

## CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7.05pm 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. J. Judge, Cllr. J. Stannard.

Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), Cllr. J. Collins, PC Alex Simpson, PCSO Will Brockett and two members of the public.

01/02/24	Apologies received from Cllr. M. Eyre, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. S. Adshead
02/02/24	Cllr. J. Stannard declared a Nonpecuniary interest, item 08/02/24 i) and ii)
03/02/24	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. Collins reported that HPBC has passed a policy to increase Council Tax for empty and second homes, to come into effect April 2025. This does not include Holiday Lets as they are classed as Businesses. Cllr Collins to forward relevant email to Clerk for distribution.</p> <p>That there are several nature group initiatives active. High Peak are working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on biodiversity, predominantly provide education and supporting individuals on how they become involved and what actions they can take locally Funding has been applied for.</p> <p>A meeting is being held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March involving High Peak and various organisations regarding tourism. Whilst tourism is encouraged the issues that occur due to visitors will also be raised, such as parking. In addition, Phil Mulligan, CEO PDNPA has agreed to a meeting with the Parish Council and a visit to see the issues first-hand. No date has been agreed at this point.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders suspended</i></p> <p>Several Parish Council Councillors met Phil Mulligan on his recent visit to the Visitor Centre, where they had the opportunity to share the Village Survey. He was very interested and took note of the various issues raised. He felt it was a useful avenue to flag issues. He has agreed to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the outcome/issues of the Village Survey. A date to be arranged.</p> <p>Resident 1 – raised an issue on the shortage of bins, there are none at Winnats and the one on Buxton Road is always full, can this be considered.</p> <p><i>Standing orders reinstated</i></p> <p>C: Police Report: PC Alex Simpson report the following incidents to the Parish Council:</p> <p>1/2/24 – Pindale Road - Residential Burglary, Suspects break into address and take items from address. Investigation ongoing.</p> <p>7/2/24 – Peveril Road - Burglary residential x2. Two homes were broken into on the same evening. Investigation ongoing.</p> <p>13/2/24 Buxton Road - Theft, two mountain bikes taken from the cycle rack of vehicle.</p> <p>PCSO Will Brockett informed the Parish Council that they were looking into and working with various departments; Peak Park, Highways, Parking Enforcement, and MP Robert Largan to try and reach some solutions on how to improve the issues being faced such as parking and litter. For example, consideration is being given to increasing the height of kerbs to prevent parking on various roads where obstructions are occurring. Mam Tor / Rushup Edge area, removal of the "Clearway" and replacing with double yellow lines. Parking bays to become time limited, increase in signage and other possibilities. If approved, all of these and others will take time and are subject to funding.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders suspended</i></p> <p>The Parish Council reported they also have been corresponding with various organisations/departments including the police but unfortunately not enough evidence via reporting is being obtained. The reporting website is not user friendly and takes time to complete and upload evidence. The Parish Council will continue to encourage residents to report all incidents, but it is a challenge.</p> <p>With regards to speeding Speedwell Cavern have installed ANPR via Gigapeak, what are their feelings on this?</p>

	<p>In response, they are big advocates, as the Gigapeak system only captures number plates, speed, and time without capturing any other personal information the police find the evidence gained beneficial. The Police do have their own equipment, but it is very costly and at present cannot use on private property. They have a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the requirement of more cameras in the Hope Valley area, a 'request for ten cameras' but hoping to achieve at least three. They are also looking into the legal ramifications of using on private property.</p> <p>Resident 1 raised the issue of speeding traffic on Buxton Road at weekends, mainly from motorbikes but also cars with a loud exhaust. What can be done about this? The Police are aware of this apart from the installation of speed camera a speed watch group could be set up. The Parish Council could purchase the equipment, high-vis jackets, handheld cameras etc., at a cost of £400.00 reporting incidents to the police, on receipt of this information they would contact the drivers. Alternatively, the group could loan for free the equipment from the Police, but availability of equipment and dates could be an issue.</p> <p>Parish Council to consider and assess if volunteers would be available for a Speed Watch Group.</p> <p><i>Standing orders reinstated</i></p> <p><i>PC Alex Simpson and PCSO Will Brockett left the meeting.</i></p> <p>D: Chair Report: No report this month.</p>																														
04/02/24	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p>Resident 1 - Raised a couple of issues, see above Borough Council, Police Reports and Planning item 08/02/24 ii).</p> <p>Resident 2 – Raised a couple of issues.</p> <p>i) The Bus Strategy report is coy and useless. Companies not identified why is this being kept secret?</p> <p><i>Standing orders Suspended</i></p> <p>The Parish Council responded that they wanted to look at the bigger picture rather than just at the bus service provider. A letter has been written to the provider requesting a meeting, which has been agreed with the CEO of Hulleys, post their meeting with DCC. That we would like to work with them on a more constructive basis to help bring about some resolution. The Parish Council are working with the Bus Strategy Group and supporting the Better Buses for Castleton Action Group. There is a lot going on, including requests from Derbyshire County Council to complete the Bus Improvement Survey which provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to influence future decisions on buses as a form of public transport.</p> <p>There have been many meetings where pressure is being put on for improvements. The Resident was also made aware that he would be welcomed if he wishes to participate and become involved.</p> <p>ii) The Parish Council were asked if anything had happened with regards to payments for advertising in the Peveril Post.</p> <p>The Parish Council responded that a Cllr Eyre’s had agreed to lead on this, however other priorities has meant that this has become lower on the radar. It will not be missed it will be investigated once time allows.</p> <p><i>Standing orders reinstated</i></p>																														
05/02/24	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b></p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd JJ, unan).</p> <p>B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.</p>																														
06/02/24	<p><b>Finance:</b></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 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024</td><td>NS&amp;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>14,348.13</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>12,916.41</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>15,829.30</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/02/24</td><td>15,829.30</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 29/02/24</td><td>15,829.30</td><td>18,528.58</td></tr></table> <p><i>Note: Peveril Post payment agreed at last meeting is still being clarified, not included in the above figures.</i></p> <p>B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque of presented invoiced items including the following:</p> <p>i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowance, milage and printing expenses, additionally payment of £19.89 for replacement battery charger - £480.41</p>		Current Account as at 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58	Total Income	14,348.13	0.00	Total Expenditure	12,916.41	0.00	Balance	15,829.30	18,528.58				Last Statement Balance 15/02/24	15,829.30	18,528.58	Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 29/02/24	15,829.30	18,528.58
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	<p>ii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - <u>£180.00</u>  iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - <u>£30.00</u>  iv) John Gunn – Travel Expenses, talk at flood resilience event - <u>£20.70</u>.  v) DALC – Annual Subscription - <u>£471.82</u>  vi) HPBC – Commercial Waste Services - <u>£236.35</u>  vii) P. Copley Electrical/PAC Alarms – Repairs to telephone box - <u>£107.61</u></p> <p>A revised invoice for Printing of Peveril Post has been received, the payment included in last month's Finances has been voided with a revised cheque of £400.00 raised.</p> <p>C: To note income and receipts of the Council.</p> <p>i) HPBC - Flood Resilience Funding - <u>£401.00</u></p> <p>The above payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop JS, 2nd JAS, unan).</p>
07/02/24	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>A: The Parish Councillors were tasked with providing position statements following the Village Survey for the eighteen objectives that were identified. Only a few are outstanding, once all have been completed and reviewed, they will be shared via various mediums. (AP – SA, JJ).</p> <p>The Chair read out an example at the meeting:</p> <p>Objective: We will encourage the control on further holiday lets and Airbnbs in the village  By: Proactively lobbying and influencing policymakers and decision makers specifically in local and central government and by helping residents to do so as appropriate.  Because: Holiday lets and Airbnbs detract from a healthy sustainable and vibrant village community.</p> <p>B: An update on the Bus strategy currently being developed, was provided with the agenda (Annex A - A). Also see Resident 2, Public Participation.</p> <p>The Parish Council intends to reply to Hulleys CEO thanking him for the response and to arrange a meeting. It was agreed that this should be post their meeting with DCC as funding opportunities may have been raised. In addition to these updates the Parish Council were asked to endorse a survey to identify use of public transport of residents and visitors, a draft survey has been produced but is still a work in progress. As The Bus Service Strategy Group are also sending out a survey it was recommended that the Parish Council survey, specific to Castleton, is not progressed until after this is completed, at some point in March.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked if there would be any conflict with the surveys, to which the answer was no. The survey in principle was agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd JJ, unan).</p> <p>There are upcoming meetings arranged by HVCA, Transport for Cornwall - a presentation and discussion on how bus improvement has integrated with rail links to try and create a single and unifying brand for public transport and Moving Together- HVCA presentation on an aspect of sustainable travel i.e. car/ lift sharing. It will also feature developments in E charging.</p> <p>The Shopping Bus was also discussed see agenda annex A – A.</p> <p>C: An update on various parking/traffic issues in the Village was provided by the lead Councillor and delivered in their absence by the Clerk as follows:</p> <p>Speeding Devices: An update quote from TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd was received of £3,902.80 per unit including installation. They only provide one system that would be suitable. It was also noted that Froggatt have installed a device which flashes driver speed and speed limit. The Froggatt Parish Council Chair has been contacted; they purchased the device from Westcotec at a cost of £3,500. The entire process took around a year as there were several hurdles to overcome. They are happy to support with the process.</p> <p>Mam Tor Issues: Regular contact has been maintained with businesses and farms that are most severely affected. A meeting with MP Robert Lorgan took place (see item D below) and contact with the local police has been made. They are as also frustrated with the situation and have been in touch with Highways (See Police Report above). In addition, Highways have been contacted again with a request for a site visit, but this unfortunately has not been taken up.</p> <p>The yellow lines planned for the upper Mam Tor Road due to take place this year is already eight months later than promised. DCC have agreed to provide double yellow lines on the lower road, but the process is painfully slow.</p> <p>Regular visits to the location have identified litter, drug use, illegal parking and suspicious behaviour, residents are onboard and are providing evidence. It is suggested that a coordinated multi-agency response should be produced with the Parish Council sending a letter regarding these issues. In addition, residents have started a petition and feel that matters will worsen as summer approaches.</p> <p>The clearway signs at the bottom of Winnats Junction have been reinstalled but there is still no signage at the top above Winnats Head Farm. All other signage on the lower road have been knocked over or removed, there is a suspicion that signs are being removed to avoid parking tickets and/or being asked to move on. The bay lining is practically non-existent above the corner below Treak Cliff Cavern.</p> <p>On a different matter, the Tommy figure on Buxton Road has been removed or stolen, this has been reported</p>

to the police.

D: A brief update on the informal meeting with MP Robert Largan was given. In attendance was also County Councillor Nigel Gourlay. Several issues were discussed.

#### *Standing Orders Suspended*

Campervans, illegal parking, litter – The Councillors were informed that DCC directly employ traffic wardens, the Environment Health believe there is nothing at Mam Tor Road to justify an Environmental Health Order, that relentless reporting on the DCC website is the way to get to the authorities. That DCC have confirmed they will be putting double yellow lines between the parking bays, but it is a question of time as they are under resourced.

Councill Gourlay had encouraged the Parish Council to invite a lead technician from Highways for an informal site visit to show the problems being faced including HG/poor signage. (see item Council Matters C).

Littering – The Parish Council were advised that Edale Parish Council have put in new bins that they empty themselves. As Cllr, Collins was at the meeting this evening it was asked if this was the case, Cllr Collins who sits on Edale Parish Council was not aware of this and did not believe it to be correct.

Chapel en le Frith put in a “flying bin” which is moved from location to location to gather evidence on where it is needed and was apparently proving effective.

Signage and tourism – The advice was to continue to contact and work with PDNPA on these issues but understood the difficulties. It seems that the PDNPA volunteer ranger scheme is declining.

Flood resilience – Regarding ownership of Waterside Path, the advice was to contact DCC PROW team for information.

Bus Improvement – There is £47M allocated to Derbyshire wide bus improvement plan, increased to £50M.

Holiday Lets – It was understood that HPBC would not be imposing double tax. This is incorrect, see Borough Councillor report.

Breedon Carbon Capture Project and towards 2042 projects- Every quarry in the country is set to close in 2042 under existing legislation, this is likely to be extended. There was no negative feedback on the Carbon Capture Project.

#### *Standing Orders Reinstated*

E: An update on responses received from Peak Tour and Ultra X England, Peak District Birthday Bash, Spring in the Peaks and Tor Divide was given.

Spring in the Peaks: The route comes down Siggate but turns onto Pindale Road to pass Pindale Farm Outdoor Centre on the way to Hope. It is possible that occasional riders may miss the turn and continue into Castleton. The route and full details will be provided to all riders, a note will be added to make riders aware that they need for extremely caution if they do accidentally arrive in Castleton.

Tor Divide: The event is not a race, there are no winners or prizes. The route is roughly 60 – 70% off road on public bridleways and trails. The event is unsupported, therefore participants will be self-reliant, providing their own food, where they sleep etc. The start times will be staggered, and it is expected that they will spread out quickly. It is likely that most people will not realise there is an event but see a few odd riders with bags strapped to them.

Peak District Birthday Bash: The organisers provided a full, thorough lengthy breakdown of the event and risk assessment, which can be shared on request.

Parish Council raised no issues with the above. A chaser to be sent to those yet to respond. (AP – Clerk)

F: An update on conditions of footpath between Hope and Spital Bridge was given. It has been reported with a full description and request for remedial action via DCC portal. Item to be added to the next available agenda when a further update is available.

G: A full update on the village defibrillator was deferred until the next meeting as the Lead Councillor was not in attendance. However, the Chair was able to advise that the volunteer resident group believe and are looking into full funding from the Heart Foundation.

The Clerk was able to confirm the matched funding was still available but was now in the last stages.

H: An update on flood management planning was provided with the agenda (Annex A - B). In addition, there is more going on, drains are currently being investigated where there has been lots of progress with DCC having been very supportive. There has also been an initial meeting with regards to long term measures, such as landscape regeneration to hold water on the moors, it is at the initial stages. Praise was given to the talk provided by Professor John Gunn; it was said to be excellent. Whilst the Parish Council does not have a copy of the presentation the Chair does have copies of papers Professor Gunn has produced and will circulate to those that are interested. (AP – AD)

The Parish Council were asked if they would support further Flood Resilience events by covering the cost of hiring the village hall. This was agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd JJ, unan).

I: A brief discussion on agreeing the costs to address the mole situation at the burial ground took place. The

	<p>cost is estimated be between £70 - £100. It was resolved by majority to cover the costs. (Prop AD, 2nd JS, JAS for JJ against).</p> <p>J: The dates for the Parish Council and Parish annual meetings were discussed and agreed. The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May with the annual Parish Council meeting taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May prior to ordinary meeting.</p> <p>K: A brief discussion took place regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission – Consultation on Draft Recommendations.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended</i></p> <p>Cllr Collins was asked why they were against the plans. In response it is down to one of the three criteria, relating to Community interests. It is believed that a village has differing needs to Market Towns therefore is not suitable to include each into a boundary. In addition, Hope Valley is already split into two and moving Bamford out of Hope Valley will create a further split.</p> <p>The Parish Council will communicate the plan and based on feedback from residents will respond to the draft plans.</p> <p><i>Cllr J Collins left the meeting.</i></p>
08/02/24	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:</p> <p><i>Cllr J Stannard left the meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) NP/HPK/1223/1521 - Hope Shale Quarry, Pindale Road, Hope. Review of Minerals Permissions - First Periodic Review. The document is very lengthy and complex, it was agreed to review and add to the next agenda. <b>(AP – All)</b></li> <li>ii) NP/HPK/0224/0141 - Land adjacent to How Lane, Castleton. Retrospective planning permission for the change of use of existing agricultural land to facilitate a Timber Log Storage Business (B8 Use), internal access track, widened vehicular access to the public highway, and associated landscaping. Objections were raised on various grounds, design and appearance, noise and disturbance, road issues.</li> </ul> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended</i></p> <p>Resident 1: Reiterated the above concerns following several residents approaching him to make their feelings known to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded those in attendance that whilst the Parish Council can raise planning objections they are classed as one voice, therefore if residents object they too should raise this directly with planning. The more raised objections the more consideration will potentially be given.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to raise an objection. Letter to planning to be produced. <b>(AP – AD)</b></p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii) NP/HPK/0124/0120 - Hillside House, Pindale Road, Castleton. S.73 application for the removal or variation of conditions 2 and 5 on NP/HPK/0123/0005. <b>No objection raised.</b></li> </ul> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month.</p> <p><i>Cllr J Stannard returned to the meeting.</i></p>
09/02/24	<p><b>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</b></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"> <li>i) DCC – Community News.</li> <li>ii) DALC – Newsletters.</li> <li>iii) Public Sector Executive – Various.</li> <li>iv) Robert Langan (MP) – Various.</li> <li>v) Democratic Services – Various.</li> <li>vi) HVCA – Shopping Bus Flyer, Newsletter.</li> <li>vii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins.</li> <li>viii) PDNPA – Temporary Closure at Visitor Centre due to repairs, News, Meet the Chief Executive.</li> <li>ix) HPBC – Notification of Adoption of Whaley Bridge.</li> <li>x) PPPF – Agenda, Training on Planning Matters.</li> <li>xi) Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Promotion of Lived Experience App.</li> <li>xii) National Trust – Notice of Work at Winnats Pass.</li> <li>xiii) Local Government Boundary Commission – Consultation on Draft Recommendations.</li> <li>xiv) The Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Council Funding Request</li> <li>xv) Derbyshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service – Parish Council Notice Boards</li> </ul> <p>Item xiii) discussed earlier in the meeting, see Council Matters K.</p>

	Item ix) HPBC – Notification of Adoption of Whaley Bridge, to be review. If appropriate added to the next agenda.
10/02/24	<b>Items for the Peveril Post:</b> Chair and Vice Chair to begin considering item.
	Meeting closed 8.35pm The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.

UNADOPTED