

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 30th May 2024, 7.25pm following the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the 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. J. Stannard, Cllr. N. Spooner.
Also present: T. Dale (Clerk) and four members of the public.

08/05/24	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: Chair Report: The community that we as a Parish Council represent has a wide range of priorities and we have limited resources, but the village survey delivered last autumn provided focus. Some of the biggest pressures we are currently dealing with as a Parish Council are to do with Castleton being a popular place to visit. Traffic, parking, road obstructions, littering, fires, generally a lack of consideration or understanding of the rural area. There is a need to achieve a balance that recognises the visitor economy without destroying the quality of the village for residents, or for visitors. There has been progress recently and resident engagement is a really important part of this. So please continue to report issues. We continue to try and provide the best routes to report issues and a recent initiative setting up a Facebook account to facilitate this is welcome.</p> <p>A more detailed report on these matters and of the last year was given at the Annual Parish meeting on the 22nd May. Thanks were given for the contributions of many village groups who serve Castleton and its community. I would now like to thank my fellow Councillors and our excellent Clerk, for their efforts throughout the year. We are working hard to maintain momentum on a number of issues.</p> <p>B: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>C: Borough Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>D: Police Report: PCSO Will Brockett provided an update which the Clerk presented in his absence as follows:</p> <p>There were two crimes in last month for Castleton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malicious communications - threatening messages sent on Facebook.• Harassment - Racially comments and threats made (visitors) <p>Also, a report of squatters in abandoned council property on Weaving Ave – the Police attended with housing officer, where locks were changed, and the property boarded up whilst squatters were out.</p> <p>A meeting was held to discuss parking issues locally, which Cllr Eyre attended from the Parish Council. Although it was noted that not possible to solve all the problems it was very constructive meeting with some ideas in the pipeline to hopefully ease issues going forward. A thank you was given to the Parish Council for supporting the use of the hall.</p> <p>The Garland event appeared to pass without any issues.</p>
09/05/24	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Resident 1 – Raised concerns regarding the temporary road closure from Brough to Banford, the concern being that traffic could divert through Castleton causing chaos. The Chair confirmed that Highways have been contacted asking for confirmation that very clear signage will be in place well before vehicles get anywhere near the Hope Valley, that a response has not been received yet but will be chased. (AP – AD)</p> <p>Resident 2 – Wanted to make the Parish Council aware that there is a new bus service from Castleton to Buxton, which is good news. The service is being run by High Peak Buses and Derbyshire County Council leaving Castleton between 09:25 and 18:05, Buxton from 08:25 and 15:45, commencing on the 30th June 2024. For a full timetable on the new 62 service visit OmniTIMES. (highpeakbuses.com)</p> <p>Resident 1 – Added that they had seen the open-air bus being used. It is hoped that this will have an impact on reducing traffic and could help with changing habits.</p>
10/05/24 (A)	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>Clerk advised the Council that the agenda in future will be split, separating out the Annual Parish Council</p>

	meeting and the Ordinary meeting for ease and clarity. At present there is no itemed agenda for the consideration of April’s minutes. This was accepted with the following being considered. A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25 th April 2024 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd SA, unan). B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.																														
10/05/24 (B)	<p>Finance:</p> <p>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>A: It was noted the Council’s monetary assets in the following accounts:</p> <p>i) National Westminster Bank Current Account</p> <p>ii) National Savings Investment Account</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account</td><td>NS&I</td></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>7,682.50</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>930.31</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>20,224.27</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/05/24</td><td>20,326.27</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>102.00</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 30/05/24</td><td>20,224.27</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr></table> <p>B: It was approved and instructed to payment by cheque of presented invoiced items including the following:</p> <p>i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, Holiday Pay and Allowances - <u>£621.86</u> (expenses not included in agenda figure)</p> <p>ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - <u>£30.00</u></p> <p>iii) Griffiths Gardening – Grounds Maintenance - <u>£720.00</u></p> <p>iv) Reimbursement N. Topping – Peveril Post Printing - <u>£236.80</u></p> <p>v) Hiscox Insurance Company Limited – Insurance - <u>£529.26</u></p> <p>vi) John Marriott – Internal Audit - <u>£110.00</u></p> <p>Additionally, it was agreed to include for payment a late invoice for Griffiths Gardening for Grounds Maintenance at the sum of £960.00.</p> <p>C: To note income and receipts of the Council.</p> <p>i) C L Eyre - Donation - Peveril Post - £25.00</p> <p>ii) Raise the Bar - Donation - Peveril Post - £25.00</p> <p>iii) Taylors Place - Donation - Peveril Post - £25.00</p> <p>iv) Speedwell Cavern - Donation - Peveril Post - £25.00</p> <p>v) Peak Cavern Ltd - Donation - Peveril Post - £25.00</p> <p>The above payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd NS, unan). A thank you was given to Cllr. Eyre for the work done in raising donations for Peveril Post.</p>		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	13,472.08	18,671.94	Total Income	7,682.50	0.00	Total Expenditure	930.31	0.00	Balance	20,224.27	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 15/05/24	20,326.27	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	102.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 30/05/24	20,224.27	18,671.94
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11/05/24	<p>Items arising from Annual Parish Meeting:</p> <p>No matters were raised at the Annual Parish meeting that are not covered by items on the agenda.</p>																														
12/05/24	<p>Council Matters</p> <p>A: A brief update on Bus strategy currently being developed was provided. There has been little change from April, the lead Councillors continue to feed into the Bus Service Improvement plan. There is no further information on the Bamford Hub. Meeting invites and engagements continue but the expectation is that all will go quiet until post the General Election on the 4th July. The Councillors continue to represent the Parish Council on the Better Buses for Castleton Action Group at a meeting to be held next week.</p> <p>The Councillors will continue to promote the shopping bus to Buxton, but no further spending will become available until and depending on who comes into power post-election.</p> <p>There have been improvements at Hope Station with the tracks and timetables.</p> <p>The Parish Council were asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised,</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Councillors for all the work they have done.</p> <p>B: An update on proposals for TRO recently received from Highways was given. It was explained that Highways have provided, after taking a fresh look at the parking restrictions, and shared proposals with the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was felt that this was a major step forward, giving advanced notice, providing the Parish Council to input to these plans rather than them being forced upon the residents of Castleton. There are five plans.</p> <p>1. Castleton various roads General Parking, Pay and Display</p>																														

The plan is to install pay and display meters from the village on Buxton Road up to the lane to Dunscair Farm, and then ordinary parking bays after that. Cashless Parking meters would be installed to deter vandalism.

Questions raised:

Q: Are there any limits on how long people can pay and display for?

A: The proposed pay and display are for a maximum stay 4 hours, no return within an hour.

Q: What type of vehicles can park?

A: You cannot differentiate between campervans and cars in terms of parking restrictions.

Q: Are time limits being proposed for the parking bays?

A: No.

Q: Could Hybrid Scheme with varying times be considered.

A: Would need to ask the question

Q: Are there any free parking spaces?

A: Free parking would be available beyond Dunscair Farm but not between the bays.

2. Castleton various roads waiting and stopping prohibitions.

Double red lines from Arthurs Way to Old Mam Tor Road between the bays.

Now the plans are for consideration and agreement, once the planned TRO has commenced a public consultation will follow.

A general discussion took place raising concerns that the plan is not addressing overnight parking, which is a burning issue; restricted parking for non-tourists such as residents, hospitality/shop employees, teachers etc.

Could a scheme for residents be introduced?

Standing orders suspended

Residents in attendance that live on Buxton Road were asked for their views. Resident 1 concerns not only relate to the parking but the litter that is left behind.

Resident 3 asked if other options have been considered to deal with the campervan parking. Is there anywhere that they could safely park free or at a small cost, as this may help to alleviate the problem? With regards to parking meters and time allowance, it was felt that in some cases 4 hours would not be long enough if going on a long walk considered up to 6 hours or have the choice of 4 or 6 hours.

Councillor raised the issue of resident parking; it was the case historically where residents could purchase a parking document at a small annual fee that was displayed in car windows and meant residents did not pay at the meters.

Resident 3 felt a charge at the meters would be good in that it would cover the costs of managing the scheme.

Resident 4 raised the questions as to why the police were taking no action against campervans parked where it is obvious there has been alcohol consumed. It is illegal to be in charge of a vehicle regardless of it being static or not being at the wheel of a vehicle when over the limit.

Resident 3 also commented that campervans were taking up spaces in the car park, preventing cars from parking.

Reinstate standing orders.

Councillors asked how this process (involvement of the Parish Council) had been triggered. It was due to the Parish Council arranging several meetings and letters to various organisations. Highways are now revisiting old plans.

3. Castleton various roads NWAAT

Spital bridge. There are currently double white lines that are monitored by the police. The plan is to install double yellow lines, the civil enforcement team will then monitor these. Nearby residents to be consulted, it is not expected to be very contentious as the two houses on the double bend now have parking facilities.

Cllr. Spooner left the meeting.

4. Castleton various roads waiting restrictions

The proposed limited waiting times on Castle and Back Street where there is currently free parking. No waiting at any time on one side of the road and removal of no waiting at weekend at Marketplace. The general response was that councillors could not see the benefits, the free spaces are required for residents etc.

Standing Orders Suspended

Ex Councillors in attendance were asked if there were any historic plans for these changes. They did not believe that there were. They advised the Councillors to be wary as previous dealings/plans were spurious based on experiences in Chesterfield rather than rural villages. The suspicion was that the motivation was revenue. A Councillor also raised scepticism on what was behind the plans.

Resident 4 suggested that the Parish Council asks Highways for a scale plan of the village asking them to identify all proposals and the rationale behind these. The Chair advised that this level of detail would be included in the next steps followed by a public consultation.

Resident 3, responded to an early question raised "How this process had been triggered?", that this was also down to complaints from residents.

Resident 1 also suggested that it was also to do with pressure from HPBC, Highways agreed to install parking restrictions within a nine-month period, this was over two years ago.

5. Castleton various roads waiting prohibition

The proposal to install no waiting at any time down west side of road on Millbridge, it was thought that this makes sense especially as there has been an increase in traffic.

Clerk advised that the Councillors should not make a kneejerk decision on the proposals, they should be considered independently with an informal meeting to discuss each and bring their proposals and next steps to the next Parish Council meeting. Chair agreed and actioned all Councillors to look at and consider the proposals prior to the meeting. An informal meeting to be arranged asap. **(AP – AD, All Councillors)**

Cllr. Spooner returned to the meeting.

C: A brief update on various parking issues in the Village was given by the Chair in the absence of the lead Councillor. The Parish Council sent a letter to various organisations outlining all the issues relating to parking within Castleton. To date we have received responses from Commissioner Angelique Foster, Edale Mountain Rescue, Office of Robert Largan MP, Borough Councillor and PDPNA. Whilst agreeing that this is a pressing problem, it will take time, but it will play a part in the tourism plan. In general, the responses were conciliatory rather than constructive.

Notification via recent correspondence invites Councillors to attend Annual Parishes Day on 12th October, it would be ideal if a Councillor could attend and feedback to the Parish Council.

A meeting was arranged by PCSO Will Brockett which took place on the 17th May. Which was attended by Edale/Borough Councillor, County Council., Castleton Lead Councillor, Peak Park Head of Planning, National Trust Local Ranger, Countryside Manager & Engagement Officer. Highways, Police Inspector, Sergeant, PC, Robert Largan and PCSO. Various traffic issues were discussed and debated, minutes will be issued with action points, once available the output will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Initial support is being given by the County Council who agreed to fund signage in hot stop areas until TRO has been actioned by Highways Signs, estimated to cost c£12.50 each. The Chair was asked what the signs would state, this is still undecided but for example “No Overnight Parking, take your litter home.”

There is another meeting on Monday with Hope Parish Council concerning HGV traffic, whilst not the same topic this has links to traffic issues being faced. The Parish Council has also been invited to a meeting on traffic issues with Bamford Parish Council, dates are available, Parish Council need to agree who will attend. Highways have been contacted regarding improvement to signage.

The Chair attended a Destination Management meeting, the meeting consisted of workshops and concerns developing a plan for Derbyshire as a tourist destination with government funding. Whilst initial thoughts were that this was not relevant, being more relevant to tourism and business organisations, one aspect is public transport infrastructure. Once notes of the meeting have been written these will be shared with the Councillors.

Standing Orders Suspended.

D: An update on setting up a Speedwatch group was given by Resident 3 in the absence of the lead Councillor. Information gathering has commenced and that there are five volunteers already registered which is great news, but more are required. The resident is working closely with the Lead and another Councillor on the project. Contact has been made with the scheme co-ordinator who advised that there are a number of considerations. Funding (at the moment there is no central funding), identifying/agreeing a group leader/co-ordinator, training, and completion of a tick list to be signed off by PCSO Will Brockett.

Currently the implementation of the project is on pause until the best way to progress is discussed and agreed with the Councillors.

The Chair asked the resident to consider advertising for volunteers via the village email group, resident agreed to draft an email for the lead Councillor to circulate. Vice Chair advised that Cllr. Farrell would be a good contact as she had helped set up a group in Bradwell contact details to be sent to the resident. **(AP – JS)**

Standing Orders reinstated.

E: A brief update on the village defibrillator was given. The group continues to consider options and funding ideas. Central funding is not available at the moment. The Chair asked if consideration had been given to the Councillors Initiative Fund, which the Village Hall Committee may be able to apply to. Clerk to resend the email setting out the terms and to contact Cllr Collins to raise/give foresight of possible request. **(AP – SA, Clerk)**

F: There was nothing to update on the Events Diary, however there is an event in autumn that involves the closure of Mam Tor, which needs further investigation/information. **(AP – Clerk)**

G: An update on flood management planning was provided with the agenda, Councillors were asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

H: A brief update on repair of walls at Goosehill Green was given, a quote was expected soon. **(AP – AD)**

I: There were no urgent issues raised for discussion or resolution.

14/05/24	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:</p> <p>None received this month.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None received this month.</p> <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority</p> <p>i) Rose Cottage Cafe & Bistro, Castleton, no objections raised at the meeting. Should any issues arise Councillors instructed to contact the Clerk.</p>
15/05/24	<p>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, was noted and discussed:</p> <p>i) DCC – Community News, Road Closures, Hope Valley Active Travel Master Plans Project Introduction, (PLACE) Footpath Closure.</p> <p>ii) NALC – Bulletins, Events, Newsletter, New Publications, Behaviour Survey.</p> <p>iii) HVCA – Newsletter, General Meeting.</p> <p>iv) HPBC – Possible Funding, D Day 80 Grant Applications, Flood Warden Recruitment.</p> <p>v) Public Sector Executive – Various</p> <p>vi) PDNPA – News.</p> <p>vii) HP & HV Community Rail – Minutes.</p> <p>viii) Robert Largan MP – Various</p> <p>ix) Cllr J Collins – HPBC Business News, Councillor Initiative Fund.</p> <p>x) Ron Bailey – Safety of Lithium-Ion Batteries and E-bikes and Scooters</p> <p>xi) Cllr S Foster – Meeting to discuss Traffic Calming, Parking and Congestion.</p> <p>It was requested to find out more details relating to the Travel Master Plan Projects. (AP -JS)</p> <p>Clerk asked if Councillors yet to respond to the request for support from Ron Bailey were in support. Clerk to re circulate correspondence for consideration. (AP – Clerk) Chair mentioned the recruitment drive for more flood wardens by HPBC.</p>
16/05/24	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>None this month.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.32pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 27th June 2024 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>