

# **CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7pm** **Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton**

*These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its Monthly Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*

Signed ..... Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. B. Moorhouse (Chair), Cllr. J. Bradley (Vice Chair), Cllr. N. Topping, Cllr. J. Simm, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. J. Judge, Cllr. A. Darlington  
Also present: Clerk T. Dale, eight members of the public

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/11/21 Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Farrell, Cllr. J. Collins.

02/11/21 No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from members for any items to be discussed

03/11/21 **Reports:**

A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.  
B: Borough Councillors' Report: None this month.  
C: Police Report: None this month.  
D: Chair's Report: None this month

04/11/21 **Public Participation:**

National Hill Climb Event: Nick Latimer, organiser of the event, and event team attended the meeting providing feedback on the event.

Although the weather was bad the event went well with record breaking times (fastest finish 3 minutes and 1 second) and the first female champion. Feedback, including the National Trust, post event was good. Logistically all went smoothly with the road closing at 6:30 am and opening on time at 11:00 am. There were no issues with parking, and the use of Duns carr Farm, Hope Valley College, and Sports Club, although busy provided sufficient parking.

What went well, amongst other things, included the presentation to Castleton Primary School the week before, engaging the pupils and gaining their support. They thanked Treak Cliff for providing the trophies (containing local Blue John stone). They held a survey on spend, accommodation etc. following the event, with 97 out of 300 participants in a survey suggested c£10K spend locally which is a fraction of the overall spend, maintaining the ethos of supporting local businesses. Local, National, and international media covered the event, with thousands of photographs posted on social media. The event was non-profit, although expensive they have current raised £3524.98, which is likely to increase. They wish to donate these funds to local charities.

The Council was asked for their feedback, they felt it went well, no complaints were received and that they would provide a recommendation list a of beneficiaries for the donation. The Council gave utmost thanks to Nick and the team for liaising and keeping the Council updated on the event prior and post.

Cllr Judge ask if there was any possibility of the organisers encouraging similar event organisers/organisation of the benefits of involving the Council in any upcome/subsequent events. Whilst Cllr Moorhouse recognised this is not within Nick's remit, Nick explained that they have released Podcasts and videos that included the benefits of collaborating with local Councils and residents.

Nick asked, if they wished to run another event in 5 years, would the Council be open to it. The Council said yes based on the outcome of this event.

*Nick and team left the meeting*

Ecar: Tom Ricketts a member of HVCA was asked by Cllr Spooner to attend the meeting, to talk about Ecar ChargePoint's for the village. Paper covering the talk issued at meeting.

Hope Valley has only one fast electric charge point at present, but the wish is to provide more. A brief outline of the benefits and impact of Ecars on the environment, a 50 – 57% reduction in carbon dioxide compared to a like for like petrol vehicle.

When considering installing Ecar chargers four things need to be considered:

1. What is the purpose? – who will and how will this benefit/impact on? Residents, visitors, businesses etc.
2. Money – costs of installation can be part funded (75%) via the on-street Residential ChargePoint scheme, depending on preferred model the additional 25% could be funded by suppliers such as BP Chargemaster. The benefit of this model being, initial costs, maintenance, and replacements as technology moves on, however any profit would go to the supplier.
3. Placement, who owns the land? Is there any suitable location? One charger requires two parking spaces.
4. How soon and for how long would installation/placement?

There are different models of business cases (set out in the paper). Current talks ongoing with Landlords etc. where premises include carparks, an advantage of this model being that whilst car charging, individuals can visit shops/local businesses.

Cllr Judge asked about the cost benefits of owning an Ecar, it was suggested a third of the running of non Ecars.

Cllr Moorhouse stated that what we are looking for is a better place for the residents, as CPC does not have sufficient land pressure would need to be put on HPBC.

Tom explained the DC initiative D2N2 enterprise partnership providing funding for Councils. DDC are considering all carparks to be assessed and tendering for suppliers, this is not happening in HPBC. CPC to speak with Cllr Farrell and Cllr Collins on the issue.

To make local businesses aware the proposal is to provide a short document/leaflet for distribution around local businesses.

Cllr Judge raised concerns for that those without drives, any scheme would need to ensure these residents are to be looked after.

Cllr Moorhouse thanked Tom for coming along to the meeting and explaining the current situation.

*Tom Ricketts left the meeting*

Millbridge Traffic issues – Residence, raised the issues being faced by residents on Millbridge and the unadopted proposals set out in the DCC document proposing parking restrictions, especially the provision of double yellow lines on Millbridge. They have been in correspondence with Steven Alcock but no resolution on dates has been obtained. The residence asked the Council for assistance to support the requests for double yellow lines on one side of Millbridge to reduce the congestion. Residents have experienced aggressive behaviour and fear that emergency vehicles would not be able to pass due to the obstructions. Cllr Bradley asked how all other residents felt, including those that do not have their own parking, they stated there would be no negative reaction from other residents. Cllr Moorhouse indicated that even with double yellow lines this may not resolve the issue as no one is policing them. The residence repeated asking the Council for support to put pressure on DCC to move Millbridge up the agenda.

Cllr Moorhouse recommended that they forward all the details to the Clerk who will distribute to Councillors for discussion.

*The residence left the meeting*

First Aid training – Steve Hayes proposed to the Council the requirement/benefits of having locally trained first aiders. Requesting the Council support and possible funding for training. The aim being trained first aiders would be available for village and other organised events. Unfortunately, there was a fatality in the past where an ambulance did not arrive until 25 minutes after the event, a first aider may have been able to assist whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Steve is looking for first aiders, not first responder, who can administer first aid, and know where and how to use defibrillators. After researching training companies, the proposal is to use Purple Umbrella for training using the village hall for c12 first aiders at a cost between £700 - £800.

Whilst the Council fully supports the initiative and agree that it is a good idea, the implication for the Council would be prohibited. Council involvement would entail designing, agreeing, and communicating a selection process/procedure. Setting up and maintaining a register, covering subsequent training courses and have all

individuals sign up agreeing to cover community events.

If the initiative is reliant on funding, then the Council suggests as an alternative funding could be obtained from Events Organisers/Organisations.

*Steve Hayes left the meeting*

05/11/21 **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:**

A: The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were then considered. The Minutes require minor changes prior to being signed by the Chair of the meeting (prop J.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> N.T, unan).

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

06/11/21 **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, signed at the end of the meeting.

	Current Account	NS&I
Balance brought forward 01/04/21	12,682.59	24,673.44
Total Income	14,474.94	154.06
Total Expenditure	11,106.65	6318.00
Balance	16,050.88	18,509.50
Last Statement Balance 15/11/21	17,318.88	18,509.50
Less un-presented cheques	1268.00	0.00
Less this month's payments	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
Available Balance 26/11/21	16,050.88	18,509.50

B: Resolved to pay following invoiced items by cheque (prop J.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> N.T, unan):

- i) A. Hulbert – Valley Landscapes (Derbyshire) – Burial Ground Maintenance - £144.00
- ii) Geoff Middleton-Taylor, Care4Castleton group, plants, and compost - £116.92
- iii) Castleton Village Hall – 3 hours hire for meeting - £30.00
- iv) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, allowance, and expenses– £369.97
- v) S. Hayes – Remembrance Day wreath - £40.00
- vi) G. Johnson – Village areas Grass cutting and maintenance - £80.00

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council

- i) HPBC – precept payment - £4915.50
- ii) NG & P Sidebottom The Poor Piece - £500.00

07/11/21 **Council Matters**

A: Discussion on distribution of donation from National Hill Climb event held. Clerk to email Councillors requesting a list of all nominated charities. Clerk to collate list and redistribute to Councillors for recommendation/portion of donation to allocate to chosen charities. On agreement of benefiting charities and allocation Clerk to notify organisers of the National Hill Climb.

B: TEE Group. Cllr. Simm and Cllr. Spooner provided a brief update on the CC posters. Posters are being distributed and placed. A4 poster being the most popular. Cllr. Simm handed Clerk poster to display on Parish Council Notice Board. Engagement and poster placements ongoing. Next event to organise environmental events throughout the year, beginning with a talk on Ecars (see above under Public Participation). To date the group has engaged four speakers to present and participate in open forums. The publicity of the event was discussed, considering posters advertising the event plus an article in the Peveril Post. As the event will take place in the Village Hall it was questioned as to the capacity, Cllr Topping confirmed that all restrictions on hall numbers had been lifted, full capacity is eighty individuals, however Cllr Darlington recommended that should screens or equipment be used the numbers of attendees will need to be reduced, Specifically the big screen in the Village Hall is almost at the centre of the room which effectively halves the space available. When the screen is in use people (for Cinema club for example) normally sit at the end of the hall furthest from the main door.

Depending on interest, if more than capacity is expected then the issuing of tickets may be required. Cllr Darlington raised the issue of costs/funding of the village hall hire and printing Cllr Topping confirmed that the small budget would be funded by the Council but would need to be included in 2022/3 budget. Cllr Darlington to email estimated costs to be included in budget.

C: Covered above under Public Participation, Ecar.

D: Burial Ground Policy reviewed and discussed; Clerk requested clarity on costs to be removed. Moving forward there will be no charge for the following:

Headstone	Memorial Vase attached to grave	Cremation Plaque	Additional Inscription
£50.00	£20.00	£30.00	£10.00

Clerk to update policy and distribute. (prop B.M, 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D, unan):

E: Memorial and burial ground requests were discussed and agreed. Clerk to notify requestees of decision.

F: Clerk update on continued investigation of strip of land behind burial ground, liaising with Bagshaw's. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

G: Review and discussion held on tenders for Ground Maintenance contract. Agreement reached. Clerk to notify those that have submitted tenders of outcome. Cllr, Darlington requested that the successful applicant also provide a quote for maintenance of the small triangle in-front of the cottages. Clerk to request from applicant. (prop B.M, 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D, unan):

H: Draft budget/percept circulated prior to the meeting was discussed, Cllr Darlington questioned if current outstanding additional costs for the planting of bulbs had been considered in the Grounds Maintenance budget. Cllr Topping confirmed that a contingency is in place to cover these additional costs. Cllr Topping advised that we will be updating some of the categories and reassigning some costs, e.g. planting/compost currently paid against S137 being moved to Ground Maintenance. Whilst the Councillor can consider the budget/forecast for 2022 information regarding the Council tax report grant is not available. As such Cllr Topping proposed a 30-minute pre-meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January prior to the monthly Council meeting to discuss, agree and sign off 2022/3 budget/precept as timescale will be extremely tight. Cllr Topping/Clerk to issue revised draft budget prior to meeting.

I: Cllr Darlington updated on Events Diary an additional running event added to the Peak Park events calendar, to be held in July 2022 the route taking runners through Castleton. Cllr Darlington recommended that the organisers be contacted to provide further information and clarification of the event.

Cllr Darlington raised health and safety concerns regarding speeding along roads with the Peak Sportive Long Run Event 2022. The event is to be held on the 25/5/2022, with the event involving c800 cyclists, (on and off road c400). Clerk to contact the organiser to request details of plans and actions in place to prevent injuries/accidents caused by speeding cyclists. Especially Pindale Road which involves a steep hill with residential properties on either side and poor visibility.

J: New Facebook (Castleton Parish Council Social Media Policy) Policy discussed and reviewed. CPC agreed to adopt policy after renaming to Castleton Parish Council Facebook Policy, and adapting text to refer to Facebook only. Clerk to update policy name and circulate. (prop J.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> B.M, unan)

K: Winter evenings with Garland Group for possible 2022 May Day celebration. No update available.

L: First Aid training for members of the village, covered above under Public Participation.

M: Cllr Moorhouse raised various issues on and around Mam Tor. Buses and Lorries having difficulty turning due to congestion, on at least one occasion a lorry had to reverse all the way back to the village. Health and safety issues with disposal of rubbish, including human waste, with people parking up overnight or longer. Cllr Moorhouse and Cllr Bradley to contact DCC, National Parks and write to environmental health.

N: Parish Council Noticeboard. Repair/replacement of the Parish Council Noticeboard was discussed, Clerk to research examples and costs on internet. As an alternative to a purchased replacement, Cllr Moorhouse to sketch designs based on examples. Noticeboard ideally should be lower, wider, Noticeboard needs to be openable from the rear so that the Clerk and others may access easily. Should a specific design be required Cllr Bradley to contact repair person/carpenter.

O: Various suggestions from Councillors to engage and support the residents via events/projects. Proposed events including walking football, community craft projects, and embroidery. Output from craft projects to be displayed in village hall. Cllr Topping to check and confirm with Village Hall committee that this is acceptable. Cllr Moorhouse suggested that all Councillors think of possibilities, investigate these, and bring to the next meeting.

Cllr Darlington on behalf of residence suggestions put forward the idea of a link of silver birch trees being planted in the burial ground. This would be aesthetically pleasing and function as a divider/screen. Cllr

Darlington and Cllr Moorhouse to visit Burial Ground and discuss possibilities.

P: Parking issues raised by four residences in Weaving Avenue concerning parking congestion and mess left by tourists. Suggestion was to look at the possibility of putting up a Resident Only parking sign.

08/11/21 **Condition of the Village**

A: Cllr Topping updated on the possibility of erecting two signs stating “Dogs not allowed” on the small triangle in the Market Place, Cllr Topping showed a pro-type of the signage and asked the Councillor to agree both sign and erecting of the signs. (prop J.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> B.M, majority, A.D Abst,)

B: The funding for additional repair to Furlong Lane was discussed. This year’s funding has been allocated. The funding allocated is for the maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways. It was suggested that other paths/bridleways may be in greater need of repair. Councillors to consider a walk round the village to identify any paths that are in need of repair and therefore may have priority regarding funding for 2022.

C: Cllr. Judge to speak to wardens at Castleton Caravan Park as a representative of Castleton Parish Council, to address issues regarding gridlock between Castleton and Hope at weekends. Assumption is that the congestion is due to “in and out” times, and potentially request staggering of times to resolve the issue.

09/11/21 **Planning**

A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council’s views to PDNPA:

None this month

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

None this month

10/11/21 **Correspondence and DALC Circulars**

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

- i) DALC – Presentation slides – Supporting and engaging with young people, Newsletter
- ii) NALC – Bulletins, Newsletters/Online events
- iii) HPBC – Report from Citizens Advice
- iv) HP Forum - Agenda
- v) Democratic - Agenda
- vi) HVCA – Bus campaign
- vii) DCC – Community News
- viii) Policy & Research – Objects in the Highway. – confirmation received, that it is only in cases where a new licence must be drawn up. It is the processing of the licence that is being charged for, not the actual item itself so if there is a need to replace it, it will continue on the existing licence – unless significant changes are made i.e., change to location which requires an amendment to the licence.
- ix) PDNP – Access to all

11/11/21 **Items for the Peveril Post**

Next edition deadline 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Meeting closed 9.23pm**

**The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.**