

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 28th March 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, Cllr. N. Spooner.

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

01/03/24	Apologies received from Cllr. J. Stannard.
02/03/24	No pecuniary interests declared.
03/03/24	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. Collins reported that talks continue on local plans and tourism, and in addition a new initiative has just begun regarding the requirement for Banks within High Peak, a report is underway but very early stages.</p> <p>C: Police Report: PC Alex Simpson reported the following incidents in and around Castleton to the Parish Council:</p> <p>Within Castleton there was one incident on the 15th of March, theft of motor vehicle on Back Street, a motorcycle was taken from the road by unknown means.</p> <p>In addition, within Hope Valley there were two road traffic collisions reported. None were classed as life threatening or life changing.</p> <p>On 11th March high visibility proactive patrols were completed in The Hope Valley, this involved one plain car and six marked vehicles. Since the operation took place there appears to have been only the one incident and that took place in Castleton, see above.</p> <p>Parking issues remain a problem and work to resolve continues. Conversation with Highways has resulted in a proposal to remove the clearway on the lower Mam Tor old road and install double red lines, rather than yellow, to prevent parking. The double red lines, as with the yellow, prevent parking except for taxis and blue badge holders. The rationale being that the red lines have less visible impact on the environment. The Parish Council were asked for their view, it was agreed that anything that could be done in relation to parking would be of benefit. The installation of the red lines will take between six – nine months, and marked parking bays would remain.</p> <p>Highways have installed double yellow lines at the bus turnaround on the lower Mam Tor old road and repainted the parking bays.</p> <p>The Officers have requested specialist support from the off-road motorcycle unit to assist with combatting the anti-social off-road bikers.</p> <p>During the period of 21st November – 21st January Parking Enforcement offices have attended Mam Tor Rushup Edge 143 times, a total of 67 hours 48 minutes issuing 273 tickets, within Castleton attending 185 times, a total of 26 hours 13 minutes issuing four tickets.</p> <p>The Officers will continue to arrange and attend meetings with relevant departments/organisations with the view to ease the parking issues.</p> <p>The Officers were asked on how to report historic parking incidents. The Parish Council and Residents are advised to report immediately as issues occur as there are complications with taking action on historic matters. Notice to any illegal parking has a two-week window with evidence open to challenge, it's the way the photo was taken, vehicle broken down etc, if reported immediately the police can gain the evidence at the time. To report, in the first instance call 101, and after that or at the same time report online.</p> <p>The Officers were asked if they were aware of a new pilot scheme being rolled out that will support historic reporting, the Officers were unaware at this time.</p> <p>As Easter and Summer approaches more police presence and extra patrols by parking enforcement have been requested. In addition, electric signage advertising parking restrictions, as those used during Covid, have</p>

	<p>been requested.</p> <p>D: Chair Report: No report this month.</p>
04/03/24	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Resident 1 – Wished to draw the attention of the Parish Council to issues relating to planning application for Safari Quip. The property does not have much land with access crossing private land, the three key issues below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If planning for a single dwelling is agreed there would be nothing to stop this becoming a holiday home in the future. There is already a holiday home that accommodates up to six people and another holiday home of the same nature around residential homes will cause disturbance and noise to residents. 2. There is a small area of land to the west, predominantly used for bins, which is to be turned into a terrace with low fencing, this will cause issues of privacy. This could be overcome if a 6ft wall with a gate was erected. 3. They believe the property as a business has not been sufficient advertised, therefore not adhering to due process. The for-sale sign is partially blocked with visibility being impaired. The property could not be viewed for sale on the estate agent website or on the rightmove website. <p>The above was supported by another resident in attendance. A further resident queried the parking facilities, they understood that to obtain planning permission at least one parking space needed to be provided. There is no mention of a parking space on the application.</p> <p>The residents were advised that the item was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.</p> <p><i>Three residents left.</i></p> <p>Resident 2. Wished to know if the Parish Council were aware of any future plans for camping sites or residential properties on fields within Castleton.</p> <p>The Parish Council advised they were only aware of the camping under the 60-day rule. Under this ruling there is no requirement for planning permission, although they need to make planning authority aware of their intentions. The actual dates for campsites opening are confusing, as the 60 days does not need to run consecutively but can vary. For example, open weekends only, arriving on a Friday leaving on a Sunday would class as three days (half days count as one day). A request for the expected dates of opening for those participating in the 60 days rule has been requested, it is believed that residents are closely monitoring all sites to identify any that fall foul of the law.</p> <p>Another resident in attendance questioned the road safety aspect, with campervans driving down single tracks causing a hazard for young children who use the lane. The Parish Council believe the policy to be nonsensical in relation that Highways are not included to assess suitability as planning permission is not required. The Police in attendance were asked for their advice, responding if a road hazard/danger then Highways are the point of contact, if an offence, such as speeding then it should be reported to the police.</p> <p>Resident 3. Informed the Parish Council that as there was no representative from the Parish Council at the Village Hall Committee meeting and was here to provide an update. The storage within the hall is being reorganised, if there is a need for a further cabinet to hold Parish Council documents then this needs to be actioned soon. It is expected that one will be required as documents held by a former Councillor have been requested to be handed over. The request has been ongoing for some time, the Parish Council should now take action and formally request that all documentation should be returned to the Parish Council. (AP – Clerk, AD)</p> <p>The Parish Council were advised that all Officers, Chair, Secretary and Treasure of the Village Hall Committee will be standing down this year and as, yet nobody has shown any interest in taking on the roles. The committee consists of the official Officers and trustees, for the committee to function there needs to be at least five members.</p> <p>The Parish Council asked that the committee place an article in the Peveril Post advertising the roles. This item to be added to the next agenda for discussion. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p><i>Two residents, PC Alex Simpson and PCSO Will Brockett left the meeting.</i></p>
05/03/24	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 29th February 2024 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop JS, 2nd SA, unan).</p> <p>B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.</p>
06/03/24	<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>

	Current Account as at 28 th March 2024	NS&I
Balance brought forward 01/04/23	14,397.58	18,528.58
Total Income	14,408.13	0.00
Total Expenditure	14,864.82	0.00
Balance	13,940.89	18,528.58
Last Statement Balance 15/03/24	14,708.35	18,528.58
Less un-presented cheques	767.46	0.00
Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00
Available Balance 28/03/24	13,940.89	18,528.58

B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque of presented invoiced items including the following:

- i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowance, milage and printing expenses - £382.27
- ii) HMRC – Employee Tax - £20.20
- iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00
- iv) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £480.00

In addition, Community Heartbeat – Defibrillator Electrodes - £56.34

C: To note income and receipts of the Council.

- i) N. Rowland – Rent for strip of land behind burial ground - £60.00.

The above payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop JJ, 2nd ME, unan).

D: Clerk informed the Parish Council that the 2023-24 Audit is due to commence with an internal auditor commissioned. It was agreed as in previous years that the Parish Council wishes to action exemption certificate.

(Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan).

07/03/24

Council Matters

A: The Parish Councillors were tasked with providing position statements following the Village Survey for the eighteen objectives that were identified. While all have now been received, they need fine tuning. Councillors were asked to review their own, make any required changes and send back to the clerk who will collate. (AP – All).

The Chair read out an example at the meeting:

Objective -The Parish Council will continue to address/control Motorhome and Campervan parking on the road.

By - Representing residents, farmers, and businesses within the village by lobbying DCC, HPBC, Derbyshire Constabulary, Highways Department, and any other relevant bodies.

Because - A swift and effective solution is required to resolve the current severe problems.

B: An update on the Bus strategy was provided with the agenda (Annex A). Prior to this evening’s meeting Councillors had attended a meeting with Better Buses for Castleton Action Group and attended the Bamford Mobility Hub. Attending this meeting were Banford residents but there were no representatives from Bus or Rail organisations. The minutes of the meeting will be released soon, at which point they will be circulated to the Parish Council. **(AP – JS)**

Feedback received for the High Peak Shopping Bus have been positive with lots of interest shown. The Parish Council should encourage residents to sign up for the service. In addition to this initiative there is a possibility of DCC funding a service to Buxton. The Parish Council will update when there is any information available.

C: An update on various parking/traffic issues in the Village was discussed earlier in the meeting, see Police Report. Cllr. Simm began a discussion about the possibility of placing polite notices on badly/illegally parked vehicles, and opinions of residents had been sought and received a positive response. With a request that wording being approved by the Police. A resident provided a Councillor with the following wording to be considered.

“Please Park responsibly. You have parked illegally. Castleton is very concerned about accidents, road blockages and emergency access. We are reporting all illegally and carelessly parked vehicles in our village. Please help us to keep our village and YOU safe. Park only where allowed.”

It was also advised that the Fire Brigade leaflet cars that obstruct the Highways, it may be that these leaflets could be used. Contact to be made with the Fire Brigade and a sample obtained to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting. **(AP – ME).**

The Clerk asked the Councillors to consider the possibility that this may lead to further littering, vehicle owners throwing the leaflets on the ground, would any pre-planning to tackle this be organised such as

	<p>volunteers removing any leaflets dropped?</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the possibility of engaging a media champion who would be able to advise on how best to send out a wider message covering the issues. Possibly engage with Peak Park for advice and funding.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended</i></p> <p>Cllr. Collins informed the Parish Council that Peak Park do not have the finances and suggested that a joint effort with Peak Park Parish Councils would be more useful.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated</i></p> <p>D: There was no further update on the Speed Traffic Devices (SID). It was proposed that the Parish Council procure a Traffic Survey from DCC Highways at each end of the village, it has been sometime since the last survey, Spital Bridge in 2012 and Buxton Road 2019. The survey will monitor traffic 24 hours over a 7-day period. It was asked if the Parish Council could choose the dates of the Survey, the question will be asked. It is estimated the cost of the Survey will be c£240.00. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan)</p> <p>Speedwatch Group, the Councillors were asked if anyone would take the lead on this initiative, Cllr Judge agreed to take the role with support from a resident. Initially Cllr Judge was advised to contact the Police to understand the requirements and Process.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended</i></p> <p>Cllr. Collins advised that Cllr. C. Farell would be a good contact as she has been heavily involved with the Bamford Speedwatch initiative.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated</i></p> <p>E: A brief update was given on reinstatement of white lines throughout the village. In July 2023 Councillors walked through the village identifying white lines that needed reinstating, parking bays etc. On identification these were reported to Highways. Half of the white lines have now been reinstated with those remaining expected to be completed within the next upcoming fiscal year.</p> <p>F: There was no further update available on the events diary.</p> <p>G: A report on conditions of the footpath between Hope and Spital Bridge was prepared and forwarded to DCC for action. No further update was available.</p> <p>H: A brief update on the village defibrillator was given. The funding window for one option (BHF) has now closed and will not open again until September. There is some frustration that it is taking time to progress, Lead Councillor was advised that after meetings held discussing options, to bring a proposal to the next Parish Council meeting for consideration and resolution.</p> <p>I: A brief update on flood management was received. There was a second flood meeting on 4 March in Village Hall for those at flood risk. Flood wardens updated attendees on a number of activities. This included the current flood plan which will evolve at least for a while, a summary of the John Gunn talk, and the status of the EA flood alert system (two data loggers still to be put in place). In addition, the EA have recently put in place two new gauge boards on Peakshole Water, one at Trickett Bridge and one on the concrete construction near Eades Fold. Another will be placed at Newhall Bridge. These are to enable visual monitoring of river level by residents. Excellent progress on clearing and gathering information on the routes of drains has been made especially at The Island, other work ongoing around village. Nigel Garrow described structural changes made to his garden walls to protect his house from flooding. Other residents in the Millbridge area are considering collective action to improve the flood resilience of their own properties.</p> <p>J: It was confirmed that the Annual Parish meeting will be held on the 22nd of May.</p> <p>K: Following last month meeting a draft response was circulated in response to Derbyshire changes in boundary proposal. The draft was agreed, and authority give to respond by the 31st of March. (AP – AD) (Prop AS, 2nd JS, unan)</p> <p>L: The Parish Council were advised that a list of all current sponsors for Peveril Post has now been identified with a further four willing to become sponsors. Donations from sponsors have not been received since Covid, this will now be reinstated with all made aware once the list of Sponsors has been confirmed.</p> <p>M: A discussion around the opening dates of campsites participating in the 60-day rule was discussed earlier in the meeting under Public Participation.</p> <p>N: The Parish Council were made aware of repairs needed to the wall at Goosehill Green, it was agreed that quotes should be obtained.</p> <p>O: There were no urgent issues raised for discussion or resolution.</p> <p><i>Cllr J Collins left the meeting.</i></p>
08/03/24	<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/0324/0297 - Safari Quip, The Stones, Castleton. Conversion to a single dwelling. The Parish Council agreed there are grounds to object, disturbance, noise, privacy, and parking

	<p>issues. This matter was raised in Public Participation above. Objection to be compiled and sent to PDNP (AP – AD)</p> <p>ii) NP/HPK/0723/0759 - George Hotel, Castle Street, Castleton. Advertisement consent - Erection of illuminated free standing sign. The Chair directed the Parish Council that should make no comment on this application due to complication that have arisen.</p> <p>iii) NP/HPK/0723/0760 - George Hotel, Castle Street, Castleton. Listed Building consent - Erection of illuminated freestanding sign. Application withdrawn.</p> <p>iv) NP/DDD/1223/1527 - Hope Quarry, Pindale Road, Hope. Review of Minerals Permissions - First Periodic Review – Parish Council made no comments.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month.</p>
09/03/24	<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, Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, Bus Service Improvement Plan. ii) DALC – Newsletters. iii) Public Sector Executive – Various. iv) Robert Largan (MP) - Various. v) Democratic Services – Various. vi) HVCA – Newsletter. vii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. viii) PDNPA – Parish Bulletin. ix) HPBC – The Kings Portrait, Possible Funding. x) Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Delivery of Police & Crime Plan, ANPR Scheme. xi) Derbyshire Alert – Police & Crime Commissioner Launches New Pilot Scheme to tackle Hazardous Parking, Commissioner unveils New Online Hub. xii) Cllr Gourley – Jetpatcher First Sites <p>Chair advised the Councillors to read through the following correspondence which was sent via the Clerk on the 4th of March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angelique Foster APNR pilot scheme, one of the pilot areas is High Peak and we should ask the police about it's use for the Castleton/Hope Valley area • Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum on 16 April, starts at 5pm. Attendance is recommended, please respond to the invitation if you wish to go. • Possible funding opportunities. There might be some good grants available, please check if there is an opportunity for the Parish Council or other groups in the village.
10/03/24	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>Chair and Vice Chair to produce a draft item and circulate for comments.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.31pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 25th April 2024 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>