

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 26th September 2024, 7.02pm 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. Judge, Cllr. J. Stannard, Cllr M. Eyre.

Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), and three members of the public, Cllr, J. Collins.

01/09/24	Apologies received from Cllr. N. Spooner
02/09/24	No pecuniary interests were declared.
03/09/24	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr Collins reported the following: Confirmation was given that correspondence from the Parish Council regarding the issue of litter and requests for larger/compression bins had been received. A request for a meeting with the contractors to discuss further and available options has been sent, on receipt of a reply the Parish Council will be updated. Cllr. Collins attended a meeting with the High Peak Biodiversity Group, a new Ecologist is in post and is keen on villager/resident participation in managing verges etc. The issue regarding local banking services in High Peak and Hope Valley is believed to be discriminatory. It is becoming difficult and causing problems where complicated banking needs are required. High Peak are looking into possible solutions, working with Banks on the possible introduction of banking hubs, mobile bank vans etc.</p> <p>C: Police Report: None this month.</p> <p>D: Chair Report: None this month.</p>
04/09/24	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Resident 1 – Raised concerns over safety issues relating to customers using the campsites. It was asked who grants permissions for the sites? Are they observed and are customer details collected? In campsites abroad the sites register information, including car number plates, passport details and other data. And this seems to be missing from our rules, that this is disgraceful, residents etc do not know who is staying in the area and that this is a security risk. The Chair responded that Peak Park Planning Authority are responsible for the campsites, that the Parish Council will write to them asking the questions on monitoring/data capture. But that it was thought that the campsites themselves would have a registry booking system. Cllr. Judge asked, if there was a need for the campsites to capture campers' details does this also apply to daily visitors, roadside campers etc? As surely the risk is much the same.</p> <p>Resident 2 – Had no questions/comments at this stage but would like to comment on items on the agenda as they arise.</p> <p>Resident 3 – Had a couple of issues to raise. It was asked if the Parish Council had any data/statistics support the belief that the usage of bus services had increased? That any hard data/records would be good. Cllr Simm responded that whilst the Parish Council does not hold this data, Derbyshire County Council Bus Service Improvement Plan group would have, along with the bus service providers. The initial results of the recent Parish Council survey support the increase in users although more work on communication is required. With the increase in bus services the lack of clarity on route/timetables are causing some confusion. A push on communicating the number 62 bus is currently underway. With regards to the recent traffic survey, it was asked if any new data had become available and could the resident have a copy of the raw data. Concerns were raised over the comment "However the results below deliver a message which supports the perceptions of many residents, which is that significant speeding occurs in Castleton." included in the report provided with the agenda. Perception can be misleading, depending on</p>

	<p>how close you are to the traffic could lead one to believe the traffic is moving faster than it is therefore perception cannot be used to identify/confirm the situation and raw data is needed.</p> <p>Another concern was the assumption that speeding, and safety were one and the same, and that they are two separate things. Regarding safety there have been no accidents for many years.</p> <p>The Chair advised the resident that the item was on the agenda to discuss later in the meeting. That the revised raw data had recently been received and that it would be shared once the Parish Council had been able to assess the data.</p> <p>Cllr Judge, questioned that should the Parish Council wait for an accident before acting? That surely the feedback from residents where they have experienced near misses, and she personally had seen cases of these, is sufficient to warrant action and work to prevent accidents.</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting.</i></p>																														
05/09/24	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2024 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan).</p>																														
06/09/24	<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</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>8,302.50</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>5,866.15</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>15,908.43</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/08/24</td><td>15,938.43</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 26/09/24</td><td>15,908.43</td><td>18,671.94</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, mileage for August and September - <u>£450.53+ £382.27 = £832.80</u>ii) HMRC – Employer contributions - <u>£21.80</u>iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire July and September - <u>£50.00 + £20.00 = £70.00</u>iv) N. Topping – Reimbursement Peveril Post Printing - <u>£236.80</u>v) Griffiths Gardening – Grounds Maintenance July and August - <u>£1,200.00 + £960 = £2,160.00</u> <p>In addition, it was agreed a late submission was from F.J. Marrison, for services regarding moles at the Burial Ground and at Goosehill at a cost of £180.00 was to be included.</p> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <p>None this month.</p> <p>The above payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd JS, unan).</p> <p>D: It was agreed to commencement work on the 2024/25 Budget. (AP – Clerk)</p>		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	13,472.08	18,671.94	Total Income	8,302.50	0.00	Total Expenditure	5,866.15	0.00	Balance	15,908.43	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 15/08/24	15,938.43	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	30.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 26/09/24	15,908.43	18,671.94
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07/09/24	<p>Council Matters:</p> <p>A: Cllr. Simm provided an update alongside the agenda on Annex A. It was highlighted that following the election of the East Midlands Mayor, Clare Ward, it is expected that a meeting of Derbyshire County Council’s (DCC) Bus Services improvement Plan will be arranged to discuss how her office can support bus services in rural areas such as the Hope Valley.</p> <p>B: A brief discussion following receipt of correspondence from Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport. The received letter reiterated the service they provide and that all the services are heavily reliant on volunteers and that they would be pleased to hear from anyone that wishes to volunteer and join them. In addition, in the past they have received contributions from local Parish Councils and that they would be very much appreciative of any future donations. The Parish Council requested that the Clerk liaise with Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport identifying numbers of users of their services in Castleton and what/how they advertise their services. (AP – Clerk)</p> <p>C: Cllr Simm updated on the Transport Survey. The survey deadline, due to requests from residents, was extended by a week, with eighty-six people taking part. The data is currently being processed with the aim of presenting at the October Parish Council meeting. (AP – JS, NS)</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting.</i></p>																														

D: Cllr Darlington updated the Parish Council on the review of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

DCC Traffic & Safety has provided draft proposals for a new TRO to Castleton Parish Council (CPC). They include a collection of old and new proposals, some dating back to 2016. After reviewing the draft proposals, CPC came up with recommendations. The DCC proposals and a draft CPC response were shared with the community at parish council meetings and at a well-attended drop-in at the Village Hall on 15 July. At that meeting the five plans were on view together with the DCC proposals and CPC draft response, and for each plan views were gathered by means of comments on post it notes. "Other thoughts" were also collected at a separate table. Prior to the meeting a number of residents unable to attend also sent in letters expressing their views.

The Parish Council will respond to DCC after the September meeting. Please remember that as a result of this exercise and our response a number of the proposed traffic restrictions are expected to be modified by DCC, the TRO process will not begin immediately, and that when it does there will be a statutory consultation process during which residents will be able to review and comment directly to DCC.

The Parish Councillors were asked if they were happy that the drafted response was representative of the Councillors and Residents views. That on agreement the response will be sent to DCC. It was agreed that the draft was representative of views and that the response should be issued. **(AP – AD)**

(Prop AD 2nd SA, Unan)

E: An update on the traffic surveys on Buxton Road and Castleton Road, See Annex C issued with the agenda, was given. All information and data analysis have been shared with the community via the village website, noticeboard, and email group. In way of clarification where it states 85th percentile this means that 85% of traffic is travelling below a given speed whilst 15% travels above it. For example, an 85th percentile of 36mph means that 15% of vehicles are travelling at more than 36mph. On weekdays at certain times of day, these high 85th percentiles coincide with high traffic volumes.

Unfortunately, the data in Annex C (from surveys in May & June) was fragmented due to equipment failure. The monitoring has been repeated with the revised raw data becoming available shortly prior to the meeting. This data will be processed with an updated report being provided upon completion. At a quick glance, the new data seems to confirm the previous data or show higher volumes of vehicles travelling well above the speed limit.

It is believed that the survey reinforces the concerns of residents, who raised this issue, ranking it high on the village survey and therefore supporting the Speedwatch initiative. As such the Parish Council supports the funding of equipment via obtaining external donation. Unfortunately due to the bank statement not being available for the meeting it is not known if the donation has been transferred, it was proposed that in the interim that the Parish Council fund the purchase of the training and equipment to prevent delays in getting the Speedwatch Group up and running. **(Prop AD 2nd JJ, Unan)**

Standing Orders Suspended

Resident 2 asked if the data captured narrowed down to particular times of day, the Chair responded that it did, and a copy of the report was provided to the Resident.

Standing Orders Reinstated.

F: A brief update on setting up the Speedwatch group was given. The Speedwatch group has been organised with approximately twenty-eight volunteers and two co-ordinators. Cllr Eyre and Cllr Judge will be the lead Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Eyre will set up a meeting with the Coordinators and Sue Speed who has played a major part in the scheme to date on behalf of the Parish Councillor. The meeting will cover a handover from Sue and agreement on roles and responsibilities moving forward. The Clerk will also contact Sue to organise/arrange the purchase of the training and equipment as agreed at item E above. **(AP, Clerk, ME, JJ)**

Cllr Judge expressed thanks to Sue and the co-ordinators for all their hard work in getting to this point, which was endorsed by the whole Parish Council.

G: An update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) was given. Cllr Eyre has been liaising with Highways.

A twelve-month trial was instigated by Derbyshire County Council in June 2022, whilst funding is not available at present the scheme is still open. The Parish Council would need to follow steps and consider the costs associated.

1. Apply for a licence agreement with DCC. This must show the reasoning and evidence behind the need for SID's. It should be backed by the local Safety Neighbourhood Team, Speedwatch Groups and have a letter of support from the local County Councillor
2. It needs to be self-financing by the Parish Council, have public liability insurance and pay a £100 agreement fee. There may be grants available from the Police and Crime Commissioner but, there are stringent conditions relating to design and they need to be capable of logging data.
3. The site of the devices needs to be within the speed zones and not on the restriction sign. In 30mph

zones they need to have a minimum 90 metres visibility. If it is to be attached to a lamppost another licence will be required. There are also other regulations that will need to be considered in terms of height, blocking driveways, line of sight and being safe for pedestrians.

The Parish Council will need to investigate any current grants that could mitigate the costs, consider teaming up with other villages to share costs etc. The cost for SID's and installation alone can be anything from £3746 upwards. A fully costed plan needs to be completed to include installation, removal etc of cameras to lampposts.

Suspend Standing Orders

Resident 2 – Also to be costed could be the requirement of temporary traffic lights if required for health and safety when installing or removing the cameras.

Standing Orders Reinstated.

Location could also be an issue when considering the need for minimum of 90 metres visibility.

Further research to continue. **(AP – ME)**

H: A brief update on parking issues signage was given. The Clearway signs have been designed and wording agreed with the local PCSO, Network Printing will be chased for the cost of producing the signs, once this is available the funding from the County Councillor will be obtained. **(AP – ME)**

Recently complaints have been received regarding what appears to be individuals permanently living on the roadside.

The Chair informed the Parish Council that a meeting was held with a resident regarding the wording for litter signage along Lower Mam Tor Road. Views on the following wording, “Love Castleton? Please take all your waste home” were requested from councillors. Permissions will be obtained for sites where signage would be placed. The costs for the signage and installation of ten signs is expected to be c£200. Ongoing funding/grants will be investigated for further signage.

(Prop AD 2nd ME, Unan) **(AP – AD)**

I: A brief update on the Events Diary was received. The September event “Endurance Life Event” had been contacted raising some questions, on receipt of a response further questions had been raised. Clerk to chase up for a response. **(AP – Clerk)**

J: An update on flood management was given by the Chair as follows:

Residents in high flood risk zones are at dissimilar stages of putting in place measures to protect their houses, some making use of the Government resilience grant, the use of which has not been straightforward.

Flood warden activities: They now have a lot more understanding of the village drains. Blockages have been cleared especially around The Island and more recently Cavedale. A quote is expected for the fitting of non-return valves to drains in the stone wall alongside Waterside. A new flood board to divert water on the path should soon be available. The flood wardens have also been updating the flood plan. Flood barriers for other areas are being explored and we are waiting to hear when the EA will dredge river “pinch points” under bridges. The EA are making progress on putting in place an interim flood alert system for Peakshole Water (based upon monitoring rainfall and water levels) and there will be more news on this soon.

Most of Castleton's flood wardens live in properties in flood zones so at times of flooding they will be protecting their own properties as well as others. Any volunteers but particularly those in non-vulnerable areas to help in flood emergencies would be very welcome. If you think you could help or would like to know more, please contact Val Burgess (valburgess14@gmail.com or 01433 620973) or any other flood warden. Any residents can help reduce flood risk simply by looking out for blocked drains and reporting them directly to DCC or to a flood warden. Once the leaves start falling, you could go one step further and keep gulley covers free of leaves near you.

To report a blocked drain go to <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/flooding/flooding-drainage-and-gullies.aspx>

K: The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the 2024/25 PROW scheme payment. Following the request to proceed with all forms to be sent for payment, that there will be a delay. The PROW team are currently redesigning their process, they will update the Clerk of the new process and when claims can be submitted.

Cllr Collins left the meeting.

L: The tender for the Grounds Maintenance contract 2025 was discussed it was agreed to update the specification and commence with the process. **(AP – Clerk)**

Additionally the Parish Council received an update on the burial ground from Cllr Judge.

The channel to the water bowser was blocked, after gaining permission from the owner of the property next to the burial ground she was able to, via their land, remove the blockage and therefore remedy the situation. The discussion led to how to fill the bowser in dry spells, currently the Chair takes water to the site, but this can be difficult, an alternative solution will be investigated.

Along with the Chair, tubs will be weeded, with rosemary and lavender planted. Older rose bushes will be replanted at the edges of the burial ground. The roses planted for the jubilee will be pruned when the timing

	<p>is right.</p> <p>It was suggested that a good addition to the burial ground would be to place a second Silver Birch Tree opposite the existing one situated on the right-hand side of the grounds. This was agreed in principle, costs to be obtained. Depending on the costs a donation may be sought from a local business.</p> <p>Following several requests by non-residents it was suggested that a section on the Northeast corner could be dedicated to the scattering of ashes with small memorial plaques placed on the trees. (AP – AD, JJ)</p> <p>Research into a humane way of dealing with any future mole issues will take place. (AP – JJ)</p> <p>The Clerk asked if the bush in the centre of the cremation burial area could either be cut back or removed as residents do not wish to purchase plots on the far side of the bush as it is obscured, this will be looked into</p> <p>Cllr Stannard requested that the Parish Council consider wild flowering a section of the burial ground that is currently not in use, and when required in the future they could be removed. It is expected that this land will not be required for many years. Costs to be provided and liaison with the Biodiversity Group mentioned earlier by Cllr Collins. (AP – JAS)</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting.</i></p> <p>M: A brief discussion on taking part in the Snow Warden scheme, it was agreed to continue participation with Cllr Eyre and Cllr Adshead assigned as lead Councillors. Clerk to forward the relevant forms for completion and provide details of location for grit delivery. (AP – Clerk, ME, SA)</p> <p>N: A brief discussion on the purchase of a Memorial Wreath and Village Christmas Tree took place, as with previous years the Parish Council agreed to continue to organise and fund both wreath and Christmas Tree. (AP – ME, SA)</p> <p>O: The Clerk updated the Parish Council following a meeting with Administrators of the Concerned for Castleton Group. That whilst the Parish Council understands why the Facebook site was started and appreciates the updates, they provide to the Parish Council, the Parish Council due to their role and legal binding policies cannot endorse the site. That whilst the Councillors have every right as individual resident to make comments on the site, they must be mindful that they are not speaking on behalf of the Parish Council or in their role as a Councillor.</p> <p>P: A brief discussion on the merits of online banking took place, supporting this request as evidence for the need was again the non-delivery of the bank statement and therefore the financial accounts could not be updated prior or at the meeting. It was resolved to move to online banking. (Prop AD 2nd ME, Unan) (AP – AD)</p> <p>Q: There were no items to note and urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/09/24	<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/0824/0799 - Toll Bar Gift Shop, Cross Street, Castleton. Listed Building consent - Installation of Gas supply. NO OBJECTIONS RAISED <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month.</p> <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 6 How Lane, Castleton – Pavement Licence 10am until 11 pm 4 bench tables, four tables with benches full measurements on webpage. <p>The Parish Council sent correspondence raising eligibility concerns, no response has been received.</p>
09/09/24	<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. ii) DALC – Newsletters. iii) Democratic Services – Various. iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, NALC Website, Utility Aid. v) PDNPA – News, Climate Change Survey. vi) Concern for Castleton – Overview of Report, Litter. vii) HVCA –Newsletter, Travel and Transport News. viii) HPBC – Heat Hub Events, Possible Funding, First for Peak District Assessable Route. ix) PPPF – AGM, Community Planning, Parish Days, we need you. x) Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the Derwent Living Forest. xi) Cllr Collins – Grants to help Arts, Culture and Heritage Thrive. xii) Severn Trent – The NeighbourGOOD Scheme.

	<p>xiii) Travel Light – Active Travel Plan.</p> <p>xiv) Phil Mulligan – National Park Management Plan.</p> <p>xv) Rural Housing – Rural Housing Enabler, Housing Needs Survey.</p> <p>The Chair advised and brought to the attention of the Parish Council for action the following: PDPNA, Climate Change Survey, Rural Housing, Housing needs survey. PPPF, Parish Days and DALC (AP – ALL) Neighbourhood planning training, the Clerk was asked to establish the cost of training. (AP – Clerk)</p>
10/09/24	<p>Items for the Peveril Post:</p> <p>Chair and Vice Chair to provide an update for the Peveril Post November issue.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.45pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 31st October 2024 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>