

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 27th January 2024, 7.00pm 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. A, Darlington (Chair). Cllr. J. Simm (Vice), Cllr. S. Adshead, Cllr. M. Eyre, Cllr. J. Judge.
Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), Cllr. J. Collins, Cllr. C. Farrell and two members of the public.

Meeting commenced 7.05pm.

01/01/24	Apologies received from Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. J. Stannard
02/01/24	Personal or Pecuniary Interests declared. None this month
03/01/24	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. Collins updated the Parish Council that the big-ticket item this month being tourist strategy, whilst this is good for the economy the impact on environment and residents need to be considered. A management plan regarding impact needs to be discussed, agreed, and actioned. A meeting with PLACE is due to take place where both Cllr Collins and Cllr Farrell will highlight the impact on residents and damage to nature. The Parish Council were asked to feedback any suggestions.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders suspended</i></p> <p>With regards to an upcoming Mountain Bike tour, a brief discussion took place. Whilst it is recognised there is a divided opinion, economic versus damage to environment, it was overall agreed that there is a need to adopt a constructive approach with all involved, and to approach both Peak Park and National Trust to work jointly to agree a cohesive strategy and a way-forward. The village is quieter at the moment, but concerns were raised about events taking place in busier periods.</p> <p>There is an upcoming meeting that Cllr Farrell will be attending, she aims to raise the issues of biodiversity, as Peak Park encourages tourist and events but there is very little mention of the issues caused, parking, litter damage to wildlife (ground nesting bird), verges and so forth. A request will be made that they add this topic to their next agenda for full discussion.</p> <p><i>Standing orders reinstated</i></p> <p>C: Police Report: PCSO Will Brockett has returned to the team covering Castleton, we now have three officers looking after Hope, Edale and Bamford.</p> <p>The main issue for the officers has been the parking around Mam Tor / Rushup Edge area, they have been advising drivers where possible and also issued a number of tickets for dangerous parking. The council who enforces the double yellow lines have been out on a very regular basis and have issued lots of tickets in addition.</p> <p>In terms of parking issues on the Old Mam Tor Rd it appears during covid most do not know what a "Clearway" is or what the sign looks like and even with the clear signage (prior to it being knocked down) still park outside the parking bays. Representation has been made to Highways Matlock last week with a report requesting that Clearway is removed and replaced with double yellow lines, this will hopefully make it clearer to motorists. The feedback from Highways was positive but if it does get the go ahead it may not be implemented until later this year due to the process.</p> <p>The Parish Council are pleased to welcome back PCSO Will Brockett.</p> <p>D: Chair Report: No report this month.</p>
04/01/24	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Resident 1, A representative from the Castleton at Christmas provided the Parish Council with an update. A meeting was held a few weeks ago with a c20 - 30 residents and business proprietors in attendance. The consensus was that last years Christmas events throughout were very poor, and a desire to provide events as in the past. Reinstating, the Grotto, road closures. The response has been positive with residents willing to support and volunteer for marshalling, Santa is onboard and his little helpers. In addition to the meeting an</p>

	<p>email group was set up with lots of suggestions coming forward. The group would also like to look at the possibility of Peveril Castle and Marketplace being lit up. The group are also mindful of any events increasing the number of visitors to the village and associated problems this can cause with traffic, etc and therefore will be taking this into consideration, including advertising/encouraging the use of public transport. The Group will be trying to raise additional funds, the Parish Council were asked who to contact requesting funding from the Visitor Centre. The Council recommended contacting PDNPA.</p> <p>The Parish Council were asked if they can help or have any suggestions. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th February. Cllr Eyre will be the lead Councillor for the Parish Council and will where possible attend meetings and liaise with the Group. – (AP – ME)</p> <p><i>Two residents left the meeting</i></p>																														
05/01/24	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30th November 2023 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop ME, 2nd SA, unan).</p> <p>B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.</p>																														
06/01/24	<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> <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account as at 27th January 2024</td><td>NS&I</td></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>13,947.13</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>11,460.70</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>16,884.01</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/01/24</td><td>16,884.01</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>0.00</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 25/01/23</td><td>16,884.01</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr></table> <p>B: 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, allowance, milage (December – January)- £681.11ii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Dirty Lane - £240.00 (PROW)iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire (additional meeting held in November) - £60.00iv) ICO – Annual Subscription - £40.00v) Playing Field Committee – Donation to School Woodland Area as agreed at November meeting - £250.00.vi) HMRC – Employee contributions - £184.60 <p>In addition, an invoice for Peveril Post was received at £500.00, Instantprint were asked to revise the printing paper from gloss to silk reducing payment to £400.00. The increase in costs was mainly due to the Parish Council contribution. It was agreed to pay the invoice or revised invoice upon receipt. A cheque will be made to J. Topping for re-imbursement.</p> <p>C: To note income and receipts of the Council.</p> <p>None this month.</p> <p>The above payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd JJ, unan).</p> <p>D: Clerk walked the Parish Council through the calculation for the 2024/25 Budget. This year due to the impact of inflation, the reduction in households and the withdrawal of the Council Tax grant would have seen an overall 14% increase to Households. As the Parish Council did not wish to see such an increase, a proportion of the Misc/small project fund was used to offset the increase, revising to 8%. Precept reduced to 3% plus 5% reduction in households providing this figure. Details of the budget can be found alongside the minutes.</p> <p>Budget agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan).</p>		Current Account as at 27 th January 2024	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58	Total Income	13,947.13	0.00	Total Expenditure	11,460.70	0.00	Balance	16,884.01	18,528.58				Last Statement Balance 15/01/24	16,884.01	18,528.58	Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 25/01/23	16,884.01	18,528.58
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07/01/24	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>A: An update on the Parish Council village Survey, was given, c18 objectives were identified, each have been reviewed and allocated a reserve for possible expenses required, this could be for the purchase of equipment for example Traffic Devices (SID), others require signage/printing/mail requirements and others where no expected costs are assumed to be required. Each objective has also been assigned a lead Councillor. The reserves and lead Councillors are not set in stone and will be reviewed periodically. This is due to the possibility of unforeseen events/needs should as the recent flooding which was post the survey and could</p>																														

incur costs e.g. for the purchase of a flood pump. Annex A sets out the reserves and Lead Councillors. Next steps are to produce position statements for the next meeting. (AP – all Councillors)

B: An update on the Bus strategy currently being developed, was provided with the agenda (Annex A). After receiving an email from the Buses of Castleton Group the clerk read out the following clarification. The reports states that ‘the Better Buses for Castleton Group have written to the Bus operators and also proposed that the group should meet with the bus operators. The group have only written to the CEO of Hulleys about the 272 service and asked for a reply within a certain time, offering to meet if it would help speed things up. They have not proposed a specific meeting as they are only a small group, that the author of the email felt that the present members do not have the time or resources to organise meetings unless the campaign gains momentum and more people join to share the load.’

Question and Answer session commenced.

Q: What is happening with the real time information, who do we ask for an update?

Standing orders suspended

A: DCC have been written to, there is no response yet, but it is understood there is a delay. Assurances have been given that it will happen, but it could take a while.

In addition, a draft letter to Bus company/s regarding issues with the current services being provided prior to the meeting for agreement. The letter was resolved and to be sent to CEO of Hulleys only at this stage, clerk to issue letter on receipt of recipient details. (Prop AD, 2nd SA, unan). **(AP – Clerk, JS)**.

C: An update on various parking/traffic issues in the Village took place. Parking issues continue. With some ticketing and conversations taking place with Highways (see Police report). Councillors have been speaking to residents and local farmers encouraging them to report all incidents.

Standing orders suspended

The promised yellow lines have still not happened. Yellow lines should be extended to Odin mine circle, clearways. Parking is still happening outside parking bays and signposts being knocked down. Gates, dry stone walls, fire brigade being called out to parties, dog and human fouling, litter in farmers’ fields are all bringing residents/farmers to breaking point. Farmers are concerned as things get even busier and lambing season approaches, especially concerned about dogs off leads. Talk of a Farmers action group being set up. Things are getting out of control, there appear to be no enforcement, departments are not joined up. Environment Health are saying waste is not their responsibility. Encourage to residents to make as much noise and report these issues to support the requirement for action. All these issues will be discussed in an informal meeting with MP Robert Lorgan tomorrow.

Standing orders reinstated.

With regards to Traffic Devices (SID) a quote of £4K was given, however Froggatt village appear to have a mobile device. The Parish Council to be contacted for information and advice. **(AP – ME)**

The response (redacted) from Highways Department regarding traffic issues was published with the agenda (Annex B).

Cllrs Collins and Farrell left the meeting.

D: An update on the Breedon Legacy meeting, was provided with the agenda (Annex C).

A Q&A session was opened, no questions were raised. However, it was noted that the meetings were good for the purpose of networking.

E: A discussion on upcoming events took place. It was suggested that the Ultra X event organisers should contact residents directly notifying them of the possible impacts. If the organisers wish, then the Parish Council could advertise their event using the village email group and providing their contact details for any feedback. Events diary to be updated with upcoming events being impact assessed. (AP – Clerk, AD).

F: Draft letter to DCC, Hope and Aston PC regarding conditions of footpath between Hope and Spital Bridge deferred to the next meeting. **(AP – Clerk)**

G: A quote for the repairs to the light in the telephone box that stores the defibrillator was received. The quote for repairs at £128.85 plus VAT was agreed. (Prop ME, 2nd JS, unan).

A discussion took place regarding the purchase via match funding of £750 for an additional new defibrillator. It was agreed prior to considering the purchase that the location and cost of installing the defibrillator needs to be ascertained and agreed. Possible site being the Village Hall, liaison with the committee and obtaining a quote for the next meeting. **(AP – SA)**

H: Work continues on flood management planning, e.g. identification of responsibilities and ownership of the ground under Peak Cavern, because of concerns about tree debris. A member of the group has done a great job setting up and maintaining the email and WhatsApp groups for affected residents. The Parish Council has now been given a map of the drainage system by DCC and flood wardens continue to work on resilience and recovery measures.

DCC to be contacted for an update of when the grants available for those affected by the flood will become

	<p>available. It has recently come to light that residents will need to procure a suitable surveyor to survey their properties, a cost of £500.00 which will reduce the grant to £4,500.</p> <p>There had been no news on the HPBC Councillor funding for the purchase of a flood pump, this is to be chased.</p> <p>(AP – AD, Clerk)</p> <p>I: The clerk was able to confirm to the Parish Council that the 2023/24 repairs to Dirty Lane under the PROW scheme have now been completed. Relevant forms to be signed and forwarded to PLACE for reimbursement. Should the scheme run for 2024/25 it was agreed that the footpath number FP31 requires resurfacing due to surface water damage during recent storms. (Prop AD, 2nd JS, unan). (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>J: It was agreed to offer the 2024/25 grazing licence for the strip of land behind the burial ground. Clerk to complete all the paperwork. (Prop JJ, 2nd ME, unan) (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>K: The item to discuss littering around more remote parts of Castleton Parish was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>L: A de-brief on the Christmas tree arrangements was given. All worked well, will need to work with the Christmas Group for next year. The Christmas Tree collection provided by Ashgate, for a small donation, worked very well, it was recommended for all business to use the service providing further donations. It was also noted that the Christmas Tree which is used at the Church is now being stored at Cllr. J. Simm's property</p> <p>M: There were no urgent items to note that require discussion and or resolution.</p>
08/01/24	<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/1123/1397 - Millbridge Farm, Mill Bridge, Castleton. - Conversion of outbuilding to garage and home office ancillary to dwelling. No objection raised. ii) NP/HPK/1223/1507 - Hope View House, Pindale Road, Castleton. Erection of outbuilding to form additional accommodation and parking. No objection raised. iii) NP/HPK/1223/1505 - Toll Bar Gift Shop, Cross Street, Castleton. - Listed Building Consent approval for installation of fire curtain, installation of positive input ventilation unit, retention of existing satellite dish, and installation of rear drainage channel - submitted in addition to previous listed building consent approval. No objection raised. <p>B: Applications received by the Licensing Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Brew Run, Mobile Catering Van, Mam Tor, Castleton. Objections raised, damage to wild landscape, litter etc. <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/1023/1253 - Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Castleton - Change of use to a holiday let. Reconfiguration of existing building and proposed associated landscape works. REFUSED
09/01/24	<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, Mobile Library, Road Closure, HP & HV Community Rail Partnership, Keeping you on board – Winter issue. ii) DALC – Newsletters, Waiving Council Tax for Special Constables. iii) Public Sector Executive – Various. iv) Robert Lorgan (MP) – Various. v) Democratic Services – Agendas, Supplements, Minutes. vi) HVCA – Newsletter, Newsletter Extras. vii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. viii) PDNPA – News, Assessable Castleton, Fund Raising. ix) HPBC – Possible Funding. x) PPPF – Newsletter. xi) Environment Agency – Drop in Events following storm Babet. xii) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue – Budget Consultation. xiii) Cllr Collins – HPBC Councillors Report.
10/01/24	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>None this month</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9.05pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 29th February 2024 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>

Possible objectives for Parish Council efforts and budget over the next 3 years	<i>Position statement & Owner (for now)</i>	<i>CPC £ Reserve</i>	<i>Our actions?</i>
Controls on further holiday lets and Airbnbs	Cllr. J. Stannard	50	Lobby, encourage residents to lobby (printing?)
Control of motorhome and campervan parking on roads	Cllr. M. Eyre	200	Lobby, gather evidence of nuisance, signage? encourage residents to lobby & report
Traffic calming/control of speeding through the village	Cllr. M. Eyre	8000	Lobby, monitor (DCC), consider speedwatch, SIDs (capital cost?)
Stop HGVs going through village & Winnats Pass, get them re-routed	Cllr. J. Simm	500	Lobby, report, signage (printing & installation?), encourage reporting
Keep the face-to-face visitor information and village museum at the Visitor Centre	Cllr. J. Stannard	100	Lobby, inform residents (printing, possibly in years 2 and 3?)
Improved public transport links (e.g. buses meeting trains at Hope)	Cllr. J. Simm	500	Lobby, active participation in pressure groups, inform residents (printing?)
Control of antisocial vehicle noise through village	Cllr. N. Spooner	500	Engage with police, signage?
Residents only parking	Cllr. A. Darlington	100	Complicated – inform residents (printing)
Reduced traffic volume	Cllr. J. Simm	0	Could be affected indirectly eg via better public transport
An attractive, well-groomed village, less litter and dog poo	Cllr. J. Judge	500	Ongoing, continue to support financially
More habitat for nature in the village and surroundings, e.g. green verges	Cllr. J. Stannard	300	
Explore the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan for Castleton	Cllr. A. Darlington	0	
More support of community events e.g. warm rooms, Remembrance Sunday, Garland	Cllr. M. Eyre	500	Continue to support financially (ask for bids under S137)
Provision of allotments	Cllr. S. Adshead	0	
Initiatives to help residents reduce their energy consumption	Cllr. N. Spooner	300	
E-charging points for residents	Cllr. N. Spooner	0	
Flooding defence equipment accessible for vulnerable households	Cllr. A. Darlington	4000	Support financially? (another pump & storage, sand, printing for property packs?), contribution to structural work?
More frequent communications from Parish Council	Cllr. A. Darlington	200	