

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: Thursday 31st July 2025 7:00 PM

Village Hall, Castleton

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Castleton Parish Council to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 31st July 2025, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, 25th July 2025

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkrfocpc@gmail.com

01/07/25	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																																
02/07/25	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.																																
03/07/25	<u>Reports:</u> A: County Councillor’s Report B: Borough Councillor’s Report C: Police Report D: Chair’s Report																																
04/07/25	<u>Public Participation:</u> 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.																																
05/07/25	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</u> A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 th June 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.																																
06/07/25	<u>Finance:</u> 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 31st July 2025</th><th>NS&I</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/24</td><td>£14,567.79</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>£8,872.00</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>£6,858.59</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£16,581.20</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3"> </td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/07/25</td><td>£17,879.20</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>£1298.00</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 31/07/25</td><td>£16,581.20</td><td>£18,859.17</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, expenses - £427.60 ii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £960.00 iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £36.00 iv) Gallagher Insurance – Insurance (underpaid) - £50.00 v) Network – AED Defibrillator signage - £84.00. vi) S. Hayes – Reimbursement for Peveril Post - £ 264.69 In addition to consider a further spend on wildflower seeds at the burial ground at £70.00 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council None this month.				Current Account 31 st July 2025	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	£14,567.79	£18,859.17	Total Income	£8,872.00	£0.00	Total Expenditure	£6,858.59	£0.00	Balance	£16,581.20	£18,859.17				Last Statement Balance 15/07/25	£17,879.20	£18,859.17	Less un-presented cheques	£1298.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 31/07/25	£16,581.20	£18,859.17
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07/07/25	<u>Council Matters:</u> A: To receive an update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley. B: To receive an update on buses and public transport strategies. (Annex A)																																

	<p>C: To note the Active Travel Consultation</p> <p>D: To receive an update on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)</p> <p>E: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review</p> <p>F: To discuss a Community Response Plan.</p> <p>G: To receive an update on repairs of the two notice boards in main car park and bus turnaround</p> <p>H: To note a change to the date of the September to Monday 29th September</p> <p>I: To receive an update on the defibrillator sign.</p> <p>J: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>K: To discuss and agree footpath for repair under the 2025-2026 PROW Scheme.</p> <p>L: To discuss and agree activities for VJ Day</p> <p>M: To receive an update on burial ground activities</p> <p>N: To discuss Parish Councils communication channels</p> <p>O: To discuss condition of stile(s) on ROW 34 and 7 and response to recent incident</p> <p>P: To discuss storage of Parish Council filing cabinets and Speedwatch equipment at the Village Hall</p> <p>Q: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/07/25	<p>Planning:</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/0625/0541 - Holmesfield, Mill Bridge, Castleton. Proposed creation of 35 motorhome pitches. ii) NP/HPK/0725/0720 - Speedwell House, Buxton Road, Castleton. Retrospective change of use from Guest House (C1 Use) to Residential Dwellinghouse (C3 Use), including retention of lawful use of ancillary outbuildings as short term holiday let accommodation. <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month</p>
09/07/25	<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, Extension to B – Line Discount Travel Scheme and School Crossing Patrol Recruitment, Proposed Changes to Councils in Derby and Derbyshire Consultation. ii) DALC – Newsletters. iii) Democratic Services – Various. iv) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. v) HVCA – Newsletter. vi) HPBC – Possible Funding Opportunities, Local Government Reorganisation, HP Parishes Forum Agenda, HP Neighbourhood Action Grant. vii) HP & HV Community Rail Partnership – AGM, Annual Report. viii) Active Travel – Masterplan, Public Consultation Launch. ix) Concern for Castleton – Quarterly Report x) Severn Trent – Councillors Newsletter. xi) Honorary Secretary – APPG Call for Evidence on Access to Nature.
10/07/25	<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 Monday 29th September 2025.

Public transport and bus services July update

A Visitor Management Meeting was held prior to the June CPC where public transport featured as part of reducing car parking congestion, connecting with other villages and rail stations, and enhancing visitor experience. Members of Hope Valley Climate (HVCA) and Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C) contributed to this on-going discussion. Castleton has certainly been a focus for media attention recently, and it is vital that public transport will be given high priority for residents and visitors alike, by all the key stakeholders who attended this meeting.

One of our councillors met up with HVCA representatives and a transport planner to discuss a feasibility study considering an integrated transport system with the aim of delivering Switzerland in the Peak District. Apparently, the Mayors of East Midlands and South Yorkshire are involved. This is a watch this space!

The **Stagecoach Peak Sightseer** recommenced in May for the summer, running 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. To date we have not received a satisfactory answer to this but will pursue via the new elected DCC councillors. We also note that there is a new timetable for **route 272 operated by First**, which has been extended on a Sunday to include Mam Tor, and Blue John Cavern which of course includes the Winnats. Added to this is the need for improved timetabling and coordination of other buses arriving at Castleton Bus Station at the same time.

As previously reported 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.

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 and BB4C are being informed of developments.

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.

High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership (HPHVCRP) promotes rail travel by enhancing local stations and making rail transport a more attractive experience. At Hope Station is now local artwork displayed, arising from a competition at Hope Valley College. A plaque will shortly be mounted to mark the 100 years since the rail crash. At the AGM held on July 23rd we heard about individual stations focus on providing walking routes from all Hope Valley stations.

One area still to be reconciled in terms of rail transport are Sunday services where agreement over working practices is still to be reconciled. Lobbying of key stakeholders including regional Mayors, and MPs have taken place by the Hope Valley Rail Users Group. (HVRUG). We also understand that during August there will be five coach stopping trains. On a positive note, Northern Rail report that their new service to provide information and guidance for anyone who needs support and assistance when travelling by train is being widely promoted. Available via what's app: 07779 914800, or for those without a smartphone: 0800 138 5560.

Active Travel

Two councillors attended the Derbyshire County Council consultation, delivered by Jacob's consultants on Active Travel. We were shown plans for improving walking and cycle routes leading into our village and were able to offer a range of contributions to make such a scheme workable. It was clear that there needs to be some joined up thinking with other key stakeholders and clarity in terms of the PDNPA.s consultation on Active Travel which many of our residents have provided feedback.