CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 27th October 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, Cllr. A.

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Moorhouse, PC Carl Davies.

Darlington

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

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

02/10/22	Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations.		
	None this month		
03/10/22	Reports:		
	A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's Report: None this month. 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 between 24 th September and 24 th October 2022.		
	A reminder that PC Carl Davies has organised several 'drop-in' sessions at the Village Hall on the 7 th November, to which everyone is welcome. PC Davies will be visiting the school on the 3 rd November to meet the children and have a chat about bonfires and firework safety. He will also be attending the Christmas Lights switch on, on the 19 th .		
04/10/22	D: Chair's Report: None this month Public Participation:		
	The resident expressed disappointment and was saddened that due to not being able to see the agenda or minutes of the Parish Council she was unaware of what was happening, stating that not all residents have access to the internet and therefore are reliant on these items being available on a noticeboard, could this please be rectified. It was explained that it was agreed at the last meeting that two initiatives as an interim measure would be put in place. The Clerk would post both agenda and minutes to the resident, which was done, though unfortunately the recipient did not receive them. To ensure this does not happen again the Chair will print and post copies directly through the resident's door (AP – JB). Cllr. Judge was also to laminate the documents and post them on the village noticeboard, unfortunately it was not known that Cllr Judge did not have a printer and was therefore unable to complete the task. It was agreed that a printed copy would be given to Cllr Judge to ensure that the agenda and minutes are posted on the noticeboard. The resident expressed concerns that this was not checked and should have been. The Council asked the resident, in addition could they also post the documents on the noticeboard inside the Village Hall, the resident felt this was not appropriate. For update on the noticeboard (See 07/09/22 Council Matters G below). The resident was in general concerned over the lack of involvement and communication with residents. It was raised about the non-attendance of Derbyshire District Councillor, High Peak Borough Councillors, and the Local Police, especially as police questionnaires had been completed and the output should be shared at the Parish Council Meetings. The Council does invite attendance each meeting and, if not able to attend,		

express again for attendance at the next meeting.

The Resident expressed concerns and felt like "nothing is being done by the Councils" with respect to two people having recently fell over on Spital Bridge, "It's awful". The Parish Council explained that a resurfacing program covering walkways is underway, but no further updates were available at present. The Resident stated that there was little communication on what is going on, road closures/openings public transport etc., and that it was difficult to contact anyone, a directory with names and number would be useful. Council explained that a list of the councillors and contact details are due to appear in the next addition of Peveril Post, in addition to this for the next available issue a list of council departments and contact numbers will be provided for the use of all residents.

Resident left the meeting

05/10/22 Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 29th September 2022 were then considered, the minutes were approved following a minor adjustment. (Prop NT, 2nd JB, unan).

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

06/10/22 | 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	12,955.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	8,348.51	0.00
Balance	18,064.70	18,511.35
Last Statement Balance 15/09/22	18,064.70	18,511.35
Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
Available Balance 29/09/22	18,064.70	18,511.35

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 £360.00
- ii) Castleton Village Hall 3 hours hire £30.00
- iii) T. Dale Clerk's salary, allowance, and expenses £328.85

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

- i) HPBC Precept £4,850.50
- ii) Poor Piece Rent £500.00

The above payments and receipts were agreed. (Prop JB, 2nd NT, unan).

In addition:

Cllr. Topping informed the Councillor an outstanding Village Hall hire of £75.00 was due, £40.00 to accommodate the local Police drop ins and £35.00 for the event held by the TEE group.

The Chair raised the issue of the Clerk not claiming mileage, it was agreed that the Clerk will look into the mileage rates used by NALC and report back at the next meeting. (AP – Clerk)

07/10/22 Council Matters:

A: To review and discuss the allocation of Lead roles for Councillors deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

B: An update from the TEE Group was received and circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting (see Annex A).

The Dealing with the Energy Crisis event went well, 20-30 residents attended, all presentations can be found on the village website. Dawn from Citizens Advice delivered important advice that can help residents dealing with the energy crisis, and it was proposed that Dawn could attend other groups to offer support such as the community café. The council in principle endorse this but suggested that the group co-ordinators would need to agree. As such the Treasurer of the group will be contacted. (AP – NT)

In addition, it was suggested that a "letter drop" containing information important to residents could be produced and distributed, alongside an article in Peveril Post to include contact details and planning for blackouts and energy cuts. It was suggested that the distribution of a leaflet/Letter drop could piggyback onto other initiatives by different groups, PTFA, bags for schools, Christmas. The Council will look into the possibility. ($\mathbf{AP} - \mathbf{AD}$).

Travel Light Project was briefly discussed, concerns were raised about the impact of increases in parking charges, it is believed this could be detrimental to the project, discouraging residents from using public transport. Clerk with the support of the council to write to Northern Rail and Robert Largan (MP) raising concerns. (AP – Clerk, JS)

Clerk informed the council that the new project lead Marianne Quick has been invited and will attend the next Parish Council meeting to be held in November.

C: The Council were informed that there is an event to be held in April 2023 involving Hope Valley Bike Rally. At present there are no details on the event or the route to be taken, once available an update will be given. It was raised that events should be communicated via the Peveril Post, it was agreed that any events will be incorporated in the Chair report.

The switching on of the Christmas Lights is scheduled for the 19th November. The Co-ordinator asked that if any Councillors wish to be involved in Village Christmas arrangements, then to contact directly.

The Christmas Tree arrangements are now self-sustainable and require no additional input from the Council. D: The Jubilee Rose Bushes, Royal Jubilee and Elizabeth Rose have been ordered with a discount agreed, total cost of £43.45, Cllr Judge to be reimbursed on receipt of the invoice. It was discussed that the rose bushes should be planted at the right-hand side near the wall at the burial ground. Post meeting it was suggested that subject to no opposition, the planting should be on the left as you enter, between the holly bush and the path. (AP- JJ, AD.)

E: Cllr Judge informed the Parish Council that the article for Peveril Post had been completed and will be included within the next edition. The article invites residents to suggest events that they wish to be held in the Village.

F: The possibility of inclusion in the "Warm Rooms" initiative was briefly discussed. A few ideas were put forward, it was suggested that the Walker Room at the chapel could be considered as smaller and cosier, that local businesses could be involved such as Rose Coffee. That the initiative could be joined up with Village Events. (see 07/10/22 E above). It was agreed that Councillors would put some ideas together for discussion and agreement at the next meeting. (AP – NT, JS)

G: An update on replacement of village noticeboard was given. The nominated ground on which the noticeboard is to be placed is owned by HPBC, and an agreement for the siting of the new noticeboard has been agreed. The formal agreement was signed by the Clerk and witnessed at the meeting, and Clerk to return signed agreement to HPBC. A quote was obtained for the installation of the noticeboard of c£240.00, the council agreed the quotation, resolving the matter. (prop AD, 2nd JB, unan)

H: Update on Chamber of Trade and Advice Noticeboard. Unfortunately the Custodian was unavailable to attend the meeting, an update was given that one of the noticeboards sited at the main carpark has been repaired, the other at the bus park will be repaired over the winter. Both will be painted and tidied. I: Flood management and various issues were discussed.

- 1) A meeting was held with the Environment Agency late September raising primarily concerns with the early flood warning system for Peaks Hole Water. It was said that the Environment Agency would launch the flood plan in May, which would include a public engagement event. The Council was asked if it would be prepared to cover the costs of the Village Hall room hire for the event, which was agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd NT, unan)
- 2) Dirty Lane, issues relating to the grill on the culvert under the concrete apron on the access to Eyres Farm, which requires frequent clearing due to caught tree debris causing hazards. It was also noted that the wall between the lane and the stream needs remedial work. The Council were asked if they would cover the costs of repairs. Council advised that funding could not be provided as this was outside of the council remit. Council spend is for the benefit of all residents and cannot be spent on privately owned property, any such repairs are the responsibility of the owner of said property. A further request for use of the PROW grant was requested, this was covered later on the agenda. (see

- 08/10/22 A).
- 3) Other concerns raised included Millbridge/Hollowford Road, Waterflow down Buxton Road. It was suggested that the Parish Council Support and forward correspondence raising these concerns to Derbyshire District Council. (see Annex B).
- 4) It was previously agreed with Environment Agency that a gauge on Loosehill would be repaired with an additional two gauges being sited in the village. A date is yet to be given for this to be completed.
- J: Other issues were then discussed at the meeting:

It has come to light that a headstone within the burial ground Clerk to obtain contact details and contact the grave purchases to commence remedial work.

The Parish Council were informed that DCC Police have provided Posters on "Celebrating Halloween Safety," providing some helpful tips. The posters can be found at the Post Office and the Village Website.

08/10/22 | Condition of the Village:

A: The 2022 funding allocated for the maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways was discussed. It was suggested that Dirty Lane been considered due to the water flowing directly down the lane from the higher fields. The suggestion was to incorporate the drainage channel into the path to divert the water into the stream. Unfortunately, these types of repairs/alterations are not covered by the grant and therefore could not be considered.

An alternative being the Furlong which is in need of additional gravel. A quote to be obtained for the gravel and cost of spreading the gravel to be obtained. $(\mathbf{AP} - \mathbf{AD})$

- B: The signage at the War Memorial have now been installed.
- C: Updates on the actions identified on the Village walkabout can be found on Annex C.

09/10/22 Planning:

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

- i) NP/HPK/0922/1196 Immediately to the South of Arthur's Way (A6187) and East of Goose Hill, set back from the road at the far side of grazing fields. Rebuilding and reinstating the barn in a way that reflects the original barn prior to damage and ruin. The proposal aims to restore the barn simply with minimal changes to the original to maintain the historical context of the area. As the damage to the building has left the barn unusable, the only action to take to prevent the site eventually becoming an unviable ruin is partial rebuilding and repair. No objections raised.
- B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:
 - i) NP/HPK/0322/0425 Goosehill Hall, Buxton Road, Castleton Conversion of swimming pool to ancillary accommodation for Goosehill Hall GRANTED
 - ii) Appeals: Ref: APP/M9496/W/22/3296102 Loosehill Farm, Unnamed Road from Squires Lane to White Lea Farm, Castleton S33 8WB NP/HPK/0122/0021, dated 12 January 2022. The development proposed is the erection of a single storey extension.

10/10/22 Correspondence and DALC Circulars:

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

- i) DCC Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, Community News, CST Policy & Research, Adult Social Care Strategy.
- ii) NALC Bulletins, Newsletters, Events.
- iii) HPBC Agenda, Minutes, Invitation High Peak Green Event.
- iv) Public Sector Executive Various.
- v) DALC Annual General meeting, Newsletter.
- vi) HVCA Agenda, Newsletter, Travelling Light
- vii) PPPF Annual General Meeting, Agenda, Minutes.
- viii) Cllr. J Cooper Message on behalf of Cllr Sloman
- ix) Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner Message.
- x) Robert Largan (MP) Jobs Fair Tomorrow, My take on recent Government Measures.

11/10/22	Items for the Peveril Post:
	All items agreed at the last parish council meeting have been provided for publication in the next addition of the Peveril Post. Further items to be included in the next available addition, see 07/10/22 Public Participation above.
	Meeting closed 8.47pm
	The next Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 24th November 2022 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.
	Please note, that due to the volume of paperwork Annex Documents can be found on the website. Should you require a hard copy please contact the Clerk on 07703 514551.

TEE Group Update October 2022

Climate action event in Village Hall - Energy Saving

Following on from our first event on E Cars and E Charging, we ran the second event on Monday October 17 - Dealing with the Energy Crisis in Castleton – Tips on saving money and helping with the climate emergency. We hosted an evening of talks, discussion, and questions and answers on how to save energy in the home and provide an awareness of renewable energy sources such as heat pumps, it was a fascinating evening with inputs from our very own Cllr Spooner who gave his personal experience of reducing energy consumption in the home. This set the scene for a timely input from Dawn Mackenzie from Derbyshire Citizens Advice on controlling energy bills and Government financial support available to households. Jon Whitely from Edale outlined how he had embarked on retrofitting an old house to improve energy efficiency, and covered heat pumps and alternatives to gas and oil.

Lessons learned from this event is that we need to take into account how we publicise events to local residents. For this event we made use of the posters, village website, CPC Facebook page, village email group, publicising to the WI, other local parish councils and clearly word of mouth. Some early feedback suggests the event was very well received, with suggestions to consider running similar activities in the daytime. What is important to report is that activities around the topic of energy, will continue with more information going on the village website, a Citizen's Advice article in Peveril Post, and other means of communicating to local residents.

Linked to the above we also have ideas for future topics, including a presentation on the Hope Transport Hub and Travelling Light Project.

Hope Hub and Travelling Light Project

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. Cllr Simm has spoken to Marianne and reports back that she is keen to meet key stakeholders so we can input our ideas and keep up to date on developments. Marianne is contacting the CPC to update the full council on the project's aims and objectives, including an update on the Hope Hub. She has already agreed to support one of our climate action events in the village hall and keep in touch with the CPC TEE group.

As reported previously, Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) have been awarded funding to move forward on the Hope Transport Hub from the Department for Transport for the Travelling Light project. Meetings have held to discuss the potential for Hope Station to become a transport hub HVCA are liaising with Derbyshire County Councils (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.

Castleton Code

This is an ongoing activity 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.

Other activities

Dog poo signs need replacing in the village. A number of residents report an increase in dog fouling. We have a supply of DCC signs.

TEE group

Flood management in Castleton – Issues that need resolving with the support of DCC

A recent meeting (21st Sept) was organised by the Environment Agency with representatives from the Village community, regarding a proposed early warning system for flooding of Peakshole Water in Castleton. This initiative was gratefully received by the Village, and we look forward to going live with an initial system in 2023. However, the level of Peak's Hole Water is not the only factor directly related to flood risk in the village.

Castleton Parish Council wish to bring these other aspects to the attention of Derbyshire County Council, who we believe have a significant role to play in helping the community reduce flood risk to properties.

1. <u>Issues relating to flood water flow down Dirty Lane (FP37 on the Derbyshire Definitive Map, Figure 1) and Mill Bridge/Hollowford Road.</u>



Figure 1: Dirty Lane and Hollowford Road (X: 414998 Y: 383228)

a. At the 21st September meeting, Andrew Ellis of EA agreed to consult DCC on the design of the grill on the culvert that runs under the concrete apron on the access to Eyre's Farm, at the Castleton end of Dirty Lane. The design of the grill (Figure 2), intended to capture tree debris, means that it requires very frequent clearing when water levels are high, and it is difficult and hazardous to get at. If not cleared water runs down towards Millbridge on Hollowford Road, putting properties there at risk of flooding. A different design of grill (e.g. pointed upstream?) might avoid rapid clogging when the water levels are high.

Please can DCC inspect and advise?



Figure 2: Grill on upstream end of Culvert, Dirty Lane.

- b. Rebuilding and pointing of the wall between the lane and the stream (upstream of the grill) would help prevent high water flowing onto the lane. The walls are in poor condition and their construction could be generally improved. They belong to the private land through which the stream runs, owned by a local resident. Repairs to the drystone walls have been attempted by volunteers as a temporary measure.
 Can DCC provide any financial support to rebuild the wall properly?
- c. Water also flows directly down Dirty Lane from the fields higher up. This runs out onto Hollowford Road before Millbridge, putting properties there at risk. A drainage channel incorporated into the path just in front of a field gate could be constructed to divert the water into the stream above the culvert mentioned above in 1a. We have been advised that this would not be eligible for a ROW maintenance grant.

Can DCC provide financial support for what would be a small job but with significant outcome?

2. Surface water on Buxton Road.

Water flowing down Buxton Road adds to flooding on The Island (purple marker on Figure 3), which is also at risk from high levels in Peakshole Water. Residents living there have first-hand experience of the extremely poor drainage on Buxton Road, particularly when leaves are falling in Autumn, which should be investigated properly by DCC. Unblocking of drains at The Island can partly resolve the problem of ponding, but this does not resolve the underlying cause, of water not being drained by the road gulleys higher up Buxton Road.

Please can this be addressed as a matter of priority?



Figure 3: The Island (X: 414920 Y: 382933)

3. Spital Bridge

The main road at Spital Bridge (Figure 4) regularly forms a large pond during wet weather events. This pond is fed by undrained road water flowing westward towards the bridge. There is a blocked culvert lying between a triangular drain cover near the location of the purple marker (above) and its discharge outlet into the river, lying south of it in undergrowth, recently cleared to expose it by volunteers trying to establish the cause of the problem. The position of the outlet is such that it discharges onto level ground so that water does not rapidly flow away into the Peakshole Water, but allows sediment to settle, thus blocking the culvert.

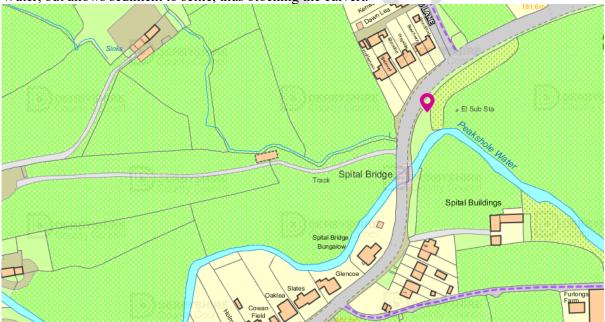


Figure 4: Spital Bridge (X: 415430 Y: 383284)

Drain rods have located a blockage which is very dense. This requires clearing, probably by water-jetting. We are fortunate in having volunteers who have identified the problem using their own equipment, but we do not have access to professional equipment.

Please can the appropriate department (gulley cleaning?) ensure that this job is quickly completed?

Castleton Village Walkabout 2022

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

Action update – To re-seed next year, to be requested and actioned by the ground's maintenance contractor.

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

Action update – 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 update – The residents has been made aware of the issues and has been kindly asked to remedy

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 update- Cllr Bradley to discuss with the Resident requesting and the cutting back of the tree

5. Sluice gate – where is the key?

Action update – 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 update – See item 07/10/22 H for update.

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

Action update – Clerk contacted PDNP and was informed that it is the responsibility of HPBC. Clerk contacted HPBC notifying them of the repair requirements

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

Action update – At the meeting, it was advised that the labels actual is the responsibility of the Parish Council who will replace the stickers (AP JS)

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

Action update—Cllr Topping to obtain quote c£25.00, a request was raised for the council to agree and resolve the repair. Item resolved (prop NT, 2nd JB unan)

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 update – See item 07/10/22 G for update.