

# CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 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 31st March 2022.*

Signed ..... Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. B. Moorhouse (Chair), Cllr. N. Topping, Cllr. J. Simm, Cllr N. Spooner, Cllr. A. Darlington  
Also present: Clerk T. Dale, Cllr. C. Farrell

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/02/22	Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Bradley, Cllr. J. Judge, PCSO Patrick Findlay-Wilson.
02/02/22	No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from members for any items to be discussed.
03/02/22	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. C. Farrell notified the council on a number of topics.</p> <p>Flooding – there is now a reporting tool on the web for flooding issues. Issues raised have included culverts under the roads that are the responsibility of Highways. On request from Cllr. A. Darlington, Cllr. C. Farrell to forward the link to the site.</p> <p>Collapsed damage to the A57, this could mean that traffic coming through Hope could travel via Castleton, increasing traffic flow. Cllr. J. Simm stated she was aware of the damage and that it is reported that the A57 could be closed for some months. It was suggested that the council contact Cllr. N. Gourlay as this is a DCC issue. Cllr. B. Moorhouse suggested that traffic is likely to be diverted, with diversion signs posted, starting at the traffic lights at Brough going to Bradwell then over the top to join the A6.</p> <p>Hope Valley charge point consultation meeting is being held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, Cllr. J. Simm and Cllr. N. Spooner attending. Cllr B. Moorhouse requested that following the meeting, one Councillor is nominated to feedback at the next council meeting.</p> <p>Hope Valley Parish meeting is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, should Councillors wish to attend.</p> <p>Business Grants – Covid related grants still available but tight deadlines of the 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Cllr. N. Topping asked if there was an update for HV Transport Hub, Cllr. C. Farrell replied that as the consultation has been extended to cover all Derbyshire there is no feedback yet.</p> <p>Cllr. B. Moorhouse asked who is responsible for social housing for Castleton and how is housing allocated, what is the criteria. Cllr. C. Farrell informed the council that this is dealt with by HPBC, information and application is on the website, via Home Options. Cllr. C. Farrell will forward the eligibility criteria for social housing.</p> <p>C: Police Report: The Clerk on behalf of PCSO P. Findlay-Wilson reported the following crimes which took place in Castleton over the last 4 weeks:</p> <p>Burglaries - 2</p> <p>Attempted burglaries – 1</p> <p>Public Order – 1</p> <p>Theft from vehicle – 1</p> <p>Assault – 2</p> <p>The Council was asked if they could notify PCSO P. Findlay-Wilson and colleagues of any concerns the residents of Castleton may have.</p> <p>D: Chair's Report: Cllr. B. Moorhouse discussed the current system for flood warnings. Some households came close to a major incident due to the recent heavy rain. Residents on Eades Fold experienced water coming within 1.5 inches of their homes. However it was noted that the river system did cope, that the incident was caused by back up water from the drains. Cllr. N. Topping suggested that gauge(s) could be put</p>

	in place to monitor the situation, helping to anticipate if remedial action is required to prevent risk of flooding. Discussion continued under item 08/02/22 D.																																				
04/02/22	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p>Members of the Playing Fields Committee attended the meeting to update the council on upcoming events. Sharing document and map. The following was discussed at the meeting:</p> <p>It is their intention to organise a Village Day to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. They hope to have the Castleton Village Band and other attractions. The committee requested the councils support and identification of funding to cover elements of the event, such as the hire of a marquee, transport etc. Clerk to contact HPBC and Cllr. N. Gourlay to establish what funding is available and associated process to release payment.</p> <p>Notification was given that the AGM is to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm, location to be confirmed.</p> <p>The committee looking at fund raising events. There is to be Duck Race, being held Easter weekend Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 3:00pm.</p> <p>The committee confirmed that the trees obtained with the council’s help have been planted, and still waiting on a further ten to be delivered. The committee intend to continue with supporting the environment with widening the forest area, having two acres there is sufficient room to have wildflower meadows requiring less grass cutting on the perimeters of the field.</p> <p>Where there is hedgerow that has overgrown at the rear of the carpark. these will be cut back, and additional hedges planted.</p> <p>There is an intention to place a pond in the SW bottom corner at the back of the carpark. The committee are requesting funding for this exercise.</p> <p>The council asked if the Fell Run will take place this year. The committee confirmed that it has been postponed again this year but there is a hope to relaunch and revamp the event for 2023.</p> <p>First Aiders – there are still places for volunteers to receive training to cover local events. The committee have agreed to fund the £20.00 certification and registration fees.</p> <p>Castleton Parish Council thanked the Playing Fields Committee for the work they have done.</p> <p>Members of the Playing Fields Committee left the meeting.</p>																																				
05/02/22	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b></p> <p>A: The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were then considered. The Minutes were then approved (prop NT, 2<sup>nd</sup> BM, unan).</p> <p>B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.</p>																																				
06/02/22	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account</td><td>NS&amp;I</td></tr><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/21</td><td>12,682.59</td><td>24,673.44</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>15,729.94</td><td>154.06</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>13,538.74</td><td>6318.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>14,873.79</td><td>18,509.50</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/01/22</td><td>16,404.99</td><td>18,509.50</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Less this month’s payments</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Add uncleared deposits</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Available Balance 15/01/22</td><td>14,873.79</td><td>18,509.50</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/21	12,682.59	24,673.44	Total Income	15,729.94	154.06	Total Expenditure	13,538.74	6318.00	Balance	14,873.79	18,509.50				Last Statement Balance 15/01/22	16,404.99	18,509.50	Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00	Less this month’s payments	0.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 15/01/22	14,873.79	18,509.50			
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	<p>B: Resolved to pay following invoiced items by cheque (prop NS, 2<sup>nd</sup> JS, unan):</p> <p>i) A. Hulbert – Valley Landscapes (Derbyshire) - £48.00</p> <p>ii) Castleton Village Hall – 3 hours hire for January 2022 meeting - £30.00</p>																																				

- iii) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowance, and expenses 17/01/22 – 13/02/22 (4 weeks)– £366.00
- vi) Cllr. Topping – Reimbursement of “No dogs allowed” signage- £30.72

Clerk apologies for the omission of and the late submission of further invoices on the agenda. It was agreed to pay the following invoiced items by cheque:

- i) V. Burgess – Website hosting with Wordpress for 1 year - £36.00
- ii) Peter Johnson – Removal of tree - £72.00
- iii) Peter Johnson – Material and labour for “No Dogs allowed sign” – £30.73

Cllr. A. Darlington raised the payment of remedial worked conducted recently, council awaiting invoice, on the public footpath along fields near Riding House Farm, to be authorised and paid on receipt of invoice prior to the next parish council meeting. The reasoning being this work will be funded by the DDC ROW scheme, maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways, which has a deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (prop NT 2<sup>nd</sup> JS, unan)

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council

Clerk apologies for the omission of receipts on agenda.

- i) Mellor & Smith Funeral Directors - Memorial – £30.00
- ii) J.E, Noutch Funeral Directors – Interment - £90.00

07/02/22

### **Council Matters**

A: TEE Group updated the council on the ECar Event and Castleton Care Posters. The deferred Ecar event has been rescheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Castleton Care Poster initiative is continuing to rollout, the group noted that this is a big job, but distribution continues with the addition of letters being posted through doors.

Cllr. N. Topping had questions on notes from Cllr. A. Darlington from a recent HPBC Climate Change Workshop. In the context of High Peak land use a reduction in the market for lamb was mentioned (in fact AHDB stats show that lamb production in the UK is steady). With Castleton farmers being dependent on sheep farming Cllr Topping expressed concern. The discussion moved onto carbon emissions from livestock, impact on land, GMO feeds, with main offenders being cattle. Cllr. N. Topping argued there are more significant issues than sheep farming, such as recycling. The WI recently produced a practical guide to recycling which he shared and recommended to the group.

Cllr J. Simm and Cllr Darlington thanked Cllr. N. Topping for responding to these and earlier notes as they found his comments useful.

B: Events Diary – No further events have been added to the diary. Clerk received and circulated response and associated map provided from the Peak Sportive to issues raised by the council including Pindale Road. The event has been rerouted and will no longer include Pindale Road. The events organiser assured the council that the event is a recreational cycle ride in which people average between 12 and 17mph for the duration of the ride. Unlike previous years this will be a smaller event that will prevent the congestion experienced previously. Cyclists will be set off in groups of ten over a period of 2 hours so that the congestion on the road is limited. The last rider will leave at 9am, reaching Castleton before 10:30. They expect c600 riders and whilst they accept there will be more riders on the road in the morning their expectation of disruption to residents is minimal. All riders will be very firmly briefed and complete a pre-event form to confirm that they understand and that they must always follow the rules of the road.

Peak District Run (70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash) concerns raised over the impact of the event on Castleton and residents, what disruptions are likely, what are the parking arrangements, litter, timings of events etc. The Council are concerned that they have not been approached and heard about the event via other media. When organisers have consulted with the Council this has worked well, for example the recent filming in Castleton, and the Hill Climb event. Clerk to contact organisers for details and invite to the next parish council meeting in March.

C: The following roads, footpaths and bridleways were discussed:

- a) Weaving Avenue, residents experiencing parking issues, footpath requires resurfacing, the path is overgrown, and the hedge is encroaching. These issues were raised with Cllr. N. Gourlay at the last meeting. Cllr N. Gourlay has emailed DCC Highways with the issues and requesting action to be taken. A response was not received prior to the meeting.
- b) Buxton Road (top) parking issues causing larger vehicles, Lorries, and trucks difficulties, due to parking they cannot use the turning circle and must reverse back, at times, to the village. The issue was raised with Cllr. N. Gourlay, who has emailed the Parking Enforcement Team regarding parking legislation and DCC Highways about the possibility of double yellow lines for the turning circle and extending far enough down

the road to ensure large vehicles have the capacity to turn, and better signage for HGV's approaching Castleton along the A6187.

However it was noted that there were fewer vans parked up, this was due to the high winds and lack of calor gas availability.

c) Goosehill footpath, bridleway, due to boulders difficult to pass - Cllr. A. Darlington reported that Goosehill has been like this for years. That the parish council has no authority, and it probably belongs to the Duchy of Lancaster.

d) Vicarage Lane, Cllr Moorhouse emailed Cllr Gourlay the details, he will investigate Classification.

Cllr. C. Farrell left the meeting

D: Highways Project Chapel and Hope Valley 2022/23 noted by council.

E: Highways Capital Project 2023/24. Cllr. A. Darlington suggested that Pindale Road should be considered for surface repairs. Clerk to email Cllr. N. Gourlay.

F: The Council support the Playing Fields Committee in organising the Village Day event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Clerk to research possibilities of funding available.

G: No update available, include on next month's agenda.

H: Cllr. B. Moorhouse updated the council on the construction of a new noticeboard. Unfortunately, the current noticeboard location creates restrictions to the preferred design (for accessibility), which will not be possible, and a new design would need to be agreed. Cllr. N. Spooner suggested that if this is down to current position then why not re-site to a better position in the village, making it more accessible. It was agreed that councillors will investigate locations, feeding back at the next parish council meeting.

I: Peveril Post, the increase in cost of printing by the current supplier Instantprint was discussed. It was agreed that the price was still competitive. It was agreed, with the clause that the maximum of thirty-two pages was adhered to, to resolve. (prop AD, 2<sup>nd</sup> NS, unan)

J: No update, include on next month's agenda.

K: Following on from the question raised by Cllr, B. Moorhouse detailed above (ref: 03/02/22 Borough Councillors Report para 5). Discussions continued with regards to affordable housing and the needs of residents in Castleton. Housing footprint was discussed. No resolution was sought or gained.

08/02/22

### **Condition of the Village**

A: A discussion was held following an issue raised by a resident has regarding "Dogs not allowed" signage on the small triangle in the Market Place. Whilst the council recognises the concerns raised, the council has received complaints over the years regarding dog fouling in this area from grounds maintenance teams. The Council's principal concern is that use of the parish land should be for all, including children for play, family picnics etc. without fear or concern. Cllr. A. Darlington raise the possibility of having at least one of the signs removed as felt that there are too many in the area, this was debated with no resolution gained.

The Council thanked the resident for raising the issue and would welcome the resident's involvement in developing future schemes to tackling dog fouling in the village. Clerk to respond to the resident providing contact details for Cllr. A. Darlington.

B: Moved to next month's agenda.

C: No update, include on next month's agenda.

D: Cllr. A. Darlington updated the council on problems of surface water drainage at Spital Bridge. A couple of residents have been studying the drains, looking for blockages including those under the road. The residents have produced a report on their findings The report has now been sent to a specific contact identified at Highways.

In addition to this, and as mentioned in the Chair report (ref: 03/02/22 D) regarding flooding, Cllr A. Darlington raised the purchase of a flood pump. The purchase of the requested flood pump was discussed at the last parish council meeting and Cllr. B. Moorhouse restated issues around storage, purchasing and storing the correct fuel, mobility, and costs of repairs. Other options as per previous meeting were discussed, and private owners of flood pumps have been happy to share with other villagers. Cllr. A. Darlington challenged that the Flood Wardens were not aware of who owns these pumps and how available they would be in an emergency. Cllr. B. Moorhouse will speak to the Flood Wardens and provide them with the owner's names. Cllr. N. Spooner questioned if there was a process for contacting the Wardens and the required assistance need to resolve any floods, removal of silt or other damage. The consensus was that there was no formal process. Cllr. N. Topping stated that neighbours asked each other in the past for help and by working together issue were resolved.

Another option put forward by Cllr. B. Moorhouse was the possibility of purchasing a cheaper and possibly more effective electrical pump.

	<p>Cllr. J. Simm identified that there could be a possibility of a grant to purchase a pump and will investigate. Cllr. N. Topping raised the need to replenish the stock of sandbags, the use of the sandbags proving to be effective in the most recent of storms.</p>
09/02/22	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b>  A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:  None this month.</p> <p>B: Resolved to note the following planning decision, as notified this month by PDNPA:  None this month.</p>
10/02/22	<p><b><u>Correspondence and DALC Circulars</u></b>  A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, was noted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) DALC – Spring Seminar</li> <li>ii) NALC – Chief Executive Bulletins, Events, Newsletters, New Publication, International Women's Day</li> <li>iii) HPBC – The Water in Buxton Supplementary Planning Document</li> <li>iv) HPBC – Cllr Farrell HV Parish meeting Footpaths and Trails</li> <li>v) DCC – Community News, Newsletters, Health and Wellbeing Content Calendar</li> <li>vi) Robert Largan MP – Local News</li> <li>vii) Democratic Services – Agendas</li> <li>viii) HVCA – Travelling Light Project Plan, Renewables in HV, Newsletter</li> <li>ix) HPCV – AGN November 2021 minutes</li> <li>x) PDNPA – Parishes Bulletin</li> <li>xi) Public Sector Executive – Levelling up Agenda</li> <li>xii) Peak District Green Lanes – Consultation on off roading in protected landscapes</li> <li>xiii) Peak Park Parish Forum – Affordable Housing</li> <li>xiv) Citizen Advice – Energy cost of living event</li> </ul>
11/02/22	<p><b><u>Items for the Peveril Post</u></b>  (Not this month)</p> <p><b>Meeting closed 9.05pm</b></p> <p><b>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</b></p>