

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28th May 2025 7:30 PM

Walker Room, Peveril Centre, Buxton Road, Castleton

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Castleton Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th May 2025, following the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, 22nd May 2025

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkfo.cpc@gmail.com

01/05/25	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																														
02/05/25	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.																														
03/05/25	Reports: A: County Councillor’s Report B: Borough Councillor’s Report C: Police Report D: Chair’s Report																														
04/05/25	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.																														
05/05/25	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 th April 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.																														
06/05/25	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 border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Current Account 28th May 2025</th><th>NS&I</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/24</td><td>£14,567.79</td><td>18,671.94</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>£8,872.00</td><td>TBC</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>£1,269.58</td><td>0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£22,170.21</td><td>TBC</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/05/25</td><td>£22,182.21</td><td>TBC</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>£12.00</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 28/05/25</td><td>£22,170.21</td><td>TBC</td></tr></tbody></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 expenses - £482.42 ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £36.00 iii) Castleton PCC – donation for mufflers (Church Bells) - £382.00 iv) N. Topping – Reimbursement for Peveril Post - £290.80 v) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – April and Plants/Compost - £898.69 vi) AJC Community Schemes – Hiscox Insurance - £485.72 vii) Gates Film Company – Duplicate payment received in error - £1250.00 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council i) HPBC – Precept - £7262.00 ii) Gate Films – Duplicate payment error - £1250.00 iii) Three Roofs – Rent - £360.00		Current Account 28 th May 2025	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	£14,567.79	18,671.94	Total Income	£8,872.00	TBC	Total Expenditure	£1,269.58	0.00	Balance	£22,170.21	TBC				Last Statement Balance 15/05/25	£22,182.21	TBC	Less un-presented cheques	£12.00	0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	0.00	Available Balance 28/05/25	£22,170.21	TBC
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07/05/25	<p><u>Council Matters:</u></p> <p>A: To receive an update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley.</p> <p>B: to receive an update on any meetings with Jon Pearce.</p> <p>C: To receive an update on buses and public transport strategies. (Annex A)</p> <p>D: To receive an update on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)</p> <p>E: To discuss HGVs on Winnats and in village and proposed DCC signage</p> <p>F: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review</p> <p>G: To discuss a Community Response Plan.</p> <p>H: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>I: To discuss and agree if Parish Council wishes to participate in the 2025-2026 PROW Scheme.</p> <p>J: To discuss and agree activities for VJ Day</p> <p>K: To receive an update on burial ground activities</p> <p>L: To discuss Parish Councils communication channels</p> <p>M: To receive an update on flood resilience activities</p> <p>N: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/05/25	<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/0525/0447 - Harrison and Harrison Ltd, Cross Street, Castleton, Door and window to rear of the building Rooflights to internal (hidden) slope of roof.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month</p>
09/05/25	<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, Antisocial Behaviour, Adult Social Care & Health.</p> <p>ii) DALC – Newsletters, May Forum.</p> <p>iii) Democratic Services – Various.</p> <p>iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins.</p> <p>v) HVCA – Newsletter, Two Zoom Meetings on Solar Panels.</p> <p>vi) HPBC – Possible Funding Opportunities, Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation, Parish Forum.</p> <p>vii) PDNPA – Locality Funding Open, Double Your Impact to Boost Peak District Wildlife, Looking for Two New Members, Accessibility Champion Receives Accolade.</p> <p>viii) High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership – Notice of AGM.</p> <p>ix) Anne Robinson – Better Buses for Hope Valley.</p> <p>x) Cllr. Collins – HPBC News, Resurfacing on A628</p> <p>xi) Severn Trent – Lighting up Derwent Dam.</p> <p>xii) Resident – Letter to Cllr Gourley, Castleton the Island.</p> <p>xiii) Travel Light – Hope Valley Travel and Transport Update, Invitation to Meeting</p> <p>xiv) Chapel-En-Le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy – AGM</p> <p>xv) PROW – Castleton FP29 (Part), Hope FT53 (Part) and Hope FT38</p> <p>xvi) High Peak Parish Forum – Agenda.</p> <p>xvii) Concerned for Castleton – Moving from Facebook to Web Page.</p>
10/05/25	<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 26th June 2025.

Public transport and bus services May update

Last month we reported back on the closure of Hulley's the bus operator who went out of business on March 16th. After a fraught period of trying to find out what would happen to our local services, in particular the route 271/2 and route 173, various stakeholders including our action group Better Buses for Castleton and the Parish Council expressed deep concern to Derbyshire County Council and the new East Midlands Mayor, Clare Ward. Thankfully the bus services in our area will be operated by High Peak Buses who have taken over the Hulley's service on routes 271 and 272. They also continue to operate the route 62 from Buxton to Castleton and to Hope, and Edale and Chapel En Le Frith. Andrews of Tideswell is now running Hulley's slots on routes 257, and the 173 to Bakewell. We continue to monitor and hopefully support usage of these routes and acknowledge settling in issues.

We continue to keep in touch with developments to promote and market the **Service 62** by Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), the National Trust, and Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C) among others, to focus on a marketing plan to promote the service 62 to residents and visitors alike. Visit Peak District and Derbyshire (VPDD) have provided some suggestions that have been added to the marketing plan. They have also created a video reel for social media, and it will feature in the reprint of the Explore by Bus leaflets. 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 situation last summer when multiple buses arrived at our bus station.

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 and coordination of other buses arriving at Castleton 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 are aware that the Mayor is funding a full assessment of the whole bus network but not a full examination of franchising. She intends to undertake a review of all bus services between October 2025 and March 2026. Stakeholders have been advised NOT to send documents of Hope Valley rural transport issues to the Mayor's office until after the formal consultation process. It is developing an engagement plan and wants to hear from a wide variety of groups, but in a structured way. HVCA are in the process of sending out a Bus users survey based on the model used by the **Castleton Public Transport Survey**. We have been asked to comment on this new survey and asked whether our residents may have survey overload.

Currently the main way of informing and influencing improvements in public transport via the Mayor's office is through the EMCCA Transport and Digital Connectivity Committee (TDCC). This advisory committee makes no decisions, but the public can attend and ask questions. Better buses action groups and key stakeholders are tabling questions.

National Better Buses Campaign – this group which includes our BB4C action 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.

Active Travel - At a recent meeting organised by HVCA we heard more about the **Moving More Project**, another active travel activity promoting walking, cycling and public transport. We have been contacted by the new project officer who may be running community engagement meetings in Castleton.

High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership (HPHVCR) the groups promote rail travel by enhancing local stations and making rail transport a more attractive experience. One project is to encourage walks from stations to busy areas. At Hope Station there will be local artwork displayed, arising from a competition at Hope Valley College. A plaque will be mounted to mark the 100 years since the rail crash.