

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: THURSDAY 25th April 7PM

Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Castleton Parish Council to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 25th April 2024, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, 21st April 2024

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkrfocpc@gmail.com

01/04/24	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																																																													
02/04/24	To record declarations of personal or pecuniary interests from Members as to any items to be discussed and as necessary or appropriate to receive and approve any Members' requests for dispensations on matters in which they have any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.																																																													
03/04/24	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report B: Borough Councillor's Report C: Police Report D: Chair's Report																																																													
04/04/24	Public Participation: Members of the public will be allowed to speak to the meeting including upon items on the agenda in accordance with Standing Orders and at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting.																																																													
05/04/24	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 th March 2024, and to arrange for the Chair of this meeting to sign them as a true and accurate record of the meeting to which they relate.																																																													
06/04/24	Finance: A: To note the Council's monetary assets: National Westminster Bank Current Account and National Savings Investment Account, and for the Chair of the meeting to examine, approve and arrange to sign the bank reconciliation and latest current account statements. As at the Year End 2023/24 <table><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>14,908.13</td><td>143.36</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>15,833.63</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>13,472.08</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 31/03/24</td><td>15,157.65</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>1,685.57</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 31/03/24</td><td>13,472.08</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr></table> A: To note the income and receipts of the Council: i) NS&I account – interest - £143.36 ii) NG & P Sidebottom -Rental Poor Piece - £500.00 Financial Year 2024/25 <table><tr><th></th><th>Current Account</th><th>NS&I</th></tr><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/24</td><td>13,472.08</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>7,557.50</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>21,029.58</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 24/04/24</td><td>21,059.58</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>30.00</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 25/04/24</td><td>21,029.58</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr></table>			Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58	Total Income	14,908.13	143.36	Total Expenditure	15,833.63	0.00	Balance	13,472.08	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 31/03/24	15,157.65	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	1,685.57	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 31/03/24	13,472.08	18,671.94		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	13,472.08	18,671.94	Total Income	7,557.50	0.00	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00	Balance	21,029.58	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 24/04/24	21,059.58	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	30.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 25/04/24	21,029.58	18,671.94
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	<p>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 and printing expenses- <u>£382.27</u> ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - <u>£60.00</u> iii) A Darlington – Reimbursement purchase of flood pump and equipment - <u>£426.04</u> iv) Peveril Centre – Flood Management Meeting - <u>£50.00</u> v) PPPF – Annual Subscription - <u>£12.00</u> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Castleton Primary School – Donation Peveril Post - £25.00 ii) C L Eyre - Donation Peveril Post - £50.00 iii) J Whitefield - Donation Peveril Post - £100.00 iv) Castleton History Society - Donation Peveril Post - £25.00 v) HPBC – Precept - £7,157.50 vi) DCC PROW – Reimbursement - £200.00 <p>D: To consider and sign Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.</p> <p>E: To consider and sign Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24.</p> <p>F: To consider and sign Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return - form 2.</p>
07/04/24	<p><u>Council Matters:</u></p> <p>A: To receive an update on Bus strategy currently being developed, an update on correspondence with Hulleys Bus Services. Next Steps. (See Annex A)</p> <p>B: To receive an update on various parking issues in the Village, to include parking restrictions at hot spots such as Mam Tor. To discuss leafleting vehicles, and other forms of communications. Meeting to be arranged with the Local Police and other relevant organisations and to receive an update on the meeting with Visit Peak District & Derbyshire (See Annex B)</p> <p>C: To discuss options and consider for Speed Traffic Devices (SID). To discuss traffic surveys, as offered by DCC Highways Strategy, at each end of village.</p> <p>D: To receive an update on the setting up Speedwatch group</p> <p>E: To review and discuss Events Diary.</p> <p>F: To receive an update on the village defibrillator.</p> <p>G: To receive an update on flood management planning, to confirm agreement to cover the cost of the Flood Management meetings.</p> <p>H: To receive an update on Peveril post sponsorship</p> <p>I: To discuss situation regarding Village Hall Committee</p> <p>J: To discuss and agree correspondence for retrieval of any Parish Council documents that may be held by ex-Councillors.</p> <p>K: To discuss and agree footpath for consideration under the 2024/25 PROW scheme</p> <p>L: To discuss and agree requests for burial ground memorial plaque and remembrance tree.</p> <p>M: To discuss request from Castleton Christmas Committee</p> <p>N: To receive an update on repair of walls at Goosehill Green</p> <p>O: To receive an update following the report on the Parish and Town Council Liaison forum</p> <p>P: To advise all Councillor to attend GDPR training.</p> <p>Q: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/04/24	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: To discuss, consider and instruct reporting of the Council’s views on applications received and available to view on www.peakdistrict.gov.uk, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/0324/0332 - Hollowford Training Centre, Robinlands Lane, Castleton. Enhancement of north entrance to implement a masterplan reworking of the internal usability and accessibility of the facility, also including upgrading of the north and west elevations of the dining hall, extension to Winnats accommodation block and addition of two electric charging parking spaces. <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/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 – Conditionally Granted ii) NP/HPK/1223/1507 – details unavailable at the time agenda produced. To be updated. <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) A6187 Castleton Road from Hope show Ground to Edale Road; Edale Road from junction with Castleton Road to Bowden lane - Road Closure Order Application - Ladybower Reservoir Ultra (53k & 24k) 12.10.2024. 07:58 to 10:13 hours. Accepted 12.04.2024.

	iv) Castleton Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton, S33 8WJ – TEN AGM
09/04/24	<p><u>Correspondence & Circulars:</u></p> <p>To note and discuss, if necessary, correspondence received and pre-circulated to Members by email, unless otherwise indicated, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – Community News, Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, Mobile Library, Hope Valley Active Travel Masterplan Projects, Adult Social Care and Health. ii) DALC – Newsletters. iii) Democratic Services – Various. iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. v) PDNPA – Nominate Your National Park Heroes. vi) Rural Services – Invitation to Join.
10/04/24	<p><u>Items for the Peveril Post</u></p> <p>To be discussed</p>

The following Ordinary Meeting of the Council is currently planned to take place at the Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton on Thursday 30th May 2024.

The Parish Council continues to try and monitor developments in rail and bus travel. Our hope is for reliable and regular bus services, and connectivity with Hope Station. The plans to introduce a transport hub at Hope station has now changed. Two of our councillors attended an inaugural meeting to discuss the potential for a **Bamford hub** which now appears to be the preferred choice of Derbyshire County Council (DCC). We would hope this would start to address our concern about the poor integration of rail and bus travel, and enable local residents to input to this potential transport hub.

We encouraged local residents to complete the revision of the **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)**. This is linked to Government funding for more effective bus services. We intend to deliver a one-page transport survey to all Castleton residents to assess demand for bus services. This will also include a sample of visitors, some of whom are clearly making use of public transport but this needs to be developed in the light of the car parking chaos over the Easter weekend and the promotion of Castleton as a tourist hot spot. Clearly a balance must be found to address the car parking situation, and the promotion of public transport to avoid congestion in our village.

We maintain our networks with Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) who have facilitated meetings with key transport providers and participate in meetings of the Bus Strategy Group. We also take an active interest in supporting the **Better Buses for Castleton Action Group** who will be supporting us with our transport survey. The group are keen to network with other action groups and attended an online meeting of the national campaign for bus service improvement.

The creation of an **East Midlands Mayoral Authority** in May 2024 may offer the opportunity to take a more strategic view and access to Central Government funding for integrated transport. The need for improved links with Travel South Yorkshire and Greater Manchester continue to be emphasised. DCC were keen to hear more about ideas for bus service improvement and connectivity view and access to Central Government funding for integrated transport.

We have been asked to promote the **High Peak Shopping Bus** to Chapel on Tuesday mornings. This service is funded by DCC and run by Ashbourne Community Transport where residents need to book to use the bus. There is also the possibility of trialling a service to Buxton on a fixed route. Again residents need to register for the service and book on this High Peak Shopping Bus if it is to be introduced. This has been promoted through flyers made available at the Post Office, the village email group and website, and through attending the Community Cafe. NB the service will only be continued and expanded to cover Buxton if local residents register their interest. Some residents may also be using the Eyam and Bakewell Community bus service.

Parking issues and visitor management strategies

Councillors have been pursuing a variety of ways with different authorities to address the problems faced by the community and by visitors travelling to enjoy the Peak District especially at peak times and sunny weekends. We are very grateful for those Castleton residents and businesses who are also keeping up the pressure for constructive action. This adds valuable weight to our arguments and facilitates progress, so please keep it up and please keep us informed.

A strongly linked strategy for reducing parking issues is improvement of the public transport links, addressed in a different agenda item (and Annex A).

Parking restrictions on Buxton and the lower Mam Tor old road

Parking bays marked in white along the road that were originally intended for day visitor car parking are being filled by campervans stopping overnight or longer. The clearway rules are not understood or are ignored. Resulting problems include unacceptable littering, obstruction, abuse, and the removal of a lot of car parking. Our community police are monitoring the situation and liaising with DCC to put in double red lines (equivalent to clearway rules) between the parking bays, which will take 9 months or more, so not in time for this summer. At the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum on 16 April at County Hall Matlock, we heard from the Civil Parking Enforcement team that a plan to reinstall parking meters along this stretch of road was being discussed. However this requires a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) which takes time and resources, with a lot of consultation and won't be in place before 18 months. The Parish Council will be a consultee.

Communications

One of our concerns is the over-marketing of Castleton (also true for Edale, the dams and some other hotspots in the Peak District). Councillors recently (11 April) met with the CEO of Visit Peak District and Derbyshire who work closely with PDNPA, mainly to establish how they communicate their message. We need to counter "come to Castleton" messages with "but don't bring your car when it's busy and there's nowhere legal or considerate to park". They have a memorandum of understanding with PDNPA to NOT actively promote hotspot areas of the National Park. They stressed that they have no control over bloggers and influencers. However they understand social media and potentially they are useful. We will continue to explore how they can assist us, and they have invited us to participate in a multi-agency Destination Management Plan workshop in May.

Other means of communication might include leafleting parked vehicles, raised at the March parish council meeting, and "unofficial signs" like those put up by the parish council around Spital corner, which have been very effective in deterring illegal parking. These options are still to be discussed.

Police efforts

Our local community officers have been doing a sterling job at the rock face eg around Mam Nick, and in communicating to the community, at Parish Council meetings and at the community café. They are generally much more visible around the neighbourhood. They are organising a meeting with the parish council on parking issues in and around Castleton, to discuss strategies that hopefully could be put in place rapidly. The police also have an effective communications team and could be really effective in getting out messages regarding inconsiderate parking and its consequences.