacement Tunnels – Frank Horsley presented the application submitted on behalf of the Parish Council following quotation received from Peak Playgrounds. Cllr Corbett stated reservations regarding plastic replacement for current timber equipment. Cllr Edmiston confirmed he had researched options and the proposed barrels represented the best option with regards durability and maintenance. He noted that the current barrels had been flagged as a potential issue during the last ROS2PA inspection in 2025. Frank Horsley noted that the annual ROSPA inspection was due to take place in April. Cllr MacPherson queried drainage and sustainable disposal in the future. Cllr Edmiston confirmed that the proposed barrels met all quality standards in this regard. **Members resolved to approve the CPWF application and grant of £1,222.50 for supply and installation of new tunnels as quoted by the supplier.**

c) CPWF Grant Application – Main Street Planters – Frank Horsley presented the application submitted on behalf of the Parish Council. He noted that purchase of the planters remained subject to OITH licence from DCC as discussed earlier. Members unanimously voted (5-0) to order the planters from the supplier in advance of the OITH licence being issued to ensure implementation as soon as possible thereafter. Frank Horsley to order with delivery to be agreed. **Members resolved to approve the CPWF application and grant of £215.50 for supply of 4 planters from identified supplier.**

d) Church Roof Restoration – Cllr MacPherson updated Members on progress and noted the need for contractor to carry out a pre-inspection prior to costs being finalized. Members discussed the local options for provision of scaffolding tower which Cllr MaPherson agreed to investigate. Cllr Corbett proposed that an CPWF grant application be invited from the PCC once final cost estimates had been established. Frank Horsley confirmed that grant support was eligible.

e) Public Footpath Sign (corner of The Town/Main Street) – Cllr Cole-Morgan noted that the current sign had been damaged and suggested a request to DCC to replace. **ACTION: Cllr Cole-Morgan to send photos to Frank Horsley to follow up.**

f) CW Sellors Administration/Waters View – Members noted an email sent to the Administrators and subsequent reply. Cllr Edmiston noted that Waters View was being marketed for offers circa £4m. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

g) New Projects – Cllr MacPherson asked about the status of the Pavilion and whether potential existed to develop as a community space. Members discussed the previous

discussions in recent years and the issues surrounding any such development. Members concluded that in light of previous considerations; land ownership and likely costs any development was not feasible or desirable. Cllr Cole-Morgan stated that the focus should remain on Church improvements to ensure it remained a viable community space.

FC/0326/09 Financial Matters

a) Members noted accounts for payment for January-February 2026. Signed.
b) Members noted income received for January-February 2026. Signed.
c) Members reviewed the bank reconciliation for January and February 2026. Signed.
d) Members noted the renewal of the Council Insurance policy for 2026/27.
e) Members **resolved** to appoint Emma Smith Accounting as internal auditor for FY 2025/26. Proposed by Cllr Edmiston. Seconded by Cllr Corbett.

FC/0326/10 Planning

Members noted correspondence with Cllr Slack regarding planning application 26/00019/FUL following the submission of the Council's objection. Frank Horsley to investigate whether a site visit was being undertaken.

Members discussed concerns regarding planning application 26/00235/FUL. In line with Planning Protocol, Members had agreed to submit a partial objection. Cllr Edmiston had drafted the response for submission by the consultation deadline.

FC/0326/11 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence on MS OneDrive file circulated prior to meeting.

FC/0326/12 Any Other Items

Members discussed options for future meetings whilst the Church was being restored. Cllr Edmiston agreed to contact the school for potential use. However, it was agreed that Hopton Hall Café should be used for the APM/Annual Meeting if other options not available.

FC/0326/13 Date & Time of Next Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7pm (Annual Meeting and Ordinary Full Council Meeting).
Preceded by Annual Public Meeting at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 8.52 pm.