

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 29th September 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 29th September 2022.

Signed Chair of meeting

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

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/09/22	Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Darlington, Cllr. B. Moorhouse, Cllr. J. Collins, PC Carl Davies.
02/09/22	Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations. None this month
03/09/22	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's Report: Clerk provided an update from Cllr Collins as follows: There will be a meeting of the Hope Valley Parishes on 18th October, with updates on possible expansion of Upper Derwent Valley water storage capacity and on what is happening to the road at Hope Road/ Mytham Bridge. The associated notification will be distributed in the next few days. Concerns were raised, as it was felt that a careful and thorough strategic report should be made available using existing analytical data on rainfall, growing population, ageing of population etc. Alongside what work is needed. This will have a major impact, not only on Sheffield but will cover Nottingham, Derby, and Leicester. This will involve expansion, providing a 4 th Dam that the current proposal will position on unfarmed open moorland. Concerns raised that the Green party are opposed to this. C: Police Report: Clerk provided an update from PC Carl Davies as follows: We are pleased to report that there has been zero recorded crime in Castleton and not really any incidents of note, that would affect the wider community! PC Carly Davies has organised several 'drop-in' sessions at the Village Hall, once a month up into December, to provide local residents an opportunity to come and meet with me, reports crime, discuss any concerns, etc. A poster of the date and times of the 'drop-in' sessions was provided. Clerk has forward and requested this to be included in the next addition of Peveril Post. As there is an event scheduled before the publication of Peveril Post the Clerk had printed ten copies, which Cllr Judge has agreed to laminate and distribute for advertising around the village. The poster has also been posted on the Parish Council Facebook page. D: Chair's Report: None this month
04/09/22	Public Participation: Clerk explained to the council that a telephone conversation with a resident, who had hope to attend this evening's meeting, raising concerns over the communication of Parish Council agendas and minutes. The resident explained that they, as with other village residents, do not use the internet and are therefore reliant on these items being posted onto the council's noticeboard. Clerk had explained to the resident that the council were aware of this issue, unfortunately the current noticeboard contravenes health and safety and is not watertight. Efforts were made to engage a handyman to repair the noticeboard, but this was not possible. The resident disputed that the council could not find a handyman to repair the current noticeboard, Clerk assured the resident that the council had informed the Clerk that this was the case. Due to this the council had no option but to purchase a new noticeboard that is awaiting installation. (see 07/09/22 Council Matters F below).

Clerk offered to post both agenda and minutes to the resident until the noticeboard is installed. It was also agreed as an interim measure that Cllr. Judge will laminate the documents and post them on the village noticeboard. Clerk, as a note of caution, asked that the council be mindful of other residents post on the noticeboard as the documents cover many pages, they may need to remove existing posts which may upset those that have posted on the noticeboard. In addition documents to be uploaded to council Facebook page.

Residents two and three entered.

Resident one, supported the comments of resident (above) relating to the noticeboard, it was also stated that he could not find the agenda on the village website where it is posted every month where a meeting is to take place. Clerk to investigate and ensure that the village website is up to date. **(AP – Clerk)**

Regarding to the Police incidents Police report (see 03/09/22 C) that there were ‘no really any incidents to note’, this was disputed as the resident themselves had reported an incident. Clerk could not say what period the report covered but would ask the question and ask that dates are included in the future for clarification. **(AP – Clerk)**

The resident explained that he had met Robert Largan (MP) where they discussed the issue around wild parking in Castleton, which is not only causing issues to residents but also businesses such as Blue John Cavern. The resident believes that in some cases some of those are parking on a semi-permanent basis, which raises concerns over human waste disposal. Robert Largan stated he was aware of the issue; steps are being taken to try and resolve this issue with Cllr Moorhouse involved in these discussions.

Residents two and three were asked if they would like to raise any issues. None were raised.

05/09/22

Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 28th July 2022 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop NT, 2nd JS, unan).

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

06/09/22

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 01/04/22	13,458.21	18,511.35
Total Income	7,604.50	0.00
Total Expenditure	6,818.50	0.00
Balance	14,244.21	18,511.35
Last Statement Balance 15/09/22	14,244.21	18,511.35
Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
Available Balance 29/09/22	14,244.21	18,511.35

Cllr Topping informed the council that he and the Clerk will be meeting prior to the next meeting to compile a draft budget for 2023/24, to be discussed and agreed at the November meeting. **(AP – NT, Clerk)**

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

- i) A. Hulbert – Valley Landscapes (Derbyshire) for May and June - £840.00
- ii) Castleton Village Hall – 3 hours hire - £30.00
- iii) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowance, and expenses - £660.01

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:

	<p>None this month</p> <p>The above payments and receipts were agreed. (Prop JJ, 2nd NS, unan).</p>
07/09/22	<p>Council Matters:</p> <p>A: To review and discuss the allocation of Lead roles for Councillors deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>B: An update from the TEE Group was received and circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting (see Annex A). The group are distributing the Castleton Code to local business owners who have requested a new version. They will also be providing new copies of the Code where appropriate.</p> <p>Holiday lets, a gap that it is felt could be exploited, kindly requesting that they post the Castleton Code on their webpages. The group continues to build up a chart identifying who and which businesses need to be revisited.</p> <p>The Group shared a draft poster for the upcoming event “Dealing with the Energy Crisis in Castleton”, which will be an evening of talks and a Q & A session. There will be speakers at the event including a representative from Citizens Advice. The only concern raised was the limited time to advertise the event, scheduled for the 17th October at 7:00pm to be held at the Village Hall. As it is deemed a triumph to have attendance from Citizens Advice at this event, and cannot be guaranteed at a later date, it was felt the event should proceed. The TEE Group will finalise the advertising poster and distribute to include Village Website and Parish Council Facebook page.</p> <p>The TEE Group asked that Councillors attend and support the event. (AP- All)</p> <p>C: A brief overview was given to the Council regarding the HVCA Cycle Rally. The rally will run from Castleton to Bradwell along the main roads. The event involves c20 local cyclists, the cyclists will be escorted and marshalled to ensure conforming with the Highway Code. The aim being to raise awareness of road safety issues that deter people from making everyday journeys to shops or between villages etc on foot or by bike. The event is scheduled for 1st October between 10:00 am – 11 am. Cllr Simm has agreed to attend on behalf of the council. (AP – JS)</p> <p>D: Update on the purchase of the Jubilee Rose Bushes, illustrations of different types of roses were distributed for agreement on which should be purchased, and it was agreed to purchase a Royal Jubilee at £21.50 and an Elizabeth Rose at £25.00. Due to recent events the Council agreed that the one Rose Bush should commemorate the Jubilee whilst the second should commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Once purchased, agreement to be reached with the ground maintenance contractor to be planted in the burial ground. Once in situ discussions to take place regarding the possibility of erecting plaques. (AP- JJ, AD.)</p> <p>E: Cllr Judge updated Parish Council on article for Peveril Post confirming this has been completed for the next edition inviting residents to suggest events that they wish to be held, in addition the article has been circulated to others within the village. A copy of the article to be copied to the Clerk. (AP- JJ)</p> <p>F: An update on replacement of village noticeboard was given. The nominated ground on which the noticeboard is to be placed is owned by HPBC, as such a licence will need to be granted, we may also need planning permission, this is currently being investigated, both these activities are not seen as an inhibitor. What could be an issue is obtaining details of where the services are, without this information it may be difficult to find anyone to install the noticeboard. The information has been requested, on receipt of this information Clerk to circulate updating the council. (AP – Clerk, AD)</p> <p>G: The Grounds Maintenance tender process was discussed, considered and an agreement to commence reached. (Prop NS, 2nd JS, unan) (AP – Clerk, AD)</p> <p>H: It was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council should take part in the 2022 Snow Warden Scheme. Clerk to inform DDC of the outcome and provide a message to be included in the Chair report outlining the scheme and opening the option to apply for a Snow Warden post to residents. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>I: Following notification of the closure of Hope Road a discussion took place. Whilst there is no update on a permanent solution, although it is suggested that this could be timed for June to November next year, interim measures are being considered. The two-three-day road closure will create major disruption. As it is the bus route, the route to Sheffield, the route to the schools in Hope, Castleton and Edale. Any diversion from Castleton presumably would be up through Bradwell, along the A623 and then to Hathersage via Grindleford, which is not an easy route. Concerns were raised that Bradwell PC, as they are not covered by HPBC may not be aware of the situation/impact to their village and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Any suggestion to extend the traffic lights towards Sicklesholme will increase the delays and result in longer tailbacks. On a positive note, it is believed that the closure will be during the school half term, which will go some way to minimising the disruption. The meeting discussed earlier (see 03/09/22 Borough Councillor’s report B) to take place on the 18th October will provide further updates.</p>

	<p>J: Other issues were then discussed at the meeting: Following the recent death of a resident a councillor was approached regarding burial at the burial ground. It was confirmed that all criteria were met and that the Clerk should be contacted to organise the interment. It was raised that the signage for the War Memorial previously agreed is not in place, to be added to the next agenda for an update. – (AP – Clerk)</p>
08/09/22	<p>Condition of the Village:</p> <p>A: Goosehill (FP10) was considered for the 2022 funding allocated for the maintenance of Rights of Way public footpaths and bridleways. However after further investigation it is not a simple fix. A simple fix of laying aggregate on the path would be washed away with any major wet weather, due to the path being at the bottom of a steep hill and on an incline. An alternative would be to reinforce and introduce steps, but this would be expensive at £5,000, although a grant could be obtained from the Duchy of Lancaster, and not guaranteed to work. Based on this it would not be appropriate to consider under the PROW scheme. Furlong Lane was put forward as a candidate. Item to be added to next agenda. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>B: Following the recent Village Walkabout by Councillors a list of observations was discussed with some remedial work agreed. (see Annex B)</p> <p>C: Following complaints from residents the bins at the top of Millbridge were discussed. The red bin is currently being used by The Castleton Coffee Co on a temporary basis until the work is completed at the back of the shop, where the shop bin will reside. The other bins are owned by the Holiday Let. Clerk to obtain owner details and write informing the bins need to be removed and should not be left out on the highway. – (AP – Clerk)</p>
09/09/22	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/0822/1076 – Hollowford Barn, Hollowford Road, Mill Bridge, Castleton. Change of use of barn to residential C3, with associated building works, hard and soft landscaping. Clerk to raise objection with planning department ii) NP/HPK/0822/1031 – Toll Bar Gift Shop, Cross Street, Castleton. Change of use to a holiday let. Clerk to raise objection with planning department iii) NP/HPK/0822/1081– Speedwell House, Buxton Road, Castleton. Single storey rear extension with alterations to rear windowsill to create new doorway. New boundary fencing to create private garden area. – No objections raised iv) NP/HPK/0922/1179 – Mam Nick Car Park, Castleton. Advertisement consent - Three proposed advertisements on the site. - No objections raised <p>The Licensing Authority at High Peak Borough Council have received an Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dunscair Farm, Castleton. Wedding Celebration 11/09/22 – Already taken place. No issues were raised <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/0321/0275 – Rotary Camp, Robinlands Lane, Castleton. Side extension to an existing dormitory block – GRANTED <p>The above was noted.</p>
10/09/22	<p>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</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"> i) DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, Community News, Mobile Library Route.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) NALC – Bulletins, Newsletters, Events, Council Star Awards. iii) HPBC – Agenda, Minutes, Parish Days, HP SPF Webinar, Bin Collections. iv) Robert Largan MP – Various. v) PDNP – News, National Park Planners. vi) Public Sector Executive – Various. vii) DALC – Newsletter, Training Calendar. viii) HVCA – Newsletters, HVCA at Hope Show. ix) PPPF – Annual General Meeting. Parish Day Reminder. x) Cllr. J Cooper – How your Parish Council can help with Nature Recovery, Parish Day Reminder. xi) Cllr. C Farrell – Hope Road Closure. xii) Various Correspondence relating to the sad announcement concerning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. xiii) Various Correspondence relating to King Charles III proclamation.
11/09/22	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk forwarded Police ‘drop in’ dates ii) Cllr Judge article on residents’ engagement on social events iii) Clerk to provide Chair with article on Snow Warden to incorporate in Chair report iv) Chair report v) Clerk to provide contact details for Council as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bradley – Email address Cllr Spooner – Home telephone number Cllr Judge – Mobile number Cllr Simm – Email address Cllr Moorhouse – Mobile number Cllr Darlington – Email address Cllr Topping - TBC
	<p>Meeting closed 8.53pm</p> <p>The next Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 27th October 2022 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>

TEE Group Update September 2022

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 back from businesses. Seven local businesses requested an adhesive label of the CC to display which we have now received after CPC approval at the July meeting. We will be working to our existing chart monitoring the distribution. Obviously, some of the old ones displayed looking rather tatty will be replaced! 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, and October event on Energy Saving

This has been reviewed and lessons learnt from the E Car event which overall was well attended and 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 on Monday October 17 is to focus on Energy and the draft title will be **Dealing with the Energy Crisis 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. Two speakers have been confirmed, including a representative from Citizen's Advice who will be focussing on saving energy, and an Edale resident's experiences to date on retrofitting an old house to improve energy.

Hope Hub

HVCA have been awarded funding to move forward on the Hope Transport Hub from the Department for Transport for 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 apparently liaising with DCC and the bus companies. The purpose will be to explore for 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. The recent 'use the bus's campaign was reported as giving HVCA valuable experience of promoting bus travel, including user feedback. We have concerns about any possible car parking charges which we have been introduced at Hope Station. We have expressed our concern about this development especially as the payments require downloading of an app.

A new Project Leader for Travelling Light has been appointed. Her name is Marianne Quick, and we understand she is keen to work with local communities to overcome barriers to walking and cycling, develop proposals for integrated public transport hubs and bring peer to peer car sharing to the Hope Valley villages. She is keen to meet key stakeholders so we can input our ideas and keep up to date on developments. We would suggest inviting her to a future CPC meeting and consider asking her to support one of our climate action events in the village hall.

Other activities

As part of attending HVCA events at the Hope Show, met up with the new CEO of the PDNPA, Phil Mulligan,

Attended HVCA panel session on Energy in Bamford, which was very useful in terms of the focus on our planned event for October 17th.

TEE group

Castleton Village Walkabout 2022

1. The grass in the marketplace needs re-seeding.

Action – To re-seed next year, to be requested and actioned by the grounds maintenance contractor.

2. The two benches at the bottom of Goose hill require re-teaking

Action – Cllr Moorhouse offered to teak the benches, to be confirmed. Cllr Spooner offered his assistance.

3. At Waterside there is shrubbery in the wall that needs removing

Action – Nothing agreed

4. An overhanging tree on Waterside needs to be checked in the autumn when the leaves have fallen. Query whether this is a cherry tree.

Action – Cllr Simm to discover who owns the tree and discuss cutting back

5. Sluice gate – where is the key?

Action – Cllr Topping to investigate and find key.

6. The Village Notice Board in the Car Park and similar at the Bus Turning circle on How Lane need repairing. What is the situation regarding the former Chamber of Trade and advice from custodian on its replacement?

Action – Clerk to invite Custodian to next meeting to discuss options

7. Circular bench in the car park is now roped off as it has collapsed and is dangerous.

Action – Clerk to contact PDNP to repair

8. Replace the litter label at the end of the car park (written all over our litter sticker)

Action – Clerk to contact PDNP to replace stickers

9. Burial ground – the top step on right hand side is loose and should be re cemented.

Action – Cllr Topping to obtain quote

10. The new CPC noticeboard due to be cited opposite Peveril Stores should be fixed slightly away from the general notice board in order to give it some distance to denote it is a CPC Noticeboard.

Action – To be discussed and instructed to installer of noticeboard