

# CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.06pm

### 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 Chair), Cllr. S Adshead, Cllr M. Eyre, Cllr. J. Judge, Cllr. J. Stannard.

Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), Jon Pearce MP, Sally De Pee (Community Engagement Officer, Office of Jon Pearce MP), Cllr. J. Collins, Cllr Gourlay. PC Alex Simpson, Sergeant Patrick Haley and 28 members of the public.

	<p>The Chair welcomed Jon Pearce MP, Sally De Pee, and members of the public to the meeting. It was advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of supporting the minutes only. Once the minutes had been drafted then the recording would be deleted.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the meeting tonight was a Parish Council meeting of Councillors and therefore rules and regulations apply. When the Chair opens the question-and-answer sessions all Councillors wishing to speak should raise their hand, the Chair will then indicate when the Councillor is permitted to speak. For members of the public, once the Chair suspends Standing Orders, any member of the public wishing to speak should raise their hand, the Chair will then indicate when the member of the public is permitted to speak.</p>
01/01/25	Apologies received from Cllr. N. Spooner.
02/01/25	Cllr. J. Stannard declared a non-pecuniary interest, item 08/01/25 Planning B.
03/01/25	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>A: The Chair introduced Jon Pearce MP advising that in preparation for the meeting several questions had been sent prior to the meeting and these questions will be shown on slides at this meeting. The questions were divided into various topics and were taken one at a time. For details of the MP Question and Answer session please see Annex A.</p> <p>These notes will be available post meeting on the Village Website alongside the minutes. <i>Jon Pearce MP, Sally de Pee and 22 members of the public left the meeting.</i> <i>Standing Orders Reinstated.</i></p> <p>B: County Councillor's Report: Cllr Gourlay provided an update on the double yellow lines, it was noted that the Parish Council had received the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which has gone through several iterations. It is Cllr Gourlay's wish that it goes through before his term ends in May.</p> <p>A meeting was held with Charlotte Cupit yesterday, confirmed that it is the same as in existence, some double red lines around Blue John and a few double yellow lines for the village. What was discussed was how much the double red lines would be extended up Mam Tor and Rushup, and that Cllr Gourlay was arguing that the whole section should be double red lines as they are easier to enforce (red lines mean no stopping) because there is no need for a CEO (Civil Enforcement Officer) to hang around to check on waiting cars. Essentially, if they are on the red lines then action can be taken. There is also something psychological about the red lines that makes them more serious. It has gone through the PDNPA without any objections, so hopefully can be completed in three months but more likely it will be completed by summer.</p> <p>The Chair responded that as far as the Parish Council was aware, Highways is waiting for the Parish Council to come back with any tweaks before he presses the button. We have promised to get back to Highways following this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Eyre thanked Cllr Gourlay for the recent funding received for the clearway signs, which should be installed within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Stannard asked where the above update fitted in with the issue around the campervan parking. A point was made about given the will to do something, assuming the political will, is there any sense of a political will within the DCC effectively to put pressure on officers to do something about it? The councillor's own experience has been that the only time officers will jump is when members put pressure on them.</p> <p>Cllr Gourlay responded, let's get the TRO done and come back to that issue. There is a similar issue at Bamford on the New Road but if officers have got people parking in an out of the way place and causing problems, they do not want to push them into villages.</p>

	<p>C: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr J. Collins confirmed that she had been to the meeting with Cllr Simm and Hope Parish Council regarding the number 62 bus and had written to the Operations Manager to check the timetable which has been changed and not communicated very well. The Operations Manager is going to try and get some leaflets printed.</p> <p>Cllr Collins believes that the issue with visitors needs to be approached in several ways, a meeting has been arranged with Senior Members of the National Trust, the Parish Council should have received an invite. The Chair confirmed that they had. The meeting is to cover their responsibilities including Mam Tor which is an historic monument. In addition, Cllr Collins has written to Councillors within Peak Park regarding visitors, to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues and involve them in creating ideas.</p> <p>Cllr Eyre asked if we should be thinking of setting up a meeting, as has been previously arranged, and discussed under the topic 3Visitor pressures (MP Q&amp;A session).</p> <p>Chair advised that following the meeting with the National Trust it could go forward to a multi-agency meeting.</p> <p>D: Police Report: A report on crimes committed in the last 28 days was given.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> January – Public Order incident, in the centre of Castleton an individual was racially abused.</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> January – Two Parking Attendants were threatened with violence on Rushup Edge whilst performing their duties.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> January – Criminal damage, the locks, and chains at Peveril Castle were cut open.</p> <p>With regarding to the parking issues, the Police have altered their shifts, working weekends and starting early to try and get there before numbers of visitors. Even though getting there at 06:05 the car parks were already full at Mam Tor. Visitors coming from all over, such as Milton Keynes.</p> <p>It was asked who monitors what sections, the Police enforce the clearways and the enforcement officers monitor the double yellow lines.</p> <p>Sergeant Patrick Haley introduced himself, he would be interested in collaborating with all parties and had attended the previously held multi-agency meeting.</p> <p>One of the issues they have identified is that the laybys are not clearly defined and have lost definition. They are pushing Highways to rectify this.</p> <p>Cllr Judge committed that the road verges are being eroded and asked if this comes under a different remit? It was confirmed that talks have been taking place regarding solutions such as building small mounds to prevent further erosion.</p> <p>E: Chair Report: None this month.</p> <p><i>Sergeant Patrick Haley and PC Alex Simpson left the meeting.</i></p>																		
04/01/25	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p>A resident raised the concerns of a fire hazard when visitors are lighting open fires/barbeques, especially in the summer. If we were to have a hot summer with the ground dry and the wind moving in the right direction this could result in a major fire. It would only take a small spark, and if there is gas with rubber tubing near the location, it is a serious concern and could be extremely dangerous.</p> <p>With regards to parking in the village, it was put forward as a possible consideration to have a shuttle bus from a suitable parking area and could even have facilities for coaches.</p> <p>The Chair thought that a park and ride would be a good idea.</p> <p>Christmas in Castleton representative in attendance asked the Parish Council how well they felt last Christmas had gone. This was agreed as not for discussion tonight, but it would be good to know what they thought went well, what did not and what they felt could be improved?</p> <p>Additionally, to visit the Jubilee Tree considerations. The Chair requested the group to put their ideas in writing, it could then be circulated to Councillors for consideration at the next meeting and added to the agenda.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the group for their efforts over Christmas.</p>																		
05/01/25	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b></p> <p>A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop JJ, 2nd JS, unan).</p>																		
06/01/25	<p><b>Finance:</b></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&amp;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></table>		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			
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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

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

- i) Clerk's salary, allowance, milage and for December & January - £415.76 + £465.63 = £881.39
- ii) HMRC – Employee contributions Periods 8 – 10 - £31.60
- iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00
- iv) ICO – Subscription - £40.00
- v) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Holly Bush removal - £180.00
- vi) A. Darlington – Reimbursement Blythe House Hospice donation for removal of Christmas Tree - £10.00
- vii) J. Topping – Reimbursement Peveril Post Printing- £296.92

In addition, it was agreed to include late submission from the following:

- i) Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator replacements- £161.94

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:

- i) Cllr Gourlay – Clearway signage funding - £250.00
- ii) Jepson Funerals LT – F Hallam - £300.00

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

07/10/25

#### **Council Matters:**

A: A brief discussion on a response concerning the Local Government reorganization plan took place. The Chair suggested that a letter be sent to all those concerned including DCC, lifting sections from the MP questions that have just been discussed. Contents to be agreed by the Parish Council. All agreed.

Cllr Simm raised concerns over consultation as there is little information, this to be included in the correspondence. **(AP – AD)**

#### *Suspend Standing Orders*

Cllr Collins informed the Parish Council that a letter had been expected by mid-January regarding, whether the existing High Peak can be split up. However, this had been delayed due to waiting on the outcome of the current situation. It has also been heard that Derbyshire will not be in the first tranche so there will be time for discussion. However the white paper does not mention consultations but rather engagement, where Parish Councils are mentioned.

A member of the public advised that the timetable is still very tight even if not in the first tranche the deadline for the second tranche will be autumn, all will be decided by then.

#### *Reinstate Standing Orders*

B: A discussion on the recent parking chaos at Mam Tor and to consider best course of action took place. It was agreed to write to the various agencies, National Trust, DCC, PDNPA etc. **(AP – AD)**

C: An update on Bus strategy currently being developed and Castleton Public Transport Survey was issued with the agenda as Annex B. No questions were raised.

Cllr Simm informed that there had been some further developments. The Parish Council have received a comprehensive reply from DCC. In addition, Better Buses for Castleton have also written to DCC regarding service 62 and we will be working together to maintain pressure on securing new and existing bus routes.

D: The response from DCC on Parish Councils requested changes to the proposals for TRO were discussed and it was agreed to make a further response. The TRO information from DCC was sent out with the agenda as Annex B.

DCC has conceded to some of the Parish Councils requests, the campervan parking requests has not received a very positive response although we have managed to get an extra two bays from Dunsar Farm toward Treack Cliff, where they will be pay and display. However, there are some issues with those on Buxton Road who would like to have the option of parking. The Chair asked that all Councillors read the TRO carefully and send any tweaks that are required to the Chair no later than Monday. Chair will then respond to Highways. **(AP, All, AD)**

E: An update on Speedwatch group training was given. Cllr Eyre advised that training would commence on the 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall. Eighteen out of the twenty-five volunteers will be attending. One of the coordinators, due to work pressure, is stepping down, and it is hoped to find a replacement from the twenty-five volunteers. The speed equipment is now being stored at the Village Hall for safety reasons. So the Speedwatch group should be active from March on an as-and-when basis.

Cllr Simm asked if the issue around signage over “this is a Speedwatch village” has been resolved? In response, no it will be raised to the Speedwatch organisers. In addition, at present we can only have one

	<p>group active at a time due to road signage, the situation will be monitored, and should it be identified that we need a second active group at the same time then we may need to considered purchase of additional signage.</p> <p>F: There was no additional update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), it was felt that this topic should be combined with Speedwatch, as an overall Speeding prevention item. We should reflect on this as we monitor the Speedwatch activities and results.</p> <p>Cllr Simm asked it we knew how other villages funded their SIDS equipment.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Suspended.</i></p> <p>Cllr Gourlay informed that when Angelique Foster was elected, she put some of her budget against a provision for SID's, however it is no longer available but may have aided funding at the time for other villages. DCC Highways were reluctant to have them installed as street furniture due to the cost of maintenance and that these are not casualty reduction devices. DCC will not fund the devices, all costs would now be down to Parish Councils.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated.</i></p> <p>G: An update on parking issues in and around the village was covered under the MP questions. Regarding signage, clearway signage has been sorted we just need to agree locations.</p> <p>H: An update on the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) project was deferred to the next meeting in the absence of PCSO Will Brockett.</p> <p>I: An update on litter signage on lower Mam Tor Road was received. Ten signs have been produced, locations have been agreed and mapped out, installation is hoped to be completed next week.</p> <p><i>Suspend Standing Orders</i></p> <p>Cllr Collins advised that Cllr Farrell has managed to get more bins in Hope, in addition to where existing bins are situated therefore on the same route/s, intersperse where current bins are. It is doubted if they would put them on the Old Mam Tor Road.</p> <p>The Chair advised that we do have one bin missing that had been requested for replacement, and that request had been emailed to Cllr Collins, and had also been reported through the portal. Cllr Collins requested the detail be resent. <b>(AP – AD)</b></p> <p><i>Standing Orders Reinstated.</i></p> <p>J: An update on flood management planning was included with the agenda (Annex A (2)), There were no questions raised.</p> <p>K: It was discussed and agreed that for 2025/26, rental of the strip of land behind the burial ground as per previous years could continue. Clerk to commence the process. (Prop AD, 2<sup>nd</sup> ME, unan) <b>(AP – Clerk)</b></p> <p>L: An update on the handrail at the bottom of Pindale Road/Bargate, a request for the handrail has been completed, there has not been a response yet, early days.</p> <p>M: A discussion on the removal of moles on Goosehill Green and the Burial Ground took place.</p> <p>The Parish Council have received information that moles are present at Goosehill Green with molehills appearing very quickly, and a request that the Mole Man is brought in. As Cllr Judge had issues previously regarding the employment of the Mole Man, Cllr Judge was tasked with investigating other viable options. Cllr Judge explained that you could have an ultrasonic mole repellent, which is solar powered. The apparatus is placed seventy metres apart and costs £17.99 for eight.</p> <p>The Chair advised that at present we have the whole of Goosehill and the burial ground to deal with and questioned how effect the repellent would be. It was suggested to commence with employing the Mole Man on Goosehill Green and use a test area elsewhere for the repellent. If the repellents work it will be considered further. It was passed by vote. (4 in favour, AD, JAS, ME, SA 2 against JJ, JS)</p> <p>Chair to instruct the Mole Man, Cllr Judge to arrange trial site and equipment, Parish Council to fund. <b>(AP – AD, JJ)</b></p> <p>N: There was nothing to note or urgently required to discuss and/or resolve.</p>
08/01/25	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA:</p> <p><i>Cllr Stannard left the meeting.</i></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. – <b>Withdrawn.</b></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 – <b>GRANTED</b></p> <p>A brief discussion on the above appeals decision was discussed.</p> <p>The Chair was confident that the granting of the appeal was mistaken. The background information, without</p>

	<p>influence in anyway, had been circulated to Councillors. The Chair believes the Appeal Inspector's statement of evidence not being submitted was wrong. Audio evidence was submitted to PDNP Planning, and Planning then submitted this evidence to the Appeals Inspector. The Chair proposed that a letter of complaint be sent due to procedure not being properly followed, either wilfully or by mistake and that important evidence of objections was missed.</p> <p>The request was put to vote. For 3. AD, JJ, JS Against 0, abstained 2 ME, SA.</p> <p><i>Cllr Stannard returned to the meeting.</i></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) - <b>GRANTED.</b></p> <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority Castleton Village Hall – Live Band – 14/12/2024</p>
09/01/25	<p><b>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</b></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"> <li>i) DCC – Community News, Bus Service Improvement Plan, Mobile Library. Developer Contribution Protocol Consultation.</li> <li>ii) DALC – Newsletters, Training, Big Green Energy.</li> <li>iii) Democratic Services – Various.</li> <li>iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, Chair's Letter to Parish and Town Councils.</li> <li>v) PDNPA – News.</li> <li>vi) HVCA –Newsletter, Bulletins, Minutes, Shared Transport Workshop.</li> <li>vii) HPBC – Business Waste Legislation Changes, Funding Opportunities (various), Planning Training, Agenda.</li> <li>viii) Citizens Advice – New Energy Training Awareness.</li> <li>ix) Cllr. Collins – Notification for Members Adverse Weather.</li> <li>x) Concern for Castleton – Quarterly Report, Parking Chaos at Mam Tor.</li> <li>xi) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue – Consultation.</li> <li>xii) Hope Peak and Hope Valley Community Transport – Minutes.</li> <li>xiii) Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Update.</li> <li>xiv) PPPF – Bus Franchising.</li> <li>xv) Robert Largan – Mottram Bypass Work.</li> </ul>
10/01/25	<p><b>Items for the Peveril Post:</b></p> <p>No items for Peveril Post</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9.55pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at The Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton.</p>