

# **CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7pm**

### **NB Meeting was held remotely using “ZOOM”, to comply with current social distancing rules**

*These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

Signed ..... Chair of meeting

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

Also present: Clerk – Mrs. D. Shoults.

Meeting commenced 7.08pm.

01/05/20 There were no apologies received.

02/05/20 No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from members. No items to be discussed.

03/05/20

#### **Reports:**

A: County Councillor's Report: None.

B: Borough Councillors' Report: The Councillors noted various emailed updates from HPBC Cllrs. Collins and Farrell, including:

- NHS “Open for Business” campaign
- Updates on policing in the Hope Valley after the relaxation of Lockdown measures, and issues related to high volumes of visitors and traffic.

C: Police Report: None.

D: Chair's Report: Cllr. Topping presented his report, (see separate report) with the following additions:

Recently there have been problems with some not obeying physical distancing, and there has been one unpleasant incident involving a resident.

Cllr. Topping reported that one councillor has experienced 3 verbal assaults from residents and wished to make it clear, and record, that it is totally unacceptable for councillors to be subjected to any kind of abuse.

Cllr. Garrow added that support from most residents has been fantastic.

Cllr. Spooner was interested in representing the Council at the Hope Valley Green Initiative groups and asked for clarification. Cllr. Topping suggested initially approaching the HPBC Green Councillors.

The councillors found the Chair's report useful, and Cllr. Garrow asked for flooding to be added to future reports.

04/05/20

**Public Participation:** There were no residents present.

05/05/20

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:**

A: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 were considered.

The Minutes were then approved. The Chair will collect from the Clerk 29<sup>th</sup> May, and sign as true and accurate records of those meetings (prop BM, sec AD, unan)

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

06/05/20

#### **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 29<sup>th</sup> May.

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>NS&amp;I</b>
Balance brought forward 01/04/20	11,355.41	24,673.44
Total Income	10,026.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	5,504.51	2819.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>15,876.90</b>	<b>21,854.44</b>
<b>Last Statement Balance 14/05/20</b>	16,367.40	21,854.44
Less un-presented cheques	490.50	0.00
Less this month's payments	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
<b>Available Balance 28/05/20</b>	<b>15,876.90</b>	<b>21,854.44</b>

B: Resolved to pay following invoiced items by cheque (prop BM, 2<sup>nd</sup> NS, unan):

- iv) Came & Company – Insurance renewal 2020/21 - £367.24
- v) D. Shoults – Clerk's salary, allowance, expenses 23/4/20-20/5/20 - £410.55
- vi) N. Fisher – reimbursement for mower repair, Buxton Lawnmowers - £38.50
- vii) S. Hayes – printing costs, Coronavirus village flyer

Cllrs. Darlington and Garrow summarised their proposals to try to move forward the Grounds Maintenance Contract. Councillors resolved that contractor and supplier invoices will be approved at meetings, if already accepted by Cllr. Darlington.

Councillors then resolved to pay the following invoiced items by cheque (prop NG, 2<sup>nd</sup> AD, unan):

- i) Miss Landscape – Grounds Maintenance March - £100.00
- ii) Miss Landscape – Grounds Maintenance April - £315.50
- iii) Miss Landscape – Grounds Maintenance May - £600.00
- viii) Chapel Tool Hire – 1 month mower hire - £48.00

Cllrs. Darlington and Garrow were thanked for their work in proposing a way forward.

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

- i) HPBC – precept payment - £6470.52
- ii) HPBC – precept payment - £176.48
- iii) Anonymous – donation for Peveril Post - £20.00

D: Councillors noted transfer of £2,819.00 from NS&I to NatWest current account

E: Resolved to transfer £3,499.00 from NS&I to NatWest current account, to cover mower for Playing Fields, as previously agreed.

F: Councillors approved the previously circulated draft end of year financial accounts.  
Clerk to submit to internal auditor.

07/05/20

### **Council Matters**

A: The Clerk has notified HPBC's Mark Trillo of the Councillor vacancy, and is awaiting guidance/next steps from Marion Hancock, Senior Elections Officer.

The Councillors resolved to assign responsibilities to individual Councillors, as follows:

- \*Cllr. Garrow – Flooding
- \*Cllr. Darlington – Grounds Maintenance
- \*Cllr. Moorhouse – Planning
- \*Cllr. Spooner – Green Issues, with HPBC Councillors and other parish Councils
- \*Cllr. Bradley – Burial Ground

alongside dealing with the regular Council matters and “one-offs”.

B: Grounds Maintenance Contract covered previously (06/05/20 B)

C: Councillors noted that the follow-up Coronavirus Village Flyer had been well-received, by residents and the two essential shops.

D: Councillors considered emails forwarded by a resident concerning proposals for road space to be shared between road users, active and motorised, and discussing a 20mph limit in residential areas, to aid physical distancing on narrow pavements. The writer had mentioned that DCC has COVID-specific funding at present. The Clerk was asked to request a one-page report from the writer, to detail specific proposals for the Village.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 7.59pm to allow the Councillors to show their support in the final “Clap for our Carers” at 8pm

The meeting recommenced 8.04pm\*

08/05/20

There followed a discussion on the large numbers of visitors crammed into the Village on this week’s very warm Bank Holiday Monday, and the affect this had on residents. The Councillors agreed that toilets facilities should be reopened where possible, and any posters should encourage visitors to maintain physical distancing and be considerate to others.

### **Condition of the Village**

A: Options were discussed for the ROW Minor Maintenance Grant 2020/21. Counsellors to clarify and Cllr. Garrow will finalise with the Clerk, to allow application to reach DCC **Before 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

09/05/20

B: Cllr. Topping reported minor subsidence (25-40mm) affecting the older part of the Burial Ground. After initial enquiries various options were given. Cllr. Bradley to investigate and order materials as required.

C: A resident had enquired as to whether the Council Noticeboard could be relocated, to become more visible. Cllr. Moorhouse reminded that a new noticeboard is in progress. Resolved to discuss next meeting.

### **Planning**

A: There were no planning applications received this month.

10/05/20

B: Resolved to note the following planning decisions this month, as notified by PDNPA:

- i) NP/HPK/022/0138: 1, Sunnyside Villas, Buxton Rd, Castleton –

Installation of buried pipework for a ground source heat pump and construction of an outbuilding – **Granted** with the shown conditions.

### **Correspondence and DALC Circulars**

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

11/05/20

- i) NALC – Various updates COVID-19
- ii) DALC – April Newsletter
- iii) PDNPA – HV Explorer cancelled for 2020
- iv) Robert Largan – response to Cllr. Moorhouse re Clarity of Government restrictions on exercise and driving times
- v) PDNPA – Parishes Bulletin 33. My 2020

vi) DALC – Climate Emergency – Derbyshire’s Next Steps?

**Items for the Peveril Post**

Items to be discussed next month.

**Meeting closed 8.38pm**

UNADOPTED