

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 27th April 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 date to be confirmed.

Signed Chair of meeting

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

Also present: Clerk T. Dale, Cllr. C. Farrell, PC Carl Davies, two members of the public.

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/04/23	No apologies received
02/04/23	Declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations. None
03/04/23	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Due to upcoming elections and the pre-election period also known as purdah there was nothing to update.</p> <p>C: Police Report: PC Carl Davies asked the Council if the monthly reports he has been sending were useful. Councillors agreed that they are.</p> <p>Two crimes this month. An incident on How Lane involved road rage assault accompanied with racial comments. It is understood that no resident was involved.</p> <p>Criminal damage, it was reported that some children were rolling boulders down Mam Tor.</p> <p>The Pub Watch scheme is going well, regular nuisances have been visited regarding their behaviour. A meeting to be chaired by the Nags Head will take place on the 19th May to discuss the initiative, which has also been beneficial identifying upcoming events.</p> <p>Authorisation has been given to work over the Bank Holiday, High Vis Patrols will take place. It is known that it will be busy, on a previous occasion over 100 traffic tickets were issued at Mam Tor.</p> <p>A new recruit will be joining PC Davies in Castleton to provide full cover.</p> <p>A jacket with a hammer and keys has been found, if anyone asks then inform them the police have it in their possession.</p> <p>When asked if the Council had any issues, Mam Tor, and large wagons using Winnats Pass were raised, and whilst the council are lobbying on these issues is there anything the police can do about the situation. The possibility of pushing for clearer signage, signage at Travellers Rest, diverting large wagons etc. PC Davies agreed to investigate the situation.</p> <p><i>PC Carl Davies left the meeting.</i></p> <p>D: Chair's Report: Chair ordered this item to following item 06/04/23. See Annex A.</p>
04/04/23	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Resident 1: The resident being involved with many groups in the village has set up a village wide group email for sharing information to residents. The group has 140 members to date. The Council were asked to consider joining the group and sharing information via this channel. Council agreed to consider and add to the next agenda. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>Resident 2: The resident asked why three councillors were stepping down from the Council, as they felt that the villagers had the right to know. The resident was informed that at this stage of the meeting it could not be discussed but a report from the chair would be given post the financial item on the agenda. (see 03/04/23). Clerk also informed the resident that anything discussed at the meeting will be included in the minutes and as such will become available to all residents.</p>
05/04/23	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30th March 2023 were then considered, the minutes were approved following a minor adjustment. (Prop NT, 2nd JS, unan).</p>

	B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.																																																													
06/04/23	<p>Finance:</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> <p>Statement as at 31st March 2023</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th></th><th>Current Account</th><th>NS&I</th></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>14,922.37</td><td>17.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td><td>13,983.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td><td>14,397.58</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td></tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance 31/03/23</td><td>15,278.38</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>880.80</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 31/0/23</td><td>14,397.58</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> </table> <p>B: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Rent Poor Piece - £500.00 ii) Interest NS & I - £17.23 <p>C: Statement as at 27th April 2023</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th></th><th>Current Account</th><th>NS&I</th></tr> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 01/04/23</td><td>14,397.58</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td><td>14,397.58</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td></tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance 11/04/23</td><td>14,483.06</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>85.48</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td><td>0.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 27/04/23</td><td>14,397.58</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr> </table> <p>D: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, holiday pay, allowance, milage and reimbursement for Peveril Post (£339.00) - £ 1,057.13 ii) Castleton Village Hall – 6.5 hours hire, Council meeting and TEE Event £65.00 iii) HPBC Trade Waste – Burial Ground - £229.47 iv) Valley Landscape (Derbyshire) Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £165.00 v) ICO – Annual Subscription - £40.00 vi) S Bradley – reimbursement 10 Tonne Clear Stone - £360.00 (TBC) <p>E: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <p>None this month</p> <p>NOTE: The Council recognise that the 10 Tonne Clear Stone (item vi) has been purchased and that repairs are imminent, on completion of the work it was agreed a cheque could be released.</p> <p>The above payments and receipts were agreed. (Prop NT, 2nd JS, unan).</p> <p>F: Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was considered, agreed, and signed. (Prop JB, 2nd AD, unan).</p> <p>G: Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 – Accounting Statements 2022/233 was considered, agreed and signed. (Prop AD, 2nd JB, unan).</p> <p>H: Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return - form 2 2022/2023 was considered and agreed (Prop NT, 2nd NS, unan).</p> <p>Cllr. N. Topping expressed thanks to the Clerk for the exceptional work carried out on managing the Councils accounts, with the figures showing that the Council is being well run, and financially coping with a reduction in funds, and additionally this year purchasing the noticeboard without have to use the reserves and balancing against the budget. Cllr. A. Darlington wished to extend the thanks to Cllr Topping who was instrumental in setting the budget.</p>			Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/22	13,458.21	18,511.35	Total Income	14,922.37	17.23	Total Expenditure	13,983.00	0.00	Balance	14,397.58	18,528.58				Last Statement Balance 31/03/23	15,278.38	18,528.58	Less un-presented cheques	880.80	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 31/0/23	14,397.58	18,528.58		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58	Total Income	0.00	0.00	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00	Balance	14,397.58	18,528.58				Last Statement Balance 11/04/23	14,483.06	18,528.58	Less un-presented cheques	85.48	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 27/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58
	Current Account	NS&I																																																												
Balance brought forward 01/04/22	13,458.21	18,511.35																																																												
Total Income	14,922.37	17.23																																																												
Total Expenditure	13,983.00	0.00																																																												
Balance	14,397.58	18,528.58																																																												
Last Statement Balance 31/03/23	15,278.38	18,528.58																																																												
Less un-presented cheques	880.80	0.00																																																												
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00																																																												
Available Balance 31/0/23	14,397.58	18,528.58																																																												
	Current Account	NS&I																																																												
Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58																																																												
Total Income	0.00	0.00																																																												
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00																																																												
Balance	14,397.58	18,528.58																																																												
Last Statement Balance 11/04/23	14,483.06	18,528.58																																																												
Less un-presented cheques	85.48	0.00																																																												
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00																																																												
Available Balance 27/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58																																																												

07/04/23	<p>Council Matters:</p> <p>A: No update given from TEE Group.</p> <p>B: No update given on the installation of dog waste bins in the village was available. Cllr Farrell advised the Council that when they installed bins in Bamford, they became a hazard overflowing with dog waste, and due to residents requests these bins were removed. It was further discussed about the requirement for bins in general around the village debating the consequences of worsening litter. If there are no bins then considerate visitors take their waste home, but where there are bins they are filled and when full the request to take rubbish home is ignored. However it was agreed to request a replacement bins for Arthurs Way as this was damaged, removed and never replaced. Clerk to request a replacement. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p><i>Resident 1 left the meeting.</i></p> <p>C: A brief update on Events was given. A cycle challenge on behalf of the British Heart Foundation to take place on the 22nd April, no issues were raised. Pedal the Peaks event being held on the 29th April, starts in Castleton but no other information could be found. Tour of Peak Sportive to the held on the 21st May, further information required, clerk to contact the organisers. (AP – clerk)</p> <p>D: Clerk informed the council that to receive updates from the police, residents would need to sign up to Derbyshire Alerts.</p> <p>E: An update on the possible closure of the Visitor Centre was given. Clerk on behalf of the council sent correspondences to the CEO Phil Mulligan, MP's Robert Langan, Sarah Dines, Councillors Joanna Collins, Charlotte Farrell, Nigel Gourlay and PDNPA. Responses have been received from Phil Mulligan which is being considered and MP Sarah Dines supporting the Councils against the closure. Cllr Andrew McCloy (PDNPA) was invited to the meeting but unfortunately, although happy to attend at a council meeting, couldn't attend.</p> <p>A PDNPA meeting is taking place tomorrow 28th April, with the possible closure on the agenda. The meeting will be in two parts. Part A will allow representatives from Castleton History Society, who will be in attendance, to give a 3-minute presentation against the closures, part B being a closed meeting with decisions made. The outcome will not be known until after the 4th May, post direct employees being informed. Next steps have yet to be agreed until the outcome of the meeting is available.</p> <p>F: A brief update on parking/traffic issues at Mam Tor was given, also see item 03/04/23 C, no correspondence has been received from MP Robert Langan on the issue, the council will continue to lobby. Regarding litter this was discussed in the overall discussion in item 07/04/23 B.</p> <p><i>Resident 2 left the meeting.</i></p> <p>I: Clerk reminded the Council that all spent correspondence relating to the Parish Council held on personal devices should be deleted with any documents that need to be retained sent to the Clerk. This is to protect Councillor and residents from any data breaches.</p> <p>J: No update was available on events for Residents, and possibility of Repair Cafe event in conjunction with Edale Parish Council.</p> <p>K: It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings on the 22nd May, subject to finding suitable venue.</p> <p>L: A discussion took place on the re-renting of a strip of land behind the burial ground. Concerns were raised about the legality of extending the lease, which could be detrimental to the parish. Clerk suggested the possibility of moving away from a full year lease but granting a grazing licence covering a period from May – November. Clerk to investigate. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>M: Clerk updated on requests for reinstatement of white lines around the village. Derbyshire Highways were contacted to request a visit to the village, to walk through and identify all roads that require reinstatement. Unfortunately Highways do not provide this option, all roads need to be identified with requests being uploaded on to their website. A disappointing and ineffective way of resolving these issues. A list/map of all roads to be identified and requests processed. To be added to the next agenda. (AP – Clerk, AD)</p> <p>N: Other issues raised. Along Hollowford Road there is undergrowth such as brambles that is hazardous for pedestrians avoiding traffic, especially when wagons are using the road. As near the playing field it also raises concerns for the health and safety of young children. To date HPBC have refused to rectify the situation.</p> <p>The wall between the burial ground and a residents property require repair, it was asked who was responsible. It was agreed that as the wall is on the North it is the responsibility of the resident and that the council gave permission for the removal of a non-protected sapling growing through the wall.</p> <p><i>Cllr. C. Farrell left the meeting.</i></p>
08/04/23	<p>Condition of the Village:</p> <p>A: The repairs to Furlongs Lane providing additional gravelling will be completed imminently, Chair to confirm completion in order for Clerk to release payment.</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/0423/0380 - Millcroft, Mill Bridge, Castleton. Proposed roof dormer infill between two existing dormers to create new shower/wc room. No Objections raised. ii) NP/HPK/0822/1076 – Hollowford Lane, Castleton. Conversion of barn to dwelling, planning committee agenda 21st April 2023. Council had not received notification of the outcome from the planning committee prior to the meeting. <p>B Applications received by the Licensing Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Peak Cavern Car Park, Buxton Road Castleton S33 8WP - Pop up bar & live music 28 to 30.04.2023 ii) Peak Cavern Car Park, Buxton Road Castleton S33 8WP - Pop up bar & live music 04 to 07.05.2023 iii) Peak Cavern Car Park, Buxton Road Castleton S33 8WP - Pop up bar & live music 27 & 28.05.2023 iv) Peak Cavern Car Park, Buxton Road Castleton S33 8WP - Pop up bar & live music 02 to 04.06.2023 v) Dunsar Farm, Castleton, Hope Valley S33 8WA - No Alcohol - Wedding live Band 20.05.2023 vi) Dunsar Farm, Castleton, Hope Valley S33 8WA - Charity Event 25.05.2023 <p>No Objections raised.</p> <p>C: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/0123/0005 - Hillside House Pindale Road Castleton. Proposal: Extension to form a courtyard area, replacement of existing garages and installing solar photovoltaic panels. GRANTED
10/04/23	<p>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, was noted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – Community News, Derbyshire Electric Vehicle Charging Survey. ii) NALC – Bulletins, Newsletters, Events, Utility Aid. iii) Cllr J Collins – HP Biodiversity Event. iv) Public Sector Executive – Various. v) PDNPA – PHD Opportunity to study Philosophy and Landscape Change, Ranger Led Mindful Walks. vi) Robert Largan (MP) - Various. vii) Democratic Services – Various viii) DALC – Newsletter. ix) PPPF – Public Meeting <p>Item on Derbyshire Electric Vehicle Charging Survey to be shared via the village website. (AP – Clerk)</p>
11/04/23	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>It was agreed at the last meeting that the current Chair would take over control of the donations for advertising in the Peveril Post, a list of all those currently advertising was send to the Chair and Clerk. As the Chair is stepping down the item to be added to the next agenda.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.15pm</p> <p>The date, time, and venue for Annual and next Parish Council meeting to be confirmed.</p>

Chair's Report – April 2023

This is a statement addressed to those Councillors who will remain on the Council after the elections next week. This is not up for discussion so please listen carefully and do not interrupt me or I will ask you to leave the building. After the report is completed, we will then move on to the rest of the agenda.

It is very unusual for three Councillors to resign all at one time. But I am afraid this is what has happened you are losing 3 good knowledgeable councillors one of whom has been on the council over 20 years!

The first and by far the most important reason is that Council meetings have become unmanageable. There are frequent interruptions both from fellow Councillors and guests. There is an unwillingness to listen and downright rudeness and interruptions going on at every meeting even tonight. There is a lack of respect for the Chair. It is impossible to have an orderly, rational debates. Our Clerk finds it very difficult to work out what, if anything, has been decided. Trisha is not being treated fairly, and the Council cannot afford to lose her. She does a great job. She definitely didn't sign up for this its embarrassing and I feel so sorry for her. Often, we are not addressing the issues that are most important to the village. Decision making has been poor. Despite its best intentions, the TEE Group has achieved virtually nothing – the meeting on insulation being the exception. The TEE Group always votes together. We recognise that the Parish Council has very few powers. We are an outlet for complaints from villagers which we take up with DCC, PDNPA, HPBC, the police and whoever else. Frequently this means that we are not able to help but we do have occasional successes. We are Just a Buffer for the bigger bodies !! This also means that we are sometimes regarded as useless not helpful by the villagers. Our Job is to support residents of this lovely village. Its not all bad news Though – the burial ground and the village greens are looking good. Our accounts show the finances to be well managed. We have managed to balance the books at times of reducing grants from the Government, while purchasing the Notice Board without dipping into the reserves. So we have been getting the basics right ! The decisions by Brian, Nigel and myself not to stand again as councillors are not recent or impetuous. We have attempted to recruit new Councillors but to no avail. The answer has always been the same – thanks for asking but No thanks. The new Council NOW needs to reflect on what I have said. It needs to focus on what is important, listen and consider before speaking and taking decisions. Above all treat fellow Councillors with the respect and consideration they deserve. I suggest you all read Good Councillor Guide Book!!!! Also take the training course on How to be a Good councillor you will then realize what I have been going on about. The villagers also deserve a better Parish Council.

Jo Bradley
Chairman