

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 30th March 2023, 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 27th April 2023.

Signed Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. J. Bradley (Chair), Cllr. N. Topping (Vice), Cllr. J. Simm, Cllr. B. Moorhouse, Cllr. A. Darlington
Also present: Clerk T. Dale, Cllr. J. Collins, two members of the public.

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/03/23	Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Spooner, PC Carl Davies. Cllr. J. Judge would be attending late due to unforeseen circumstances.																								
02/03/23	Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations. Cllr B Moorhouse and Cllr A Darlington nonpecuniary interest 07/03/23 G.																								
03/03/23	Reports: A: County Councillor’s Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor’s Report: Cllr Collins updated the Council on the following: Proposed closure of Visitor Centres (see item 07/03/23 Council Matters G). HP Wildlife, there is a project setting out a Nature Recovery Plan, there are various ways to become involved, a HP network is currently being set up for anyone to join. This is being steered by Rachel Burgess. The intention being that this is community-led, involving volunteers’ engagement. Cllr Collins to provide links for Rachels details and updates. C: Police Report: Clerk provided an update from PC Carl Davies as follows: 07/03/23 - 11/03/23, Burglary, HOW LANE, CASTLETON Unknown offenders smashed front window of unattended property and stole silver items. Offender appears to have cut themselves in the process. Awaiting forensic results. 14/03/23, Public Order, CAVERN ROAD, CASTLETON Doorstep seller became irate with resident, shouting and swearing at them. Male not identified. Social Media post issued, warning residents of such persons and provided a printable sign for windows. Clerk informed the Council that ex-offenders would not be given a licence for doorstep selling. Residents should report any incidence to the police via the normal channels. D: Chair’s Report: None this month.																								
04/03/23	Public Participation: Resident 1 and 2 introduced themselves to the Council, having recently moved into the village they would like to become involved and active within the village and hope, once eligible, to become a Councillor.																								
05/03/23	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 26 th January 2023 were then considered, the minutes were approved following a minor adjustment. (Prop JB, 2nd JS, unan). B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.																								
06/03/23	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: <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account</td><td>NS&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>14,422.37</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>13,102.20</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>14,778.38</td><td>18,511.35</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/02/23</td><td>14,918.38</td><td>18,511.35</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>0.00</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	14,422.37	0.00	Total Expenditure	13,102.20	0.00	Balance	14,778.38	18,511.35				Last Statement Balance 15/02/23	14,918.38	18,511.35	Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00
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B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:

- i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, (plus arrears), allowance, mileage - £564.32
- ii) Castleton Village Hall – room hire, Council meeting £30.00
- iii) Cllr J Judge – reimbursement for Jubilee Roses - £43.48
- iv) Peak Park Parish Forum – Subscription - £12.00
- v) Valley Landscapes – Grounds Maintenance - £231.00

C: 2022/23 LGA annual pay review was noted

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

None this month

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

07/03/23

Council Matters:

A: An update from the TEE Group was received and circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting (see Annex A point 1). Following the recent Travelling Light event held at the village hall, feedback given was that it went well. The methodology used at the event was designed to collect data on transport, and was the basis for a pilot scheme, to be rolled out to other villages in the HV. Instead of using a top-down process this was a bottom up approach, the aim being to establish that any changes fit the needs of the community and those that would be using the services. Exercises and game approaches were used such as how many trips are taken, to where and how often, with additional data on where, if transport was available, residents would like to go and how often would they use the service. The event was successful, impressive and a valuable exercise, and to be followed up with a survey to be advertised via Peveril post, Parish Council Facebook page, village website and Parish Council noticeboard. In addition a presentation and information on the survey to be given to the Community Café Group.

(AP – JS, AD, JB, NT)

Cllr Judge entered the meeting.

B: An update on installing dog waste bins in the village was deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Collins informed the Council that HP do engage a Dog Warden that may be able to cover Castleton, clerk to investigate. **(AP –AD, Clerk)**

C: It was agreed at the January meeting a HVCA Climate Action Champion should be a non-member of the Council, a request for a volunteer to be issued via the village mail group. However a recent update from HVCA group notified that this initiative is not being pursued at present and that they would be in touch, when reviewed.

D: A brief update on the Events Diary was given. This item is ongoing with the main concern being cycling events. Events Diary to be updated. **(AP –AD)**

E: Update on publication sites for the Derbyshire Alerts, following Police Surveys deferred to the next meeting **(AP – Clerk)**

F: Clerk updated the Council that the Playing Field Committee has obtained a grant of £300.00 for the Kings Coronation. It was also noted that there may be other events in the village taking place, an article to be placed in Peveril post to advertise the events.

G: A discussion on the possible closure of the Castleton Visitor Centre took place. Cllr Darlington and Cllr Moorhouse declared non-pecuniary interest as Trustees of Castleton Historical Society (CHS), which runs the museum and did not take part in voting.

Whilst most of the councillors do not support the closure of the visitor centre the existence of the centre was challenged

There is a PDNPA meeting being held on the 28th April, with mixed messages being communicated as to whether there will be an opportunity to speak at the meeting as so far discussion on the matter has been behind closed doors. Clarification to be sought, if decisions need to be made in a closed meeting, can the meeting comprise of two parts, first part giving the opportunity to put a case forward, second closed part for decisions? Clerk to investigate.

Meanwhile prior to the meeting on the 28th actions need to be progressed. Prior to the Parish Council Meeting draft letters to PDNPA CEO and 30 Members, MP Robert Lorgan, Cllr Collins, and Cllr Farrell were circulated. It was agreed that these should be sent and for others to be identified for inclusion. Clerk will issue the letters once a full recipient list has been compiled. **(Prop JB, 2nd JS, unan)**

H: The issues of parking at and around Mam Tor, Rushup Edge, top of Winnat and Treak Cliff were discussed. Clerk updated the Council that a request for a meeting to discuss these issues with all the relevant departments be arranged to seek a resolution, has been sent to Robert Lorgan (MP). As no response was received a follow-up request was made to outline how emotive this issue is, as the situation will worsen over

	<p>the spring and summer periods. That there are major concerns of altercations and possible fatalities if these issues are not addressed. The correspondence contained extracts from all information received from residents and included extracts from last months minutes highlighting the problems being faced. As yet no response has been received, further requests will be made until a response has been received and a date for a meeting has been set.</p> <p>The residents in attendance were asked for their views, it was noted that regular visitors on the whole were very respectful, the problem seem to be a day/weekend visitors causing the issues with parking and litter. They have witnessed overnight camping, parties, and barbeques, which resulted in damage and rubbish left behind. They have a gate on their property giving rights of way access that has been driven into and other damage during their first 6 months of being in the village. In addition the highway sign near the property has been covered in stickers, which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Chair then read out a response received from a resident regarding traffic at Mam Tor. From DCC, Highways, “the permanent orders are being progressed through consultation, it is not a quick process, and the promise of yellow lines will be in place later this year.” And from PDNPA “Our ranger service has continued to monitor the camper vans parked overnight. Whilst the numbers of vans continue to be high, we have seen little evidence of litter or human waste. Overall those staying overnight in this area do so in a responsible manner. Concerns were raised that it may be that those investigating may be mixing up the issues that are specific to two different areas, that is, top of the broken road near Blue John cavern, and bottom of the broken road near Treak Cliffe (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>I: The Council were advised that the request from Playing Fields Committee for the removal of diseased Ash tree on Robinlands Lane (south side) has been rescinded.</p> <p>J: An update on Parish Council events for Residents, possibility of Repair Cafe event in conjunction with Edale Parish Council was deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Judge to liaise with Cllr Collins with regards to a Repair Café event. (AP – JJ)</p> <p>K It was agreed by the majority that due to communications already in circulation, including information going direct to houses, available on the Parish Council noticeboard, Facebook page and village website, that a leaflet drop regarding the introduction of Vote ID requirement was no longer required. (AD, JS, BM, JJ) Cllr Collins left the meeting.</p> <p>L: Update on Environment Agency Peaks Hole water flood warning system was given. Work is progressing, it is estimated following the monitoring of water flow from Rushup Edge to Peaks Hole Water that the village should be able to be given an 8-hour warning. Due to some access issues the systems will not be in place for May, but it is hoped to have resolved these issues soon.</p> <p>M: In addition the Council were informed of the following: Whilst a previous request to reinstall white lines on How Lane has been completed Highways unfortunately missed those further down the road which also need to be re painted. Clerk to contact Highways. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>The Warm Spaces initiative has ended as of the 29th March, the initiative has been very well received c10 residents have used the facilities each time. Funding was given with the caveat that unspent funds must be returned, which is currently being processed. Longer term the WI wish to continue with the Warm Spaces whilst required.</p>
08/03/23	<p>Condition of the Village:</p> <p>A: The 2022 funding allocated for the maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways to be used for Furlongs Lane providing for additional gravelling. Deferred, to be processed under the 2023 scheme. Clerk to instigate the process when scheme becomes available. (AP – Clerk).</p> <p>B: Updates on the actions identified on the Village walkabout can be found on Annex A point 2.</p> <p>C: Following on from the last meeting it was confirmed that the sink hole has appeared at Waterside has been repaired. However it is understood that this needs to be investigated further as it is believed that water is seeping from the river under the pathway, eroding the lining and damaging the wall. Clerk to contact Highways – (AP-Clerk)</p>
09/03/23	<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/0323/0237 - The Hollies, How Lane, Castleton. First floor side extension. Single storey rear extension. Single storey outbuilding for domestic storage. Single storey annex for office ancillary to dwelling house. Due to the closure date objections were raised prior to the meeting, Clerk confirmed that notifying of objections had been sent to the planning department. – Objections raised. ii) Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council (the Mineral Planning Authorities for their areas) are now at the stage of consulting on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan for the new minerals

	<p>local plan. The application is not directly relevant to sites within the PDNP however it was recommended that the Council read in full as the application consults on environmental issues.</p> <p>No Objections raised.</p> <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/0822/1031 - Toll Bar Gift Shop Cross Street Castleton. Enhancement of Listed building. Removal of bay windows and restoration of windows and railings. Removal of air handling units and ductwork. Alterations as detailed on drawings. Replacement windows including Toll Bar Cottage GRANTED ii) NP/HPK/0822/1030 – Toll Bar Gift Shop Cross Street Castleton. Enhancement of Listed building. Removal of bay windows and restoration of windows and railings. Removal of air handling units and ductwork. Alterations as detailed on drawings. Replacement windows including Toll Bar Cottage. GRANTED
10/03/23	<p>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, was noted and discussed:</p> <p>unless otherwise indicated, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – Community News, PTCLF Written Questions, Parish & Town Liaison Forum. ii) NALC – Bulletins, Newsletters, Events. iii) HPBC – Invitation to Wider High Peak, Candidate and Agent Briefing, Top Award PDNPA Apprentice, DEFRA – One Off Grants i) Cllr J Collins – Climate & Nature Community Fund, PDNPA Parish Member Election. ii) Public Sector Executive – Various. iii) HVCA – Newsletter. iv) PDNPA – US Conservationist, National Award for Affordable Housing. v) Robert Largan (MP) - Various. vi) Democratic Services – Various vii) DALC – Newsletter, Councils Managing SSSI's viii) High Peak CVS – Bereavement Flyer ix) Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter x) PPPF – Management Plan <p>It was suggested to the Council that the PPPF management plan was worth reading in full. (AP – All)</p> <p>The article on lamppost charging points was worth investigating, the TEE group to consider. (AP – AD, JS, NS)</p> <p>It was suggested that a representative of the Council attends the Parish & Town Liaison Forum as this could be useful. Clerk to investigate if attendees are restricted to Chair and Clerk. (AP – Clerk)</p>
11/03/23	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>Article on Voter ID, King Charles III Coronation event/s, Traffic Light Survey.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.45pm</p> <p>The next Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 27th April 2023 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>

1. TEE update for March CPC Meeting

* The “Travelling Light” event with Marianne Quick proceeded as planned in the village hall on Monday March 20th, 2023. There were 16 participants including the two HVCA organisers. The event was conducted as a pilot for potential future events in the area, designed around gathering data in a “bottom-up” way as a means to support the drive for improved rural transport for local residents and visitors. The event involved participation in a series of interactive games. An on-line questionnaire was also demonstrated. It is hoped that the data from these events and the website can be used to lobby local and national government. One topic discussed was establishment of a reliable bus link between Castleton and the train service at Hope station. This is somewhat linked to the idea of a travel hub at Hope.

Recommendation to CPC: there are pros and cons around the communication methods adopted by Travelling Light at the event, but in general it is recommended that CPC continue to engage actively with the team as one way towards improving transport links for the community.

* To date no replies have been received from Northern Rail re our list of concerns regarding Hope Station, including car parking charges. (See January TEE report)

* Refreshing dog poo and Castleton Code signs will continue as necessary. Further TEE events, will include an e-bike demonstration in the village (others have been held in Bamford and Hope). Suggestions are invited from councillors and post-it suggestions from previous events to remain on file are:

- 1.A repair café [various venue now in HV]
- 2.A clothes swap
- 3.Renewables and lobbying. The issue of single use plastics
- 4.A plant diet, vegetarianism, vegan diets
- 5.Can we have wifi in village hall

2. Castleton Village Walkabout 2022

Items listed 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been completed and closed, for detail see Minutes 24.11.22.

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. Action Closed

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. Action Closed

5. Sluice gate – where is the key?

Action update – Cllr Judge confirmed to the Council there is no key for the Sluice gate. Action Closed