

## CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 30<sup>th</sup> June 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 28th July 2022.*

Signed .....

..... Chair of meeting

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

Also present: Clerk T. Dale, Cllr. J. Collins, a member of the public

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/06/22	Apologies were received from Cllr N. Topping, Cllr. N. Spooner
02/06/22	Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from Cllr. J. Bradley item 09/06/22 Planning: i).
03/06/22	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr Collins informed the council that there was not much to update from HPBC, the current focus is on finance. Finance being tight they are working hard to obtain grants to be able to support communities where they have previously not received finance support. Cllr Collins also stressed to the council the need to complete the Local Planning Survey. (Ref: 07/06/22 F).</p> <p>Cllr Collins provided an updated on the Travel Light Project an initiative from HVCA. A project covering 5 years to reduce the number of cars and therefore car emissions. The project has three strands, walking and cycling, better public transport, and fewer car journeys. With each strand being integrated to provide low carbon connected sustainable transport within Hope Valley. The project implementation is to be a pilot scheme, providing best practice to be adopted, if successful, on a wider scale. The project has received substantial funding directly from the Department of Transport of £120,000, with the aim to cover the costs of employing dedicated staff, Recruitment Officer, and Communication Officer to support the implementation. There are a number of activities taking place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport Hubs - DDC vision is to provide a Transport Hub providing Café's, information centre and suchlike, therefore HPBC are pushing to revamp the current station into a Transport Hub, nothing fancy but to provide information on walks, ticketing, timetables etc.</li><li>• Engagement with residence, visitors, and businesses.</li><li>• Engagement events, Ecars. Bikes, blocking roads for bike event to ensure safety with helping those new to cycling, cycling football and walking, taking part in the walk to school and organising walking challenges next spring.</li><li>• Working with local authorities for changes and funding to improve footpaths.</li><li>• Communication, providing accurate and informative information.</li></ul> <p>Overall this is very ambitious, a beacon project.</p> <p>The Council asked who was involved with the Derbyshire Bus improvement plan, the Derbyshire Councillors are as a priority.</p> <p>The Council provided observational information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• large buses being used are empty, suggestion that smaller vehicles would be more appropriate and would enable easier access to routes that are unpassable for larger vehicles that prevent villages such as Edale from having a service and save on costs.</li><li>• Traditional buses being used, consider electric vehicles, better for the environment and consistent</li></ul>

	<p>with the overall project aim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timetables, at present there are none available.</li></ul> <p>Cllr Collins agreed this was good feedback and would welcome any other ideas. Councillors to email Clerk with any further ideas. Clerk to collate and forward to Cllr Collins. <b>(Clerk, all Councillors – AP)</b></p> <p>C: Police Report: Due to technical problems the police report was not available until post the meeting. The report would have been as follows and has been shared with the Councillors: 6/6/22 - Winant's Pass - Theft from Person, Unknown offender steals victim' Airpods</p> <p>(earphones) from her bag. They have since been recovered and returned to the owner. 10/6/22 - Buxton Road - Drug related incident, does not appear to have an effect on the wider community. 12/6/22 - Castleton Road - Burglary, Unknown offenders remove lock from rear patio door and enter, conducting an untidy search. Investigation ongoing by CID. 14/6/22 - Mam Nick Car Park - Theft from Motor Vehicle, Unknown offender steals bicycle form bike carrier situated on a campervan. 16/6/22 - Pindale Road - Public Order, unknown offender uses insulting words towards victim. Appears to be a dispute over parking.</p> <p>D: Chair's Report: Cllr. Bradley having recently taken up the role of Chair would like to allocate lead roles to Councillors, the lead is to be the point of contact on the subject and to provide the updates at the council meetings to aid efficiency to the proceedings. These roles do not mean that they work alone, all councillors with interest in the subject have the option to be including in meetings/decisions prior to and in the council meetings. Councillors to consider and agree the following or provide other suggestions: Cllr. Bradley – Chair, Burial Ground Cllr Topping – Vice Chair, Finance Cllr Moorhouse – Planning and Transport Cllr Simm – Conditions of the Village, Correspondence Cllr Darlington – Ground Maintenance Cllr Spooner – TBC</p> <p>A brief discussion took place, as to the allocation, in addition to the structure it was suggested that the TEE Group be revisited. All Councillors to consider the proposal prior to the next meeting. Clerk to add to the next agenda. <b>(Clerk, All Councillors – AP)</b></p>																								
04/06/22	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p>The Castleton Playing Fields Committee submitted a request in writing for funding of £200.00 to purchase a pop-up gazebo to be used for various events for the village over the year. With the addition of loaning the gazebo to other individuals and events in the village. Clerk accepted the request and will add to the next agenda for discussion. <b>(Clerk – AP)</b></p> <p><i>Member of the Public left the meeting.</i></p>																								
05/06/22	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b></p> <p>A: The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 28th April 2022 were then considered. The Minutes were approved (Prop BM, 2nd JS, unan).</p> <p>B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.</p>																								
06/06/22	<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 01/04/22</td><td>13,458.21</td><td>18,511.35</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>7,584.50</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>3,379.38</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>18,663.33</td><td>18,511.35</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/06/22</td><td>19,111.74</td><td>18,511.35</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>838.41</td><td>0.00</td></tr></table>		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/22	13,458.21	18,511.35	Total Income	7,584.50	0.00	Total Expenditure	3,379.38	0.00	Balance	18,663.33	18,511.35				Last Statement Balance 15/06/22	19,111.74	18,511.35	Less un-presented cheques	838.41	0.00
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The Finances were approved (Prop JB, 2nd JS, unan).

B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:

- i) A. Hulbert – Valley Landscapes (Derbyshire) – Invoice not received
- ii) Castleton Village Hall – 3 hours hire for 23rd May (Ecars event) & 26th May 2022 meeting - £60.00
- iii) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, allowance - £326.00
- iii) Jubilee Celebrations- £269.93
  - Nanette Hill - £72.64
  - Village Hall - £80.00
  - Sue Mosley - £65.29
  - Steve Hayes - £36.00
  - Pat Dale - £16.00

In addition cheques released (ref Minutes 31.03.22 Finance, B) for DALC, subscription – cheque ending 822 for £374.56 and Basic Tree Survey & Inspection Training – cheque ending 826 have not been received. Cllr.

B. Moorhouse to contact the bank and cancel previous cheques, replacement cheques issued. **(BM – AP)**

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council

- i) J. E. Noutch – Burial Ground Payments - £390.00

Payments and receipts were agreed. (Prop JB, 2nd JJ, unan).

D: The council were requested to consider and agree Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022-23. (Prop AD, 2nd AD, unan)

07/06/22

#### **Council Matters:**

A: Cllr Simm circulated an update to the council from the TEE Group prior to the meeting (see annex A). A brief discussion took place regarding the Castleton Code poster, feedback given that due to positioning of the poster it could curl, a sticker type poster would be preferable under these circumstances. The TEE were asked to investigate this, it was agreed that they would and feedback to the council **(AD - AP)**.

The TEE group hope to hold the next event in October on replacement of domestic gas/oil boilers, saving energy.

The Council were asked if there were any questions, none were raised.

On behalf of the TEE group Cllr. Simm thanked Cllr. Collins for providing a list of topics for future events.

B: A discussion took place following correspondence concerning British Energy Security, previously circulated. Members of the council felt that the response in the correspondence does not go far enough. Whilst discussed in previous meeting where a member/s felt that this was a political others felt that this was more to do with general climate change and proposed for further discussion, believing that the council should support this, and put their support in writing.

It was asked if all councillors had read the correspondence? Clerk to resend the email and add to the action point list for all councillors to read prior to the next meeting. Item to be added to the next agenda **(Clerk, all Councillors - AP)**

C: The events diary was reviewed and discussion to be added to the next agenda. Clerk explained that there are difficulties finding contact details for Bradwell Hill Billy cycling event and will keep trying other avenues.

Clerk informed the council that emails chasing an update on Pure Peak Grit event have not received a response, Clerk to keep trying **(Clerk - AP)**.

Another event has been identified, details unclear at the stage, but it is believed that the event starts at Hope going through Castleton and onwards to the Old Road. Event to be added to Diary. **(AD -AP)**

In principle the council believes that consultation with the council should take place, regardless of size or impact of the event whilst recognising there is no responsibility to event organisers to engage with the Council, even though on HPBC website it is recommended.

D: Clerk updated the Council on the request to the Highways Department on reinstating the double white

	<p>lines on How Lane. It has been agreed that the lines to be extended and as a result the deflection arrows on the approach to the start of the double white lines will also be set further back. Unfortunately, Highways could not provide timescales for work to commence. Clerk to write to the resident who raised the issue outlining the decision <b>(Clerk - AP)</b></p> <p>E: Following on from discussions in previous meetings regarding the trial rollout of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) the clerk updated the council on current findings and response from County Councillor. It was confirmed that the County Council does not cover the costs of these devices unless there is evidence that they will reduce accidents. Hence, the financial burden for this trial will fall on parishes and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The costs incurred by the Parish Council would be c£2,600 plus VAT for each device, although up to 50% of costs could be funded (subject to availability) from the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner if supportive of the scheme. In addition appropriate liability insurance and the £100 licence application fee for permission to site the sign in the highway. Once purchased and installed, the management and continuing maintenance of the SIDs remain the responsibility of the parish council. Clerk reminded the Council these costs have not been included in the 2022/23 budget.</p> <p>F: The Peak Park Planning Survey underway was discussed, with questions included in the survey circulated prior to the meeting. As this is a Parish Council view on behalf of the village, rather than individual views, and could be contentious, it was agreed that councillors would meet up informally to discuss an exercise on gathering wider views. <b>(JB - AP)</b></p> <p>G: Following on from agreement to purchase Jubilee rose bushes to be planted at the burial ground, it was agreed a councillor should source, purchase (to be reimbursed) and organise the planting of the rose bushes. <b>(JJ - AP)</b></p> <p>H: Clerk updated the council on replacement of village noticeboard. Noticeboard has been ordered and scheduled for delivery end of August.</p> <p>I: Update on Parish Council events for Residents, article for Peveril Post, to be added to next agenda. <b>(Clerk, JJ AP)</b></p> <p>J: The Clerk received a request from English Heritage, Peveril Castle to provide information on key dates planned for village events such as Garland dates and the switching on for the Christmas lights 2022/23. The item was discussed, some of the events and dates are unclear, Council requested the Clerk to contact previous organiser and invite to the next meeting. Cllr Judge, on behalf of Garland, to contact Peveril Castle direct. A list of all organisers and village events to be added to the Events Dairy which can be shared with English Heritage. Clerk to update English Heritage following the meeting. <b>(AD, JJ, Clerk – AP)</b></p> <p><i>Cllr Collins left the meeting.</i></p> <p>K: To note and if urgently required – Nothing to note this month.</p>
08/06/22	<p><b>Condition of the Village:</b></p> <p>A: Discussions took place regarding the wording on signage to tackle the dog fouling issue on and near the War memorial. Two templates were put forward, “Family Play and Picnic Area, No Dogs Please” and “Please Respect This Place, Keep It Clean, No Dog Fouling.” The Latter was agreed. Quote to be obtained to produce three signs. <b>(AD – AP).</b> (Pro AD, 2nd JJ, unan)</p> <p>B: The council considered three footpaths that could benefit from the 2022 funding allocated for the maintenance of Rights of Way public footpaths and bridleways. Before a decision can be made, contact to be made with the Duchy of Cornwall to consider repairs to the footpath at the back of Goosehill Hall. Other possibilities could be Furlong Lane and the path at the back of YHA at Losehill Hall. Each to be investigated. Clerk to add to next agenda. <b>(AD, Clerk – AP)</b></p> <p>C: Following on from previous meeting Clerk updated the council on the current position regarding the broken and promised additional river gauges. After contacting the Environment Agency agreement was reached that the broken gauge at Goosehill bridge will be replaced and agreement that the promised two additional gauges will be installed. Timescales are not available, but they will be in contact with either Cllr.</p>

	<p>Darlington or Flood Warden.</p> <p>.</p> <p>D: Follow the recent strimming in the village by AES (Alliance Environment Services) on behalf of HPBC, complaints have been raised due to what is considered a poorly implemented job, including the brutal cutting of planted daffodils. This issue has been discussed with HPBC Councillors who have written and spoken to the organisation.</p> <p>It was suggested that in future a sign is added advising that no cutting or action is required here.</p>
09/06/22	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:</p> <p>None this month</p> <p>Licence applications this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Holmesfield Farm, Castleton Road, Castleton – Wedding Marquee, 16/07/22 - <b>NO OBJECTION</b></li> <li>ii) Castleton Playing Fields, Hollowford Road, Castleton – Family Fun Day 23/07/22 - <b>NO OBJECTION</b></li> </ul> <p>B: Resolved to note the following planning decision, as notified this month by PDNPA:</p> <p>i) NP/HPK/0222/0288 - - Losehill Farm, Unnamed Road from Squires Lane to White Lea Farm, Castleton - Construction of an agricultural building – <b>GRANTED</b></p>
10/06/22	<p><b>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</b></p> <p>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) DCC – Community News</li> <li>ii) NALC – Bulletins, Newsletters, Events, Dementia Survey</li> <li>iii) HPBC – Along the green brick road, Driving tech value and sustainability, Agenda, Levelling up, Reaching net zero, Sustainable transport network, Public Sector Cyber security.</li> <li>iv) Robert Langan MP – Victory on Greater Manchester</li> <li>v) PDNP – Peak District National Park secures funding, Summer News, New Chief Executive</li> <li>vi) PCC Office – Invitation to High Peak Parish Councillors</li> <li>vii) Rural resilience – Newsletter</li> <li>viii) HVCA – Newsletter, Bus campaign report</li> </ul> <p>A member of the Council suggested that Councillors should consider completing the Dementia Friendly Council Survey. The Survey was communicated in the NALC Newsletter included in the weekly correspondence email on the 20/06/2022.</p>
11/06/22	<p><b>Items for the Peveril Post:</b></p> <p>Cllr. J. Judge, item requesting views, suggestions on events residents would wish to be held.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9.01pm</p> <p>The next Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 28th July 2022 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>

### Castleton Code

Seventy four copies of the CC have been distributed. All comments have been recorded. Whilst its impact will be hard to judge, it has served as a method of communicating with local businesses and receiving comments and feedback. A recent example is the email from English Heritage. Seven local businesses have requested we produce an adhesive indoor window poster sticky label of the CC for businesses to display. We seek approval from the CPC to purchase. One area that we have not exploited is encouraging any local business with a website to incorporate the CC.

### Initial climate action event in Village Hall – E Cars and E Charging

This has been reviewed and lessons learnt from the E Car event which overall was well attended and provided ideas for future events. A report on the event can be found in the May minutes of the CPC. The plan for the next event is to focus on Energy and the draft title will be **Replacing domestic gas/oil boilers and saving energy in Castleton**. It is envisaged that we will try and provide a non- technical overview of the government policy on proposed changes to energy in the UK, with helpful tips and hints on energy saving.

### Hope Hub

HVCA have been awarded funding to move forward on the Hope Transport Hub. This is in addition to the **Travelling Light project**. A meeting was held recently to discuss the potential for Hope Station to become a transport hub and the issues involved. HVCA are meeting with Patrick Warner, DCC Lead for Bus & Innovation & Collaboration at 4.00pm on Wednesday 29 June. There is a Zoom link if we wish to attend. The purpose will be to explore how the improvement plan will work in the Hope Valley, including proposals for a transport hub at Hope station, and the proposed expansion of demand responsive services. In plain English I took the latter to mean there is a distinct lack of data on usage of local bus services, particularly in post -Covid times. The recent 'use the bus' campaign was reported as giving HVCA valuable experience of promoting bus travel, including user feedback.

There were some concerns raised about where the money will be directed. We have concerns about any possible car parking charges which may be introduced at Hope Station, and the need to coordinate local buses with rail arrivals. Its a case of watch this space, inputting our ideas, and keeping up to date on developments, and who is involved. When more information is available we would suggest inviting the HVCA leads to a CPC meeting.

JMS on behalf of TEE group