

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: THURSDAY 30th January 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 30th January 2025, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, 24th January 2025

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkfo.cpc@gmail.com

01/01/25	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																														
02/01/25	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.																														
03/01/25	Reports: A: Pearce MP – A welcome to the meeting, to seek views on various items under the topics set out below: 1. The loss of permanent homes to holiday homes and lets - achieving a balance. 2. The future of Rural Transport, current services under threat 3. Visitor pressures (such as parking and littering) on infrastructure and public services in and around Castleton and how to deal with these. 4. Pursuing case files opened by Robert Largan 5. Local Government reorganisation – High Peak moving from Derbyshire to Greater Manchester? B: County Councillor’s Report C: Borough Councillor’s Report D: Police Report E: Chair’s Report																														
04/01/25	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.																														
05/01/25	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 th November 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.																														
06/01/25	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. <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>16,980.36</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>13,000.56</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>17,451.88</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/01/25</td><td>17,451.88</td><td>18,671.94</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 30/01/25</td><td>17,451.88</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr></table> 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 for December & January - <u>£415.76 + £465.63 = £881.39</u> ii) HMRC – Employee contributions Periods 8 – 10 - <u>£31.60</u> iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - <u>£30.00</u> iv) ICO – Subscription - <u>£40.00</u> v) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Holly Bush removal - <u>£180.00</u>		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	13,472.08	18,671.94	Total Income	16,980.36	0.00	Total Expenditure	13,000.56	0.00	Balance	17,451.88	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 15/01/25	17,451.88	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	0.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 30/01/25	17,451.88	18,671.94
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	<p>vi) A. Darlington – Reimbursement Blythe House Hospice donation for removal of Christmas Tree- <u>£10.00</u></p> <p>vii) J. Topping – Reimbursement Peveril Post Printing- <u>£296.92</u></p> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <p>i) Cllr Gourlay – Clearway signage funding - <u>£250.00</u></p> <p>ii) Jepson Funerals LT – F Hallam - <u>£300.00</u></p>
07/01/25	<p><u>Council Matters:</u></p> <p>A: To discuss and agree a response concerning the Local government reorganization plan.</p> <p>B: To discuss the recent parking chaos at Mam Tor and consider best course of action.</p> <p>C: To receive an update on Bus strategy currently being developed and Castleton Public Transport Survey (Annex A (1))</p> <p>D: To review response from DCC on Parish Councils requested changes to the proposals for TRO and agree a further response. (See Annex B)</p> <p>E: To receive an update on Speedwatch group training.</p> <p>F: To receive an update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)</p> <p>G: To receive an update on parking issues in and around the village and signage</p> <p>H: To receive an update on the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) project.</p> <p>I: To receive an update on litter, including signage on lower Mam Tor Road</p> <p>J: To receive an update on flood management planning. (Annex A (2))</p> <p>K: To discuss and agree 2025/26 rental of the strip of land behind the burial ground</p> <p>L: To receive an update on the handrail at the bottom of Pindale Road/Bargate</p> <p>M: To discuss the removal of moles on Goosehill Green</p> <p>N: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/01/25	<p><u>Planning:</u></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> <p>i) NP/HPK/0724/0753 - Bulls Head Hotel, Cross Street, Castleton. Proposed first floor extension over existing flat roof area to provide additional letting bedroom. – Withdrawn.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>i) NP/HPK/0224/0141 – Appeals Notice - 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 at Land adjacent to How Lane, Castleton – GRANTED</p> <p>To discuss feedback to Planning Inspectorate about their grounds for appeal decision on the above.</p> <p>ii) NP/HPK/1024/1099 - Winnats View, Back Street, Castleton. Lawful Development certificate for a proposed use - Attic conversion to existing bungalow, associated internal alterations, alterations to window and door openings, new roof lights in existing roof pitch (roof lights not to project more than 150mm from roof slope) - GRANTED</p> <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority</p> <p>i) Castleton Village Hall – Live Band – 14/12/2024</p>
09/01/25	<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> <p>i) DCC – Community News, Bus Service Improvement Plan, Mobile Library. Developer Contribution Protocol Consultation.</p> <p>ii) DALC – Newsletters, Training, Big Green Energy.</p> <p>iii) Democratic Services – Various.</p> <p>iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, Chair’s Letter to Parish and Town Councils.</p> <p>v) PDNPA – News.</p> <p>vi) HVCA – Newsletter, Bulletins, Minutes, Shared Transport Workshop.</p> <p>vii) HPBC – Business Waste Legislation Changes, Funding Opportunities (various), Planning Training, Agenda.</p> <p>viii) Citizens Advice – New Energy Training Awareness.</p> <p>ix) Cllr. Collins – Notification for Members Adverse Weather.</p> <p>x) Concern for Castleton – Quarterly Report, Parking Chaos at Mam Tor.</p> <p>xi) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue – Consultation.</p> <p>xii) Hope Peak and Hope Valley Community Transport – Minutes.</p> <p>xiii) Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre – Update.</p> <p>xiv) PPPF – Bus Franchising.</p> <p>xv) Robert Largin – Mottram Bypass Work.</p>

The following Ordinary Meeting of the Council is currently planned to take place at the Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton on Thursday 27th February 2025.

Annex A

1. Bus strategy

Since the November meeting the key emphasis has been on retaining, maintaining and improving existing bus services.

Concerns were raised over the number 62 bus that has been funded for a year due to end in spring 2025 and now may be under threat. There has been some positive feedback, including responses from the Castleton Public Transport Survey that gave clear indications that the new route should be retained. However, there is a funding gap, in that funding opportunities will not become available until 2026. The Parish Council have written to the County Council to emphasise the need to continue funding and provide some insights from the Public Transport Survey. To support the retention of the service the number of users needs to increase and there is not enough publicity about the service, which is needed to help improve usage and all other suggestions are welcome. We have received a reply from DCC informing us that the service is secure until March 2026 but recognising that passenger numbers need to increase. They have also responded positively to issues raised in our Public Transport Survey.

A meeting will take place with all the parishes linked to the service 62, and Hope Valley Climate action (HVCA), at the end of January to look at a plan of action to support the continuation of our only link with Buxton.

Our action group Better Buses for Castleton Group (BB4C) group have also written to DCC and continues to lobby bus operators on changes to bus timetables. A worrying trend are the cancellations to bus routes on the 272 service. In particular the commuter route 06.36 from Sheffield is now no longer running due to low passenger numbers. We have been informed that this is a commercial service, and as such receives no funding from DCC.

National Better Buses Campaign – this group continues to gain momentum and in our neighbouring county, Better Buses for South Yorkshire is working with their mayor to consult with the public as to whether buses should be in public control with a deadline of the 15th of January which is now closed. We anticipate another survey from the East Midlands region shortly.

From a Derbyshire perspective it is hoped that our own and bordering counties will work together on improved transport links. The East Midland Region has received £40 million for buses for 2024/26. Currently Derbyshire County Council organises the Bus Service's Improvement Plan (BSIP). This will now be transferred to EMCCA, by April 2026, under the auspices of the Mayor and Transport lead, Ben Bradley.

The Hope Valley Rail Users Group (HVRUG) sends regular updates on stations on services to the CPC and one of our councillors attends meetings.

Moving Together workshop – This project has been promoted in the village as part of a shared transport project and promotion of E Charging points in the Hope Valley. To date one resident has registered their car for the car sharing scheme. Publicity for this project can.

2. Flood management report

The new flood warning system based upon two river level gauges (at Perryfoot Farm and Goosehill Bridge) went active at the end of November and EA had a drop-in in early December to launch it. A flood warning was issued early on New Year's Day, thankfully not needed, but was useful in raising a few questions for the flood wardens to consider.

Over the last two months there has been some progress on several fronts.

Amongst other things the flood wardens distributed a laminated emergency leaflet to all flood risk properties, have investigated drains (most drains are working well, although there are some that still need attention in various parts of the village and efforts are ongoing), and are looking into improvements in the structure of wall and drains along Waterside. In addition two new emergency helpers and two new possible flood wardens have come forward, and a new flood board for the Waterside path to divert floodwater from properties on the Island has now been produced ready for need, thanks to a resident.

Plan 1 (a) Peak Cavern car park to Dunscair Lane

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	DCC Comments
Pay & display 9am-5pm 4h max, no return within 1 hr, 7 days a week,	If pay & display has to be reinstated, agree with pay & display 9am -5pm, 4h max, allowing visitors time for a shorter walk or use of village amenities, the 4h restriction provides some turnover of spaces.	
	If pay & display is reinstated, there is a strong demand for a residents permit scheme on this zone, for residents on Buxton Road because they have limited parking at their properties. Also make scheme available to businesses for their staff.	Looking, at the properties that front Buxton Road and the pay and display bays, they all appear to have some form of off-street parking provision. The use of this off-street parking is something that the Council would wish to encourage and do not usually consider the implementation of a residents' parking scheme where properties have off-street alternatives. The intention of the parking bays is to create turnover and to cater for the visitor needs to the village as acknowledged above. These bays are not intended to be used by all day commuters working at the businesses and the removal of the limited waiting proposal for the village centre is to cater for this.
	No overnight parking (except for residents & local business staff with permits), to prevent use of spaces for overnight camping so close to houses.	See below with regard to issues with the practicalities of nighttime enforcement. An overnight restriction also would prevent anyone who may be visiting the area and staying locally overnight from having somewhere to park, including visitors to the residential properties opposite who would not be eligible for a residents parking permit.
	Remove one parking bay either side of Goosehill Hall exit similar to that around Peak cavern car park exit.	The removal of two parking spaces here would be a 10% reduction in roadside parking provision along this section of road. The loss of parking space is, of course, a key consideration where parking is already at a premium. The road markings have been laid out to ensure a good width is kept clear at this access and it is considered that, although there are often vehicles parked both sides of the access, that this is not unusual as far as private accesses are concerned across the network and drivers should be able to negotiate this safely when taking reasonable care.

Plan 1 (b) Dunscair Lane to bus turnaround under Mam Tor

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	
General parking bays no restrictions	A strong demand for no overnight parking, releasing the much-needed spaces in parking bays for day visits by car, and removing/reducing the associated problems of roadside camping including litter/waste & longer-term occupation. Restrict parking in marked bays to 8 hours, allowing time for long hill walks.	There would be issues with the enforcement of an 8-hour limited waiting restriction as the vehicle could only be logged by one CEO, as that individual has to observe the vehicle. So, the vehicle would be logged as the CEO came on shift or when the CEO first observed it being there and that same CEO would have to log the vehicle at the end of the 8-hour period. This would not fit in with the CEO's shift pattern.

		<p>A major concern with restricting overnight parking would be the displacement effect of this. Someone turning up to sleep in a van overnight would not just turn round and go back home but would look for somewhere else to pull up for the night and we could end up just moving the demand to other parts of the network. From a Traffic & Safety point of view, the old sections of the Mam Tor Road do not carry any through traffic and there are no residential properties on them so there is no disruption to the flow of traffic or direct impact on residents. In some ways, it could be argued that this is the best place for this type of activity to take place and, if it was restricted, this could move this to other, possibly, less suitable places.</p> <p>From a compliance point of view, enforcement attention would be limited due to the hours that would need to be covered and the probability that a Police presence may also be required. This may lead to abuse of any restriction. Once a restriction is in force, expectations will be for it to be enforced, and resources would dictate that these raised expectations would not be able to be met.</p> <p>Obviously, we are aware of the concerns locally surrounding this issue as are other agencies and there are existing laws in place that can be used to address anti-social behaviours. As you will be aware, there have been a couple of multi-agency meetings to discuss the issues surrounding overnight parking and the situation can remain under review.</p>
	Extend the proposed Pay & display from Dunscair Lane in the direction of Treak Cliff cavern (stretch tbd)	Proposal has been amended to convert a further 2 bays from being general parking bays to pay and display.
	Ensure parking bays clear of all exits	This is already the case.

Plan 2 Dunscair Lane up Old Mam Tor Road to bus turnaround

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	DCC Comments
No waiting at any time in bus turnaround	Agree	This is actually no stopping (red lines in the bus turnaround). Though buses can be catered for on the red route.
Red line route – no stopping at any time, to replace/clarify clearway signs	Agree	This could be extended to include the conversion of the yellow lines at the top of Winnats/Rushup Edge, especially given the recent issues experienced up there.

Plan 3 How Lane & Spital bridge

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	
No waiting at any time, double yellow lines from east side of YHA entrance to just beyond Furlongs Lane	Agree, majority in favour	
No waiting any time just within the entrance to Weaving Avenue	Question this proposal which further restricts the parking possibilities around the Village Hall	The extension is only 1 car length and extends the existing double yellow lines to cover the dropped kerb vehicular accesses. This is because the residents have reported having their driveways blocked. This needs to remain to protect these residents and nobody should be parking in these areas anyway.

Plan 4 Castleton central areas – Back St, Castle St, Pindale Rd

DCC Proposal		CPC & community proposal	DCC Comments
Disabled parking proposed where existing but for 3h maximum		Agree, if respected, provides protected spaces for disabled visitors close to village centre and allows some turnover.	
East side of Back Street, no waiting at any time proposed		Agree, road too narrow otherwise.	
Existing restricted waiting on east side of Market Place weekends & BHs to be revoked,		Retain current restricted waiting at weekends & BHs but move the sign (currently near the Lodge), as this stretch will become no waiting at any time.	Agreed, this has been changed.
Limited waiting (4h) proposed on Back St and Castle St.		Very much against, retain current unrestricted areas. The proposed limited waiting on the west side of Back St and on Castle St does not recognise the needs of residents living in this area (of which there are many), of the staff of local businesses on minimum wage, of the school staff, or of visitors to the church.	This has been removed from the proposals.
No waiting at any time on Pindale Road		Agree revision of current restricted waiting.	

Plan 5 Millbridge

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	DCC Comments
No waiting at any time along west side of road between Millbridge Farm and Trickett Bridge	Agree, road is too narrow for parking both sides Refresh and add speed bumps and provide a 20mph speed limit on Millbridge and Hollowford Road, as the hugely increased vehicular traffic here is a hazard to walkers	There are no proposals to introduce further traffic calming on this route at this stage. Though the request has been noted.

Plan 6 Blue John Cavern

DCC Proposal	CPC & community proposal	DCC Comments
New proposal	Request has come from Blue John Cavern to convert some of the general parking spaces opposite their entrance to limited waiting. They have agreed that 2 hours is long enough for a visit.	This has been incorporated into the proposals (some 10 spaces converted).