

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale, DATE

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerkrfocpc@gmail.com

01/11/25	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																																
02/11/25	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.																																
03/11/25	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report B: Borough Councillor's Report C: Police Report D: Chair's Report																																
04/11/25	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.																																
05/11/25	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 th October 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.																																
06/11/25	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 27th November 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>£16,748.41</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>£15,514.28</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£15,801.92</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3"> </td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/11/25</td><td>£17,113.92</td><td>£18,859.17</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>£1,312.00</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 27/11/25</td><td>£15,801.92</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 - £408.27 ii) HMRC – Employee Tax Period 4 – 8 – £64.59 iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £480.00 iv) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00 v) Castleton Village Hall – Donation - £500.00 vi) A. Darlington – Reimbursement outstanding elements of flood equipment - £22.78 +£8.99 = £31.77 vii) S. Adshead – Reimbursement for Village Christmas Tree - £35.00 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council: i) DDC Grant – flood Equipment -754.00 ii) HMRC – VAT reclaimed - £1,254.41				Current Account 27 th November 2025	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/24	£14,567.79	£18,859.17	Total Income	£16,748.41	£0.00	Total Expenditure	£15,514.28	£0.00	Balance	£15,801.92	£18,859.17				Last Statement Balance 15/11/25	£17,113.92	£18,859.17	Less un-presented cheques	£1,312.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 27/11/25	£15,801.92	£18,859.17
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07/11/25	<p><u>Council Matters:</u></p> <p>A: To receive an update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley (Annex A)</p> <p>B: To receive an update on buses and public transport strategies. (Annex A)</p> <p>C: To receive an update on Active Travel Masterplan (Annex A)</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 discuss and agree tenders for 2026 Grounds Maintenance Contract</p> <p>I: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>J: To receive an update on Dirty Lane footpath for repair under the 2025-2026 PROW Scheme.</p> <p>K: To receive an update on replace dog fouling signage throughout the village.</p> <p>L: To receive an update on the Remembrance birch tree in burial ground and sowing of poppies</p> <p>M: To discuss purchase of bulk bag of yellow building sand from Markowitz at the price of £56.48 plus VAT including delivery, for the purpose of filling sandbags for storage at the Methodist chapel, and to receive an update on flood resilience activities.</p> <p>N: To receive a report on the Defibrillator/s within the village.</p> <p>O: To discuss the PDNP Local Plan consultation</p> <p>P: To receive an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)</p> <p>Q: To note 75th birthday of PDNP in 2026</p> <p>R: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/11/25	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/1125/1111- Losehill Farm, Unnamed Road from Squires Lane to White Lea Farm, Castleton - Retention of modified agricultural track. ii) NP/DDD/1223/1527 – Hope Limestone Quarry, Pindale Road, Hope - Review of Minerals Permissions - First Periodic Review. <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month.</p>
09/11/25	<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, Mytham Bridge Repairs, Parish and Town Liaison meeting. ii) DALC – Newsletters, Citizens Advice 6 monthly Impact Report, November Forum. iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. iv) HVCA –Newsletter, October AGM. v) HPBC and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Proposed Changes to Council Tax Reductions, Links to Information, Code of Conduct Training, Possible Funding Opportunities, High Peak Forum Agenda, Draft Medium Term Financial Plan, Agendas, Minutes, Supplement Questions. vi) PDNPA – Local Plan Consultation vii) HP & HV Community Rail Partnership – Invitation to Performance Celebrating Railway200. viii) PPPF – Parishes Days Notes ix) Peak Cluster – Update on the Peak Park Cluster Project. x) National Trust – Understanding Local Community Perspective on Visit Impact. xi) East Midlands Combined County Authority - Peak Partnership Summit – Autumn Engagement Event. xii) The Mayor – Invitation from Claire Ward to the Peak Partnership Summit.
10/11/25	<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 29th January 2026.

Responses to visitor pressures:

A draft Proposal for an Area Management Plan in the Castleton and Mam Tor area has been received from PDNPA, summarising how they and partners are addressing the issues connected with the nature of our area as a tourist destination. They are convening regular meetings with DCC Highways, National Trust, Derbyshire Constabulary, High Peak Borough Council, Castleton Parish Council amongst others and have committed to an enabling role. Actions to address the issues include compiling an evidence base, expanding car parks at Mam Nick, and improving communications. This Area Management Plan could form a template for addressing similar issues in other parts of the Peak District including the wider Hope Valley.

The PDNPA is also working with EMCCA through the Peak Partnership Summit and at the recent event at Bakewell parish councillors were amongst other stakeholders invited to hear presentations from the East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward and Phil Mulligan CEO PDNPA and to discuss what were felt to be the burning issues for the region. The overarching themes at the meeting, reflecting topics sent in by delegates, included tourism pressures vs responsible management, transport and connectivity, rural economy, environmental sustainability. The importance of communicating the value and sensitivity of the national parks both at tourist destinations and regionally/nationally was discussed and noted, and some proposals involving coordinated messaging from the different agencies carried forward to the mayor.

Public transport and bus services November update

The key area to report back on this month is the East Midlands Combined Authority (EMCCA) Mayor's Transport Plan. The Mayor, Clare Ward is seeking feedback on what residents think about travel in the Hope Valley and beyond and what our experiences are of travel in the East Midlands. This plan was launched this month and was highlighted at the November Peak Partnership Summit which was attended by two of our councillors along with other parish, town, borough and county councillors, plus other stakeholders. The Mayor introduced her six fights for a fairer, better connected East Midlands, but the focus on this report is transport. Additional information is being provided by a series of drop-in sessions, one of which was in Buxton on November 22nd attended by one of our councillors and representatives from our action group, Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C). There is another local venue at Dronfield on Tuesday December 2nd.

It is worth emphasising that the closing date is February 8th, 2026, which gives the village time to read supporting information before completing the Feedback Questionnaires. There are two questionnaires: Individual and Businesses and Organisations so we time to inform and influence. The Mayor is particularly keen to hear from rural communities and acknowledged at the Peak Summit that there were particular challenges for villages such as Castleton.

The questionnaire should take five to ten minutes to complete and there is scope to add free text. In view of the fact that the Parish Council in partnership with BB4C and Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) has conducted the 2024 Castleton Public Transport Survey, it is worth emphasising that our local views have been captured. Copies of the survey were sent to the Mayor's office, but it is only now that the Transport Plan is considering local views.

Section 1 and 2 = explores ambition, goals and key policies of the Mayor's Transport Plan

Section 3 = seeks views on what the Transport Plan should prioritise and the travel challenges businesses experience across the EMCCA region.

Section 4 = gathers feedback to help improve the region's bus network.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk>

A poster with QR code to also access the consultation can be found on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

A hard copy of the plan and the two questionnaires can be viewed at the November parish council meeting.

Additional points to also note were questions asked at the Peak Partnership Summit on bus franchising. The Mayor's response is that this will not be ruled out, and it is in her powers to implement. She states that whilst South Yorkshire and Manchester are pursuing this approach, she will not promise to take this approach at present but will work with bus operators to improve efficiency and develop new approaches to encourage more use of public transport. A petition in favour of franchising is currently being promoted by our BB4C in conjunction with the East Midlands Better Buses group and will be presented to the Mayor on December 9th.

As reported in previous updates 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. This has now been presented to the Mayors of East Midlands and South Yorkshire are involved. Two of our Councillors have provided feedback on their draft brochure to make sure there is a convincing case to proceed with this project. HVCA are keeping the parish council fully informed.

High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership (HPHVCRP) promote rail travel by enhancing local stations and making rail transport a more attractive experience.

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 have been informed that the Rail Minister, Lord Hendy is now involved trying to find a package that rail union members will accept in a ballot early in 2026.

Active Travel

DCCs consultation on their Active Travel Plan closed on August 24th. Residents contributed to this by either attending one of the two consultation meetings or via the online survey, or both. Results from the survey will help inform how the next steps in planning could proceed. Feedback about the consultation will be available through the DCC website. The EMCCA has also secured money via Active Travel England to promote walking and cycling which is being promoted as part of the Mayor's Transport Plan outlined above. We hope a joined-up thinking approach will be followed as there have been concerns expressed over multiuser routes outlined in the DCC plan.