

## **CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7pm**

#### **Meeting was held remotely using "ZOOM"**

*These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 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, HPBC J. Collins, DCC Cllr. J. Perkins, 2 members of the public

Meeting commenced 7.03pm.

01/10/20 Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Garrow.

02/10/20 No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from members for any items to be discussed.

03/10/20 **Reports:**

A: County Councillor's Report: Cllr. Topping gave permission for DCC Cllr. Perkins to introduce Paddy Bann, Speed Watch Coordinator for Chapel and Hope Valley to speak about tackling speeding problems in the area. Mr. Bann had been approached by Castleton residents about the issue and explained that local volunteers work with CREST and the Police Community Speed Watch Team (CSW) in groups of 4 to monitor speeds of vehicles passing through villages. Details of speeding vehicles are sent to the CSW, then to the Police, after which the drivers are contacted by a series of letters. Such a system is already working in Chapel, supported by Cllr. Perkins. If approximately 12 volunteers can be found for the communities of Castleton, Edale and Hope, in a month, Cllr Perkins is prepared to supply hi-vis ppe and 2 speed guns. After Councillors had asked questions Cllr. Topping advised that the topic will be discussed.

B: Borough Councillors' Report: HPBC Cllr. Farrell mentioned that speeding surveys will be on the agenda for the next Hope Valley Parishes meeting, as some parishes already have surveys underway.

HPBC Cllr. Collins reported that the High Peak (and Derbyshire Dales) will move into Covid Tier 2 "High Alert" on Saturday 31/10, as infections are rising very sharply.

Councillors resolved to add a last-minute insert to the impending Peveril Post, with a summary of Tier 2 Rules, and a link to today's press release. (Prop NT, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS, unan)

C: Police Report: None.

D: Chair's Report: Cllr. Topping has summarised the Council's recent work in the upcoming Peveril Post.

04/10/20 **Public Participation:**

Mike Joseph, on behalf of Hope Valley Green Ventures, joined the meeting to give a brief update and answered further questions from the Councillors. Cllr. Topping thanked Mr. Joseph and advised that the Council will return to him with a decision.

05/10/20 **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:**

A: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were considered.

The Minutes were then approved. The Chair will collect from the Clerk next week, and sign as a true and accurate record of the meeting. (prop AD, 2<sup>nd</sup> JB, unan)

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

06/10/20

### **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.

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>NS&amp;I</b>
Balance brought forward 01/04/20	11,355.41	24,673.44
Total Income	18,848.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	11,771.02	6318.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>18,432.39</b>	<b>18,355.44</b>
<b>Last Statement Balance 15/10/20</b>	18,964.39	18,355.44
Less un-presented cheques	532.00	0.00
Less this month's payments	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
<b>Available Balance 29/10/20</b>	<b>18,432.39</b>	<b>18,355.44</b>

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

- i) DALC – Councillor Essentials Training 7/10/20 - £50.00 – Cllr. Simm.
- ii) Peak Advertiser – Advert for Grounds Maintenance Tenders - £36.00
- iii) D. Shoults – reimbursement for book tokens for website assistance V. Burgess - £30.00.
- iv) G. Johnson – Village Grounds Maintenance Oct. 2020 - £285.00
- v) D. Shoults – Clerk's salary, allowance, expenses, backpay 17/9/20-21/10/20 - £522.16
- vi) Valley Landscapes – Burial Ground Maintenance Oct. 2020 - £134.00
- vii) S. Hayes – reimbursement for Remembrance Day Wreath - £40.00
- viii) DALC – Councillor Essential Training 7/10/20 - £50.00 – Cllr. Spooner.

And:

D. Jon Haddock, for payment for printing of the Peveril Post - £200.00.

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

- i) HPBC – Precept payment - £4576.52
- ii) HPBC – Precept payment - £176.48
- iii) NG & P Sidebottom – rent payment #2, Poor Piece - £500.00  
(Cllr. Bradley advised correct spelling of Sidebottom, incorrectly written in agenda)

07/10/20

### **Council Matters**

A: Grounds Maintenance Contract - The Clerk has circulated the 4 tenders received so far, with two awaited. Cllr. Darlington requested the extended deadline to be set for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November and will circulate a comparison spreadsheet once all tenders are received.

B: Cllr. Topping reported that nothing has been received this month regarding allotments. Cllr. Bradley to chase up enquiries on potential sites.

C: i) Resolved to accept the quotation of £103+Vat for 100 stickers for the Village's litter bins, agreeing the draft which the TEE Group proposed and shared. Cllr. Darlington will order. (prop NT, 2<sup>nd</sup> JB, unan)

ii) Following discussion it was agreed that the TEE group should revise the draft road safety survey to reflect comments of the council, with the support of the Chairman, and will bring it back to the next CPC meeting.

D: Resolved to inform the Hope Valley Green Ventures that the Council would reconsider their S137 grant application in 12 months' time, depending on how the venture is progressing. (Prop BM, 2<sup>nd</sup> JB, unan)

E: Cllr. Topping will check if the 3 Roofs pavement licence application has been revised to include the agreed reduced licensing hours (9am-6pm).

F: Resolved to give support to the Derbyshire Air Ambulance in the form of a one-off donation of £250.00. (Prop JB, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS, unan)

G: Events at Peak Cavern. It was assumed that indoor events will not be permissible under the impending further lockdown rules. After reassurance from HPBC that the Cavern's events are covered under their own licence and Covid Risk Assessment the Councillors concluded to monitor once events start to place again.

H: Cllr. Topping asked the Clerk to forward itemised the year's expenditure and income to end of October, to enable work to begin on the 2021-22 budget.

J: The ongoing problem of illegal parking around Spital Bridge was discussed. Cllr. Topping to clear with Police and residents before placing information signs at the location.

08/10/20

### **Condition of the Village**

A: i) Resolved to accept the quotation of £300+Vat from Valley Landscapes for work on Dirty Lane footpath, as part use of the DCC ROW Minor Maintenance Grant. (Prop AD, 2<sup>nd</sup> NS, unan) Clerk to notify contractor.

ii) Councillors agreed not to pursue the resurfacing of Furlongs Lane, as Cllr. Darlington has still not heard back from the farmer after initial discussions.

B: Cllr. Moorhouse advised that the new Burial Ground bench (painted and ready to go!) is awaiting help from removal volunteers. The original planned relocation was scuppered by torrential rain on the day!

C: Councillors discussed work done by various residents to clear blockages down Millbridge, and that these blockages can reoccur rapidly. It was thought that a kerb recently put in by DCC, near where Odin Sough comes out, needs reversing, and that the E.A., DCC and residents should be consulted.

Councillors noted the offer of two flood gauges for the village, to be placed in locations by the river. Two residents have agreed to monitor these.

Cllr. Darlington advised that new, more robust, planters are needed in the Burial Ground, and will enquire with Hope Valley Garden Centre.

09/10/20

### **Planning**

A: The following application was discussed. The Clerk was previously instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA, as the application was received on the day of the previous meeting:

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

Change of use from A1 shop to 2 holiday lets. **Resolved to object.**

\*No reply yet received after the Council's objection, and request for information on the planning meeting.

B: The following planning decisions as notified by the PDNPA this month, were noted:

i) NP/HPK/0820/0784 – Goosehill Hall, Buxton Road, Castleton –

Listed Building consent – Conversion of swimming pool building to ancillary accommodation for Goosehill Hall. **Application Withdrawn**

ii) NP/HPK/0120/0029 and 220/0153 – Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Castleton –

Advertisement consent – installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signs. **Application Withdrawn.**

10/10/20

## **Correspondence and DALC Circulars**

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

- i) NS&I – Interest rate reducing from 0.8% to 0.01% on 24<sup>th</sup> November. **Unlikely to improve on this currently**
- ii) NatWest – Business Banking Switch – **Clerk to seek further information.**
- iii) DALC – AGM / DALC Excellence Awards – 20/10/20
- iv) DALC – October Newsletter
- v) HPBC Councillors – Correspondence regarding events at Peak Cavern.
- vi) Cllr. Simm – FW: 6 things happening in High Peak – Newsletter from Robert Largan
- vii) DALC – PCC Hardy Dhindsa's Vulnerability Fund (closing date 13/11/20)
- viii) DCC – Snow Warden Scheme. **Cllr. Bradley to check village grit bins.**
- ix) Hope Valley Climate Action – Energy Survey – **Cllr. Simm has responded.**
- x) DCC Cllr. Perkins – Response from Steve Alcock re parking on How Lane

11/10/20

## **Items for the Peveril Post**

Councillors agreed to add last minute insert, as above.

**Meeting closed 9.10 pm**

**The following ordinary meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 7pm, via remote Zoom meeting.**