

# **CASTLETON PARISH**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT 6.30PM, The Village Hall, Castleton**

*These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.*

Signed ..... Chair of meeting

Present: Cllr. B. Moorhouse (Chair), J. Bradley (Vice Chair), Cllr. J. Simm, Cllr. A. Darlington, Cllr. N. Topping, PC. C. Davies. 1 Resident.

Clerk to Parish Council: Mrs T. Dale

APM 01/05/22 A: The Chair gave a brief introduction and welcome.

B: Apologies were received from HPBC Cllrs. C. Farrell and J. Collins.

APM 02/05/22 Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record of that meeting upon agreement of all those present (Proposed BM, Seconded JB, majority JJ Abstained as not in attendance).

B: There were no matters arising.

APM 03/05/22 Reports and Presentations:

A: The Chairman gave his Annual Report for 2021/22, see **Annex A**.

B: The Clerk had previously circulated the 2021-22 accounts. These were to be discussed in the Annual Parish Council Meeting immediately following this meeting, approving for submission to the external auditor.

Balances in the accounts on 31/03/22 are as follows:

**Current Account** £13,458.21

**NS&I** £18,511.35

C: Presentations, Updates and Reports by Village/Community Organisations

The Playing Fields Committee shared their Annual Report and Financial Accounts with the Parish Council.

Paul Borland explained that, although it had been a busy year, there had been only a few fund-raising events, but even taking this into account the committee finances are in a good position.

A question-and-answer session was then opened.

It was asked if the funds raised from the Duck Race, which took place post year end 31<sup>st</sup> March, would be included in next year's figures? And that if included in this years would it have negated the excess of expenditure over income. To which the response was yes on both counts.

It was remarked that the Duck Race event was well attended by visitors and residents and how good it

was to see so many villagers out supporting and enjoying the event. It was noted that the Council should encourage more such events.

It was asked if the purchase of the mower has proven beneficial, if the running costs were acceptable and that it was paying for itself. In response, there had been some issues, there was an accident when the mower went over an unseen metal mallet and that the service cost was high, however they now have volunteers who will service the equipment.

It was asked if the finance proved to be typical compared to pre-pandemic. In response, it is estimated that more money will be raised with further events this financial year, such as further Village and Village Hall events, fell race etc. They have a team who have energy to support these things.

PC. C. Davies, introduced himself, being in the police force for thirteen years, twelve of which covering Chesterfield. His beat now covers the rural side of Buxton. He thanked the Council for allowing him to attend and make contact, it is his intention to get around the village on bike and to meet villagers and attend village events. Anyone with concerns should feel free to contact PC Davies. From a report view, apart from minor and the usual parking issues there was one burglary that was recorded as taking place in the Village. It is not known at this stage if it is linked to a spate of burglaries in Hope, where night patrols have been introduced.

It was asked, if aware of an incident the previous night where an individual was seen looking in through a window startling the resident. PC Davies was aware, he believed that the residents son went in search, finding two young males at the carpark but couldn't say if this was linked.

The installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) along rural back roads discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March (Ref 03/03/22 C) was mentioned with PC Davies asked if he supported the initiative, with his response being Yes, in principle. Smartwater initiative was raised, questioning if this was still a live initiative. PC Davies stated it was no longer being pushed, that the scheme didn't support prevention as it wasn't a big deterrent. What was a benefit? If items recovered, they could be identified and returned to their owner.

The legality of home security cameras was questioned, if they should be restricted to the owner's property? This was confirmed, cameras should be confined to owner's property. They should not overlook neighbours or public paths/roads.

D: No written notices were received or read out

Open Forum – Any Business to Be Raised for Discussion and Invitation for Questions from the Public:

APM

04/05/22 No matters of concern were raised.

Meeting Closed 7.00pm

*Mrs T. Dale, Clerk to Castleton Parish Council*  
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Chairmans Report 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The First thing I must do is to thank my fellow councillors and secretaries for the support they have given over the past year. They have worked extremely hard to ensure that the concerns and wishes presented to the council have been raised with the appropriate authorities. This has taken up more of their time, which they have willingly given, then pre covid times because most authority office workers are still working from home.

The Parish Council is always willing to listen to Residents, concerns, and suggestions, however that there are limits on our scope for direct action, but we can ask our Borough Councillors, Police and Members of Parliament for their help in trying to resolve concerns and wishes.

During the last year all of these avenues have been used to try and improve the lives of villagers.

The Council has areas which it continues to support. These include the Burial Ground, The Market Place and Goosehill Green which are tended commercially along with two volunteer groups, the Playing Field Committee and the Care 4 Castleton group which have all contributed to making Castleton a better place.

Parking has for many years been a big concern for residents, but since lockdown finished there has been a big increase in visitors. Concerns have increased, the Council have looked at the situation and the parking enforcement is split, double white lines are Police and double yellow lines Traffic Wardens. Of course if you are blocked in your drive, you can inform the Police.

Holiday Homes have become a topic with rising number of complaints from residents, but this has two sides as some of them are owned and let by residents. It is a problem increasing in the village and to a large extent in other tourist areas. Our MP and others around England and Wales are aware of the problem and I think they are aware there is no easy solution.

Events in the village come up from time to time when cycling and running events are scheduled especially when there are road closures and public footpath enclosure.

As a result the Council set up an events calendar and from that we were able to contact the organisers, who could come and talk to us about their plans and if necessary, seek advice or we could send out suggestions to them to make the events have less of an impact on the village.

We have seen some success over the last year when four separate event organisers did confer with us.

A sub-Committee of the Council (ref Minutes 26.05.22 Annual PC meeting, item 10.05.22) has spent some time on looking at the effects of tourism, private traffic, and public modes of transport as they affect the village with respect to climate change, they have joined up with other local Councils, Borough Councillors, and other local people in Hope Valley to make the Village a healthier and more sustainable area.

Finally I'd like you all to know that all the Councillors are working with the best interest of Castleton at heart.

Cllr B. Moorhouse  
Chair

## **Castleton Playing Fields**

### **Report of the Chair of the Trustees to Castleton Parish Council - 2021-2022**

The trustees met on six occasions during the year. There are five trustees – Paul Borland (Chair), Steve Hayes (Secretary and Treasurer), Lynn Trainor (Women's Institute Representative), Peter Johnson, and Paul Newberry has recently joined us. During the pandemic restrictions, we met at the playing field and these site meetings proved useful as we were able to focus on the on-going management of the field. The committee and volunteers have developed into an effective working group for fundraising and field maintenance.

It has felt like a busy year even though our fundraising events were practically non-existent. Despite this, our finances are sound, as Steve Hayes reports. I am grateful for the donation from the Breedon Group which covered the cost of re-roofing both stone sheds. The George has hosted our meetings during the year and generously given us a number of picnic tables.

The highlight of the year was the Village Fun Day in September. It took planning and teamwork to get things ready, and we had helpful support from the Parish Council. The objective was to get the village together as lockdown restrictions eased. Many residents have said that they enjoyed the day and it was well worth doing - my personal thanks to the team who put in a lot of work to get the field and marquees ready. Many people contributed to the success of this day. The transport for older residents was useful although the take-up was less than anticipated. The WI put on a good show with their tea and cakes. We plan to repeat the exercise on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The project to re-wild areas of the field and woodland has gone well. We now have twenty extra native trees and a perimeter section designed to encourage the growth of wildflowers. Castleton School uses its area of woodland on a weekly basis. Our plans are to cut and lay the large hedge in the car park and establish a pond at the bottom south west corner of the field. Work has been completed on sections of the wall around the main car park and the start of Robinlands Lane and this will continue in that area over the next couple of years. We will also be improving the bark area in the children's playground.

Hope Valley Rugby Club train on Castleton Playing Field and the rent from their lease provides us with valuable income. We want to thank Matt Eyre and their committee for letting us borrow their facilities during the year.

Paul Borland, Chair of Trustees

24.5.2022



# Castleton Playing Fields Committee

## Financial Statement Year End 31 March 2022

2021-22

2020-21

### Income

Rent	£ 400.00			
Cambion Donation	£ 30.00			
Fun Day Pay In	£ 817.10			
Donation	£ 50.00			
Beer Surplus Sales	£ 193.00			
Breedon Works Donation	£2,500.00			
Rutland Cycling Donation	£1,125.00			
Donation	£ 100.00			
		<b>£ 5,215.10</b>		<b>£ 240.00</b>

### Expenditure

#### Fund Raising Expenditure

Fun Day alcohol / supplies	£ 668.69			
Replacement ducks	£ 90.00	£ 758.69		(£0.00)

#### Mower / Strimmer Running Costs

Fuel,	£ 304.05			
Repair and service	£ 936.54	£ 1,240.59		(£ 259.80)

#### Field Maintenance / Improvement

Shed Tie Bar repair	£ 293.35			
Fruit Trees	£ 229.01			
Limestone Dust	£ 16.08			
Play area timber	£ 314.36			
Wood preserver	£ 27.60			
Roof Repair	£2,830.00			
Goal Stakes Bin bags	£ 31.13			
Grass Seed / Bin bags	£ 62.30	£ 3,803.83		(£ 649.74)

#### Insurance / inspection

Insurance	£ 434.23			
Inspection	£ 131.54			
HPBC Lottery License	£ 20.00	£ 585.77	<b>£ 6,388.88</b>	(£ 583.96) <b>£1,493.50</b>

**Excess of Expenditure over Income: (Debit)** **£-1,173.78**

**Bank Balance at 31 March 2021** **£ 7,914.80**

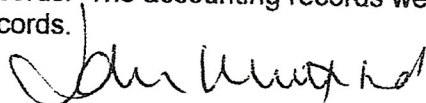
**Bank Balance at Close 31 March 2022** **£ 6,741.02**

Steve Hayes  
Treasurer, Castleton Playing Fields Committee



2 April 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Castleton Playing Fields for the year ended 31 March 2022.** I have examined the financial statement above and the accounting records. The accounting records were properly kept, the financial statement accords with those records.



John Whitfield ACA, Goosehill Hall, Castleton

3 April 2022