

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 24th September 2020, 7pm

NB Meeting was held remotely using "ZOOM", to comply with current Covid-19 regulation

These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 29th October 2020.

Signed Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. N. Topping (Chair), Cllr. A. Darlington, Cllr. B. Moorhouse, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. J. Bradley, Cllr. J. Simm

Also present: Clerk – Mrs. D. Shoults, HPBC Cllr. C. Farrell, 2 members of the public

Meeting commenced 7.03pm.

01/09/20 Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Garrow, DCC Cllr. J. Perkins, HPBC Cllr. J. Collins and PCSO W. Brockett.

02/09/20 No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from members. No items to be discussed.

03/09/20

Reports:

A: County Councillor's Report: None.

B: Borough Councillors' Report: HPBC Cllr. Farrell had attended the consultation at Hope Cement Works and reported that the proposal to bring alternative constituents by rail would not affect Castleton. She was impressed by the company's awareness of carbon implications in their effort to decrease SO2 levels, and that a lot of rewilding work is being done in the old pits.

HPBC Cllr. Farrell offered to stay to discuss another item after the public participation.

C: Police Report: PCSO Brockett sent a written report, including:

No crimes in Castleton over the past month.

The Police have dealt with numerous incidents of illegal parking in the area, and are working to recommend the placement of double yellow lines, instead of double white, to avoid confusion at locations such as Spital Bridge and the clearway at the top of Mam Tor. PCSO Brockett said to look out for him on his electric bike, which he is currently trialling for the Police!

D: Chair's Report: Cllr. Topping's recent work and correspondence are covered elsewhere.

04/09/20

Public Participation:

i) Sally Soady, on behalf of Hope Valley Green Ventures, outlined their S137 Grant Application for £250, details previously circulated. The Councillors had their questions answered, and Cllr. Topping advised that a reply would be given after discussion.

ii) Gordon Wordsworth attended on behalf of the National Hill Climbing Championships, planned for October 2021, after the Councillors had previously rejected the original proposal. Mr. Wordsworth detailed how the Council's concerns had since been addressed, explaining that this is a formal, prestigious event, to attract the best National riders.

The event would be strictly timed, with the road closure to be managed professionally. The event's proposed start time has been brought forward, and the road closure duration reduced. Emergency access must be respected and will be escorted if necessary. TV coverage is expected, donations are planned for local concerns, to benefit Castleton. Cllr. Topping thanked Mr. Wordsworth and advised this will be discussed later in the agenda.

07/09/20

Council Matters

E: (brought forward) **TEE Subgroup** Cllrs. Spooner, Darlington and Simm had pre-circulated a summary of discussions to date, including Traffic Calming and Safety, Litter, dog fouling, and environmental issues, water fountain provision, plastics reduction, noise, planting of trees and wild areas.

HPBC Cllr. Farrell spoke about the importance of parishes working together on environmental issues.

A survey to help parishes consult residents on traffic calming measures has been outlined. Cllr. Topping stressed that this should contain questions relevant to, and unique to, Castleton, and offered input. Cllr. Spooner suggested the TEE Subgroup could draft some questions and pre-circulate.

05/09/20

Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th June 2020 were considered. The Minutes were then approved. The Chair will collect from the Clerk 3rd August, and sign as true and accurate records of those meetings (prop BM, sec JB, unan)

B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.

06/09/20

Finance:

A: The Council's monetary assets are shown below, and the Chair examined and approved the bank reconciliation and the latest current account statement, both to be signed upon collection from the Clerk.

	Current Account	NS&I
Balance brought forward 01/04/20	11,355.41	24,673.44
Total Income	13,595.41	0.00
Total Expenditure	9,884.03	6,318.00
Balance	15,066.79	18,355.44
Last Statement Balance 15/09/20	15,066.79	18,355.44
Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00
Less this month's payments	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	10.00	0.00
Available Balance 30/07/20	15,066.79	18,355.44

B: Resolved to pay following invoiced items by cheque (prop NT, 2nd JB, unan):

- i) DALC – Risk Assessment Training 12/08/20 x 2 places - £40.00
- ii) Jati Ltd – New bench for Burial Ground - £379.99
- iii) Valley Landscapes – Burial Ground Maintenance Aug/Sep 2020 - £504.00
- iv) D. Shoults – Clerk's salary, allowance, expenses 23/7/20-16/9/20 - £575.00
- v) S. Hayes – Software and internet security support Aug/Sep - £28.00
- vi) G. Johnson – Village Grounds Maintenance Aug/Sep -£360.00

C: Resolved to note the following income and receipts of the Council:

- i) Percival Memorials – Cremation Plaque - £30.00

D: In the light of the 2020/21 recognised pay award agreed by the NJC a 5% increase for the Clerk was proposed, backdated to April 6th, with the recommended home allowance increase from £20 to £26. (prop NT, 2nd AD, unan)

E: Cllr. Topping wished to acknowledge the huge amount of work village website owner Val Burgess has put into the effort to achieve website accessibility compliance. Whilst it is

unlikely that full compliance will ever be achieved, Val has helped enormously.
Resolved to offer remuneration of £30 book tokens as Thanks. (prop NT, 2nd AD)

07/09/20

Council Matters

A: Councillors approved the amended Grounds Maintenance contract. The Clerk was instructed to advertise the invitation to tender, and to forward details to the 3 contractors who have already expressed an interest.

B: Various potential options for allotments were discussed. Cllr. Topping stressed that purchase prices must be determined and compared with potential rental values. Cllr. Bradley is investigating land for sale locally.

C: Resolved to feed back to the organisers of the Ultra-X Marathon event after complaints of littering from residents and disappointment at failure to adhere to agreed procedures.

D: Resolved to agree in principle the revised plans for the National Hill Climbing Championships, proposed for Winnats Pass, October 2021. (prop JS, 2nd NS). The Councillors acknowledged that the organisers had listened to, and addressed, concerns, and are planning a “one-off” event with many criteria set to benefit the village. The Councillors plan to work with the organisers throughout, and to inform HPBC of their reasons for approving this event.

E: The TEE subgroup report was received and discussed earlier.

F: Resolved to keep up with updates to the planning system reforms. (prop NT, 2nd JS)

G: Hope Valley Vendors’ S137 grant application for £250. Resolved for the Chair to revisit the village’s non-tourist shops to seek their current viewpoints. (prop NT, 2nd JB)

H: Council’s Website Accessibility Statement was agreed (prop AD, 2nd JS). Noted that content must be in accessible format by September 2021.

J: Parking – discussed alongside Police Report.

K: Noted Cllr. Simm to attend Councillor Essentials Training 7th October. Clerk to request a place for Cllr. Spooner also.

L: The Council wish to thank Mrs. Vicky Turner for her generous donation to Castleton Village Hall, being the residue of funds raised from the sale of a Hope Valley Group local guidebook.

M: Councillors have been approached by residents concerned about waste disposal lorries using Millbridge for access. The Environment Agency has been contacted. It was not thought that there is a weight issue with the bridge.

08/09/20

Condition of the Village

A: Cllr. Darlington has received an estimate of around £1200 for one part of the work proposed for the DCC ROW maintenance grant for 2020-21. The councillors rejected the notion of funding the additional approx. £700 to the £495 grant. Cllr Darlington to seek estimate for cutting back overgrowth on Dirty Lane.

B: Noted upcoming (20.10.20) Public Spaces Protection Orders replacement signage. Cllr. Simm is investigating other signage around the village to increase visibility.

C: Cllr. Moorhouse advised that the replacement Burial Ground bench has had 2 coats of varnish, awaiting another. Arranging for van and assistance to move to Burial Ground.

09/09/20

Planning

A: The following planning applications were previously circulated, the 28-day consultation period of each took place between meetings:

i) NP/HPK/0820/0784 – Goosehill Hall, Buxton Road, Castleton –
Listed Building consent – Conversion of swimming pool building to ancillary accommodation for Goosehill Hall.

ii) NP/HPK/0720/0628 – Rose Cottage Café, Cross Street, Castleton –
Change current ground floor use of tea rooms to retail. Replacement of existing rear

extension with a more permanent solution continuing the use as tearoom. Provision of independent external access to the existing first floor accommodation.

Councillors had studied the plans and agreed that there were no objections to either.

Additional application received by email same day as the meeting:

NP/HPK/0920/0848 – Adventure Quip, The Stones, Castleton –

Change of use from A1 shop to 2 holiday lets.

Noted that previous comments and inaccuracies had not been addressed from the original application last year, and that the applicant had not requested to meet with the Council (as stated within the application)

Cllr. Topping has already received comments from nearby residents.

The Councillors rejected the application (prop NT, 2nd NS, unan) Cllrs. Topping and Moorhouse were appointed to recheck details and formulate a response.

Cllr. Topping has corresponded with the 3 Roofs owner. It was noted that the pavement licensing process would need to be followed, and that the Council would hope to support an application, provided that vehicular access is unaffected.

B: There were no planning decisions as notified by the PDNPA this month.

10/09/20

Correspondence and DALC Circulars

A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, was noted and discussed:

- i) NALC – Various updates, guidance, advice, coronavirus advice.
- ii) DALC – Footpath Advisory Group – action on new BSI standards for stiles.
- iii) DALC – Notes and updates from Clerk and Chair meetings.
- iv) DALC – Climate Emergency Survey – responses from councillors
- v) HPBC Councillors – updates including card reader for car park, minutes of HV Parishes Meeting.
- vi) Hope Cement Works – Public Consultation – Bringing alternative raw products by rail.
- vii) HV Climate Action Group – survey results, Travel & Transport within the Hope Valley.
- viii) Kerry Towers – Minutes of 10/6/20 P.P.Parishes Meeting.
- ix) PDNPA – Revised Parish Statement - **Council have been thanked for updates.**

11/09/20

Items for the Peveril Post

Cllr. Topping will draft. Cllr. Darlington suggested an item from TEE discussions giving examples of how residents can help better the village.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

The following ordinary meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 29th October, at 7pm, The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton, or via remote Zoom meeting, if Covid-19 restrictions still in place.

UNADOPTED