

# CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7.03pm

### At the Walker Room, Peveril Centre, 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. M. Eyre, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. J. Stannard.  
Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), 2 Residents

01/05/25	Apologies received from Cllr. S. Adshead, PCSO Will Brockett.																															
02/05/25	No pecuniary interests declared.																															
03/05/25	<b>Reports:</b> A: County Councillor's Report: None this month. B: Borough Councillor's Report: None this month. D: Police Report: Unfortunately, PCSO Will Brockett was unable to attend due to illness but hoped to attend the Garland Celebrations. A couple of updates were provided as follows: 1. Historical sexual offence is under investigation. 2. An incident on the 9 <sup>th</sup> May on How Lane involving one dog attacking another dog. 3. A Section 59 warning (anti-social driving) was issued to motorist doing burnouts on Winnats Pass whilst others filmed on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of May. E: Chair Report: The Chair provided a report at the Annual Parish meeting held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> May and directed all present to the report. The Chair thanked all Councillors and Clerk for their endeavours through the year.																															
04/05/25	<b>Public Participation:</b> Resident 2: Thanked the Parish Council for all their work. Following the update on the 2024-2025 financial year end presentation, confirmation was requested that a resident could view the reports. The Clerk advised that this was possible and that the Annual Governance and Accounting Returns along with bank reconciliation and explanation of variance will be available on the village website. Clerk to discuss further information possibly required by the resident post this meeting. Clarification on the spend on the Speedwatch equipment was requested as the resident was of the understanding that the costs were externally funded. The Clerk confirmed that the resident was correct, external funding had been obtained to cover the costs with a reserve remaining to cover at least part of any safety initiative required and approved at a Parish Council meeting in the future.																															
05/05/25	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b> A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan).																															
06/05/25	<b>Finance:</b> 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: <table><tr><th></th><th>Current Account 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025</th><th>NS&amp;I</th></tr><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/24</td><td>£14,567.79</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>£8,872.00</td><td>£0.00</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>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3"></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/04/25</td><td>£22,182.21</td><td>£18,859.17</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 17/04/25</td><td>£22,170.21</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr></table>			Current Account 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	£14,567.79	£18,859.17	Total Income	£8,872.00	£0.00	Total Expenditure	£1,269.58	£0.00	Balance	£22,170.21	£18,859.17				Last Statement Balance 15/04/25	£22,182.21	£18,859.17	Less un-presented cheques	£12.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 17/04/25	£22,170.21	£18,859.17
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	B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:																															

	<p>i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowance, milage and expenses - £482.42</p> <p>ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £36.00</p> <p>iii) Castleton PCC – donation for mufflers (Church Bells) - £382.00</p> <p>iv) N. Topping – Reimbursement for Peveril Post - £290.80</p> <p>v) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – April and Plants/Compost - £898.69</p> <p>vi) AJC Community Schemes – Hiscox Insurance - £485.72</p> <p>vii) Gates Film Company – Duplicate payment received in error - £1250.00</p> <p>In addition, it was agreed to include late submission from the following:</p> <p>i) Steve Hayes – Configuration of laptop etc - £115.00</p> <p>ii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance May - £960.00</p> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <p>i) HPBC – Precept - £7262.00</p> <p>ii) Gate Films – Duplicate payment error - £1250.00</p> <p>iii) Three Roofs – Rent - £360.00</p> <p>All payments, receipts were agreed. (Prop AD, 2nd JAS, unan).</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting.</i></p>
07/05/25	<p><b>Council Matters:</b></p> <p>A: The Chair gave an update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley. A meeting to be convened by PDNPA is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> June, prior to the Parish Council meeting and will be held at the village hall. Invitations to the meeting have been extended to Better Buses for Castleton and Concerned for Castleton groups. The outcome of the meeting will be discussed at the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>B: The Chair provided an update on any meetings with Jon Pearce (MP). Jon Pearce held a coffee morning on Saturday 26 April but unfortunately it was not well advertised. The Parish Council chair attended and was able ask questions regarding visitor management actions following meetings held with Peak District National Park Authority and others. Post the coffee morning the Parish Council followed up with an email to Jon Pearce to urge action on visitor management and with plans of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposals for parking bays and red lines for the lower Mam Tor old road, as requested.</p> <p>C: Cllr. Simm provided an update on buses and public transport strategies.</p> <p>There is a lot going on at present, full details can be found on annex A supplement of the agenda to this meeting.</p> <p>The main major change is the transfer of ownership of public transport to the mayoral authority. A lot of information has been sent to the authority and as such there is now an embargo whilst in this transitional stage. Meanwhile, with the expectation that the mayoral authority will commence with data request, a lot of data is being collected and collated. Unfortunately, Cllr. Cupit was not re-elected which it was felt would be a loss to the Council.</p> <p>There is likely to be another public transport survey, whereas it was thought residents are experiencing a survey overload but also didn’t want residents not to have the opportunity to have their say.</p> <p>Other matters briefly discussed was Better Buses for Castleton encouraged by the monitoring of bus routes 272 and 273. The recently observed single decker buses being used seemed more appropriate.</p> <p>D: The Chair gave an update on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). On the 19<sup>th</sup> May there was BBC News item “Plans being drawn up to tackle Peak District parking”, link below, where a spokesperson said Derbyshire County Council “have been working on a package of parking restrictions with Castleton Parish Council” and are currently consulting other stakeholders before a public consultation in the summer.  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy75glk43j2o">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy75glk43j2o</a></p> <p>E: The Chair opened the discussion on HGVs on Winnats and in the village and the proposed Derbyshire County Council (DCC) signage. Following previous discussion and correspondence DCC have agreed advisory signage to be placed just to the west of the Bulls Head stating, “unsuitable for HGVs” and arrow pointing up Castle Street with the aim of reducing this type of traffic on Market Place and Pindale Road: Cllr. Spooner questioned if more seriously worded signage would be more appropriate? Cllr. Eyre questioned if earlier positioning of signs providing advanced notice should be considered? It was agreed that the proposed signage should be installed with the situation monitored. It was also agreed to take a fresh look at signage placed at the Travellers Rest and Woodruff Arms.</p> <p>F: Cllr. Eyre provided an update on Speedwatch. There has been an impressive number of sessions undertaken by the group, with two/three sessions taking place a week. An update received following the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June stated that six thousand, one hundred and forty-six vehicles had been monitored with</p>

	<p>one hundred and nineteen vehicles speeding. No local resident has been captured speeding with one driver, assumed to be a commuter travelling via Castleton, caught speeding twice.</p> <p>Cllr. Eyre was asked if session had been held at Spital bridge and was able to confirm that there had been two or three on the 40mph section.</p> <p>Other feedback given by the Parish Council was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of sessions was good to hear and was adhering to the advice given to concentrate on batch sessions to begin as this acts as a deterrent with drivers seeing the groups regularly.</li> <li>• Cllr. Simm, as mentioned in previous meeting, that the village needs signage stating that Castleton is a Speedwatch village. All initiatives should be pulled together including the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The Parish Council were reminded that grant funding opportunities have not been straight forward, but research continues with supporting evidence being provided by the Speedwatch group. Regarding signage Clerk to ask PCSO Will Brockett if they are available. Cllr Eyre will explore the availability of funding for SIDs <b>(AP – Clerk, ME)</b></li> <li>• A few motorbike riders were observed removing their number plates which were attached by Velcro. Clerk to advise PCSO Will Brockett. <b>(AP – Clerk)</b></li> </ul> <p>G: A discussion on a Community Response Plan commenced. The Chair advised that the Clerk had circulated three templates and has offered to coordinate efforts. The Chair with Cllr. Simm and Cllr. Spooner will meet to select a template for the Castleton Plan and update at the next meeting. Advice is also available from Derbyshire County Council.</p> <p>H: The Chair updated the Parish Council on the Events Diary. The National Trust alerted the Parish Council to a large event organised by “Peaks Go”, starting in Castleton. This company specialises in private events, and these are not likely to be advertised online therefore difficult to identify, record and liaise with the organisation on possible issues. Clerk to try and establish contact and agree information share between both parties. <b>(AP – Clerk)</b></p> <p>I: The Clerk asked the Parish Council if they wish to participate in the 2025-2026 PROW Scheme and if so to identify footpaths to be considered for repairs under the scheme to be provided at the next meeting. It was resolved to participate in the scheme. Clerk to confirm inclusion, Chair requested that Councillors consider any PROW footpath that requires maintenance. Item to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>J: Cllr. Eyre updated the Parish Council on activities for VJ Day. He is currently looking at possibilities and hoping to speak to interested residents to generate ideas. The thinking is to include the use of the village hall and purchase of bunting. Funding still open and therefore available.</p> <p>Cllr. Eyre asked if there was any update on the cost of tree to be planted at the burial ground to commemorate VE/VJ day. The Chair advised that there was not and suggested that Cllr. Eyre purchase the tree directly, for which he is personally funding, and members of the parish council can plant it.</p> <p>K: Updates on burial ground activities were given.</p> <p>Cllr. Stannard informed the Parish Council that the wildflowers planting at the burial ground was going well. Some areas better than others which was not quite as expected but monitoring will continue.</p> <p>The Memorial tree for VE/VJ day was discussed earlier at item J above.</p> <p>Water butt being topped up by Griffiths.</p> <p>The Chair advised that a quote of £400 plus VAT had been received for the work required on two trees at the burial ground that are encroaching on the neighbouring property. It was resolved to accept the quote and commence with the required work. <b>(Prop AD, 2<sup>nd</sup> ME, Unan)</b></p> <p>Further work on overgrown hawthorn also encroaching on the neighbouring property needs doing after the bird nesting season. A quote will be required for this,</p> <p>L: A brief discussion on the Parish Councils communication channels took place. It was agreed that the Parish Council Facebook site was underutilised that there were no links to agenda/s minutes and that the site could and should be used for information share. The site and other communication channels need further consideration and should be added to the next agenda. <b>(AP – Clerk)</b></p> <p>M: The Chair updated the Parish Council on flood resilience activities. Breedon have offered to pay for the fitting of non-return valves in the riverbank alongside Peakshole water (between Goosehill bridge and Newhall bridge) and the work will take place in early June while the water is low. Derbyshire County Council has today, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, cleared a blocked gully at the entrance to Holmesfield Farm. This is important to keep the network of drains in the village free flowing so they can function well in the event of flooding so any blocked drains should be reported by Councillors and Residents.</p> <p>N: There was nothing to note or urgently required to discuss and/or resolve.</p> <p><i>Resident left the meeting</i></p>
08/05/25	<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) 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. <b>No Objections Raised.</b></p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month.</p>
09/05/25	<p><b>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</b></p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, were noted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) DCC – Community News, Antisocial Behaviour, Adult Social Care &amp; Health.</li> <li>ii) DALC – Newsletters, May Forum.</li> <li>iii) Democratic Services – Various.</li> <li>iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins.</li> <li>v) HVCA –Newsletter, Two Zoom Meetings on Solar Panels.</li> <li>vi) HPBC – Possible Funding Opportunities, Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation, Parish Forum.</li> <li>vii) PDNPA – Locality Funding Open, Double Your Impact to Boost Peak District Wildlife, Looking for Two New Members, Accessibility Champion Receives Accolade.</li> <li>viii) High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership – Notice of AGM.</li> <li>ix) Anne Robinson – Better Buses for Hope Valley.</li> <li>x) Cllr. Collins – HPBC News, Resurfacing on A628.</li> <li>xi) Severn Trent – Lighting up Derwent Dam.</li> <li>xii) Resident – Letter to Cllr. Gourley, Castleton the Island.</li> <li>xiii) Travel Light – Hope Valley Travel and Transport Update, Invitation to Meeting.</li> <li>xiv) Chapel-En-Le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy – AGM.</li> <li>xv) PROW – Castleton FP29 (Part), Hope FT53 (Part) and Hope FT38.</li> <li>xvi) High Peak Parish Forum – Agenda.</li> <li>xvii) Concerned for Castleton – Moving from Facebook to Web Page.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, Parish Council received the following from Castleton Bellringers:          “I am writing on behalf of the Castleton Bellringers to express our enormous gratitude to the Parish Council for their support and their generosity in paying for the muffles for the bells.          We appreciate the endorsement that this gives to the importance of the church bells in our community, in maintaining Church and village history and traditions, and acknowledgement of the role that the bells can play in significant private events as well as in local and national celebrations or sombre acts of mourning.          We are proud of Castleton’s bells and are working hard to improve our skills.          Thank you again for your continued support.          Kind regards          The Castleton Bellringers”</p>
10/05/25	<p><b>Items for the Peveril Post:</b></p> <p>None this month.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.40pm</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at The Village Hall, Castleton.</p>