

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: THURSDAY 27th March 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 27th March 2025, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, 22nd March 2025

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkrfocpc@gmail.com

01/03/25	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																														
02/03/25	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.																														
03/03/25	Reports: A: County Councillor’s Report B: Borough Councillor’s Report C: Police Report D: Chair’s Report																														
04/03/25	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.																														
05/03/25	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 th February 2025, 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.																														
06/03/25	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>17,835.36</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>15,770.00</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>15,537.44</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 14/03/25</td><td>16,065.64</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>528.20</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 27/03/25</td><td>15,537.44</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 Holiday Pay - <u>£536.87</u> ii) HMRC – Employee Contributions - <u>£44.80</u> iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - <u>£30.00</u> iv) DCC – Burial Ground Rates - <u>£495.00</u> v) PPPF – Subscription - <u>£12.00</u> vi) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - <u>£480.00</u> vii) V. Burgess – Reimbursement Registration Domain Village Website - <u>£23.98</u> C: To note the income and receipts of the Council: i) Jepson Funerals – Burial Ground - £300.00 ii) Strip of Land behind Burial Ground – Rent - £60.00 iii) PROW – Reimbursement repairs to footpath - £495.00 D: To discuss and agree the purchase of a replacement Laptop		Current Account	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	13,472.08	18,671.94	Total Income	17,835.36	0.00	Total Expenditure	15,770.00	0.00	Balance	15,537.44	18,671.94				Last Statement Balance 14/03/25	16,065.64	18,671.94	Less un-presented cheques	528.20	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	0.00	0.00	Available Balance 27/03/25	15,537.44	18,671.94
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	<p>E: To discuss and agree Clerk to attend Burial Ground Training Course</p> <p>F: To receive an update on 2024-25 Audit, to confirm exemption certificate.</p> <p>G: To note 2025-26 precept calculation</p> <p>H: To authorise signatories for the N & SI savings account.</p>
07/03/25	<p><u>Council Matters:</u></p> <p>A: To receive an update on responses to CPC letter on visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley.</p> <p>B: to receive an update on expected follow up meeting with Jon Pearce</p> <p>C: To receive an update on Local Government reorganization and next steps.</p> <p>D: To receive an update on the Castleton Public Transport Survey 2024 and Bus strategy currently being developed. (Annex A)</p> <p>E: To receive an update on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)</p> <p>F: To discuss HGVs on Winnats and in village: to note replacement of signage at top of Winnats and request for signage to advise no HGV access to Pindale Road via Market Place</p> <p>G: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review</p> <p>H: To receive an update on the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) project</p> <p>I: To receive an update on parking issues in and around the village and signage</p> <p>J: To discuss a Community Response Plan.</p> <p>K: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>L: To receive an update on flood management planning.</p> <p>M: To receive an update on options for moles on Goosehill Green</p> <p>N: To discuss the Peak District National Park Local Plan Review and Call for Sites Consultation</p> <p>O: To discuss and agree quote received for Planters and Trees at Castleton Burial Ground</p> <p>P: To receive an update on village wild flowering.</p> <p>Q: To discuss Parish Councils communication channels</p> <p>R: To receive an update on dates for April, and May Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish meeting.</p> <p>S: To note VE Day 8 May</p> <p>T: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/03/25	<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>None this month</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month</p>
09/03/25	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DCC – Community News, Derby and Derbyshire Housing, Holiday Activities, Parish and Town Liaison Forum Invitation, Agenda and Presentation Slides, Public Experiences of Local Pharmacy Services, Mobile Library, Smoke free Derby and Derbyshire. ii) DALC – Newsletters, February Forum. iii) Democratic Services – Various. iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. v) PDNP forum – Current Issues, Copy of Presentation. vi) HVCA – Newsletter, Newsletter Extra, Carbon Emissions. vii) HPBC – Possible Funding Opportunities, VE/VJ Days 80. viii) Cllr Collins – Notes from meeting between National Trust and HPBC. ix) PDNPA – Consultation on the Updated Local Validation List, Host of Peak District Organisation, Local Plan, National Park Authority approves restructure. x) HPB Forum – Link to Council Report on English Devolution/Local Government Devolution, Agenda xi) Breedon – Liaison Committee meeting notes.
10/03/25	<p><u>Items for the Peveril Post</u></p> <p>To be discussed</p>

The following Ordinary Meeting of the Council is currently planned to take place at the Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton on Thursday 17th April 2025.

Concerns have been expressed over the Service 62 bus which has been funded for a year and was due to end in spring 2025. There has been positive feedback, including responses from the **Castleton Public Transport Survey** which 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 (CPC) wrote to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to emphasise the need for continued funding. Our village action group Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C) also lobbied DCC. Both the CPC and BB4C have received replies stating that Service 62 will be funded until March 2026. There was general agreement that this service must have improved publicity for both residents and visitors. To this effect the CPC attended a meeting organised by Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) at the beginning of March with the parishes of Hope and Edale, DCC and the bus operator, Centre Bus, to consider not only publicity but improvements to the service. Representatives also attended from the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), the National Trust, BB4C), to focus on a marketing plan to promote the Service 62 to residents and visitors alike. Visit Peak District and Derbyshire (VPDD) sent apologies and forwarded some suggestions that have been added to the marketing plan. It was a productive meeting in terms of working with the bus operator and the various networks who provided key ingredients to try and ensure the continuity of the Service 62. It also gave the opportunity to comment on the concerns of some of the other bus routes where cancellations are becoming increasingly regular and inconveniencing our residents and visitors alike. The matter of timetabling was raised again and we hope to avoid the chaotic

We can report that the **Stagecoach Peak Sightseer** will recommence in May for the summer seven days a week, and September to October at weekends. This is operating commercially with no subsidies. Concern has been expressed about the double decker bus coming down the Winnats Pass in terms of weight and the speed it often travels as reported to the CPC, but to date we have not received a satisfactory answer to this. Added to this is the need for improved timetabling of vehicles arriving at the bus station at the same time.

DCC subsidised services will be transferred to the **East Midlands Mayoral Authority (EMCCA)**. Although few details are available a delivery plan for next year's **Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP)** have been presented to the **EMCCA**. The **EMCCA** will assume responsibility for bus strategy and delivery. We were advised to send representation of Hope Valley rural transport issues to the Mayor's office which has now been sent along with a copy of the **Castleton Public Transport Survey**.

A key point to note is that for the next six months bus users need to continue to inform Bus service operators and DCC, of any issues relating to cancellations of services. BB4C are also involved in data collection. There are many changes happening now including re- tendering for certain services. It is hoped that all our bus services in the Hope Valley will continue and improve.

National Better Buses Campaign – this group continues to gain momentum and in our neighbouring county, Better Buses for South Yorkshire is worked with their Mayor to consult with the public as to whether buses should be in public control. Franchising for South Yorkshire has now been approved, in effect taking the buses back into public control. All cross- boundary routes into S Yorkshire will operate commercially under permits. From a Derbyshire perspective it is hoped that our own and bordering counties will work together on improved transport links. The East Midlands region is conducting their own consultation via a petition to try and take back control of the bus network. A strong media campaign is taking place. To date our Mayor appears to be in favour of working in close partnership with existing operators. Either way it will be vital to inform the Mayor's office of our key concerns for improving rural transport.

Hope Station -we have been informed that Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) is campaigning for an all-ability access to the eastbound platform at Hope Station. They are seeking a feasibility study and have asked parish councils to support. There are still discussions taking place on Transport hubs but little to report back.

Active Travel - the PDNPA have been consulting on a 'high level network of routes for active travel in the National Park. The consultation uses interactive mapping for letting the Park know about important places and suggestions for improvements of walking and cycling routes : <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/consultations/current-consultations/active-travel-consultation> . Comments have been received about the complexity of completing this consultation.

In addition to the above are the details of **The Moving Together Project**. Publicity for this project can be found on the village noticeboard, and <https://hopemovingtogether.co.uk>