

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 29th January 2026, 7:00pm

At the Village Hall, 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. Adshead, Cllr. M. Eyre.

Also present: T. Dale (Clerk), Cllr. J. Collins, PC. A. Simpson, 1 Resident.

01/01/26	Apologies received from Cllr. J. Judge, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. J. Stannard.
02/01/26	Cllr. A. Darlington nonpecuniary interests declared planning ii).
03/01/26	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report: None this month.</p> <p>B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. J. Collins provided the following updates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local Government Review – The options/preferences for Derbyshire will be submitted for consideration by Central Government early in 2026. Following this there will be a public consultation with the outcome expected at the end of 2026. The current thinking is that two options will be submitted: firstly, Derbyshire as one Unitary or an alternative for a North and South Derbyshire Unitary Council. High Peak is supporting a two Unitary option. With decisions yet to be made there could be a delay to the 2027 elections, potentially delaying them to the autumn. The Chair asked if there was anything the Parish Council could or should be doing at this point, it was advised that it was now in the hands of higher powers, so it is a question of keeping abreast of the situation.2. Food and Recycle scheme – The scheme rollout will be delayed for a couple of weeks. This is due to a shortage of collection vehicles.3. A fair funding review has taken place; the outcome is a reduction in funds available to High Peak Borough Council.4. Council Tax will be increased by 2.99%.5. Renters Right Act – The introduction of the act makes it mandatory for all landlords to register on a national database. The aim being to enforce stricter responses to legal standards by Borough/District Councils. Whilst standards are currently in place, High Peak Borough Council have been taking a light touch approach but will now have to take action, including prosecutions when legitimate complaints are made by long-term tenants. <p>C: Police Report: PC A. Simpson provided the following update: This crime report covers crimes from 30th December 2025 to 29th January 2026. Criminal Damage on 15/01/26, Squires Lane, vehicles enter private land and damage field by performing donuts. 01/01/26, Squires Lane, Dog worrying flock of sheep. Traffic issues on 02/01/26, Winnat Pass, HGV stuck on Winnats – traffic offence report (TOR) issued to the driver. 22/01/26, Winnats Pass, officers see HGV contravene 7.5 limit and issue a TOR. 28/01/26, Pindale Road, victim of theft whilst working on a drain. Suspects pull up and taking a grinder and drive off. 18/01/26, Winnats Pass, a section 59 vehicle warning was issued after vehicle causes damage to farmland by driving on it. Whilst the section 59 is in place, should the owner of the vehicle and/or the vehicle be involved in a further offence then the vehicle will be confiscated. Theft on the 30/12/25, Buxton Road, an unattended Classic Mini stolen from side of the road. However, a search of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera covering Castleton does not capture the mini entering or leaving Castleton. The main priorities for this quarter have been speeding vehicles, parking issues, shed and garage break-ins. Speed enforcement has been conducted in The Hope Valley this month. 19 Traffic Offence reports have been issued since 6th Jan 2026. These TORs were issued to drivers for various motoring offences such as parking on a clearway, unnecessary obstruction and contravening the 7.5 weight limit on Winnats Pass. It is hoped to hold a property marking event in the next few weeks.</p> <p>D: Chair Report: None this month, various updates will be covered under agenda items.</p>

PC. A. Simpson left the meeting

04/01/26

Public Participation:

A resident raised the issue of problems regarding motorhomes and larger vehicles within the village. On the 1st January 2026 the resident counted 150 campervans travelling along Buxton Road. That this was unacceptable, that the County and Borough Council should be managing this, that it seems that the authorities do not look after residents, they are being ignored. That the authorities have set a precedent for the use of larger vehicles using Winnats by allowing the large tour buses to use the route, if the tour buses are allowed why the double standard of not allowing HGVs? The use of large vehicles on this stretch of road causes not only congestion when two are passing each other but there are health and safety risks to pedestrians and fumes from these vehicles. If tour buses are to be used, they should be considering smaller electronic vehicles which would accommodate the small number of users. In addition to this there is damage to the roads, on the corner of How Lane and Back Street there is a large pothole, which has been repaired a number of times. There is a loose-fitting manhole cover at Newhall Bridge that causes a loud noise as vehicles pass to the annoyance of residents. The resident believes that the Parish Council should have a meeting to negotiate changes with High Peak Borough Council (HPBC), Derbyshire County Council (DCC), and the local MP. The Chair advised the resident that the pothole on the corner had been reported for repairs, that the issues also involved work for Severn Trent who will need to be consulted before the appropriate repairs can be completed.

Cllr. J. Simm, advised that the Parish Council shares the residents' concerns regarding tour buses on Winnats, that Cllr. C. Hill has been contacted a number of times but as yet no response has been received. The resident was strongly urged to participate and complete the Transport Survey, raising these issues. The survey deadline is the 8th February.

Feedback received will inform and influence the East Midlands Combined Authority Mayors transport plan. Cllr. J. Simm continued that they want to encourage all residents to participate, have their say, in the survey, and as such a communication via the village email will be posted urging residents to complete the survey.

(AP – JS)

The resident continued that the parking of motorhomes is taking up places for day visitors wishing to park cars. That there is also the concern of camping fires causing danger in hot, dry grass weather.

The Chair advised that this has been taken into consideration with restrictions being put in place under the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that is due to be implemented. That once implemented it will need to be given a chance to see what impact it makes which could include vehicle displacement.

05/01/26

Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 27th November 2025 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, unan).

06/01/26

Finance:

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:

	Current Account 29 th January 2026	NS&I
Balance brought forward 01/04/25	£14,567.79	£18,859.17
Total Income	£16,798.41	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£17,120.84	£0.00
Balance	£14,245.36	£18,859.17
Last Statement Balance 15/12/25	£15,507.36	£18,859.17
Less un-presented cheques	£1,262.00	£0.00
Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00
Available Balance 29/01/26	£14,245.36	£18,859.17

B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:

- i) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, allowance, expenses (December & January) - £408.27+£497.23 = £905.50
- ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00
- iii) Cllr. Adshead – reimbursement for removal of Xmas Tree, Blythe House Hospice - £20.00

In addition:

- iv) Information Commissioners Office (ICO) – Annual Subscription - £52.00
- v) S. Hayes – Reimbursement Peveril Post - £252.54

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:

- i) M. Eyre – Donation Peveril Post -£50.00

	All payments, receipts and requests were agreed. (Prop JS, 2nd SA, unan).
07/01/26	<p>Council Matters:</p> <p>A: An update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley was provided by the Chair and included with the agenda Annex A.</p> <p>In addition, the Chair relayed the main outcome of the recent High Peak Parish Council meeting hosted by Hathersage Parish Council. The meeting was attended by representatives of 7 Hope Valley parish councils including Castleton, a further two will join future meetings. The meetings will take place on a c3 monthly interval, being hosted by different Parish Councils. The next will be hosted by Castleton Parish Council. The main focus was on visitor pressures including discussions on public transport, East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) and the roles at local level. The minutes of this meeting were circulated to all Councillors and identified the action points coming from the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with the EMCCA Mayor’s office – arising from discussion points and agreed actions at this meeting – by 14 February. • Convene a meeting with the PDNPA Comms/Media Team. • EMCCA Mayor – flagged that any individual can send a question ahead of or at the Mayor’s Board meeting – suggested if multiple individuals flag questions – e.g. related to Peak Park visitor management – it will have an impact. <p>B: Cllr. Simm provided an update on Buses, Public Transport and Active Travel with the agenda (Annex B). A further update on the Transport Survey was given earlier in the meeting, see public participation. Cllr. J. Simm has drafted a response to the survey on behalf of the Parish Council and stressed that the Parish Council has already consulted with residents, local businesses, and visitors on this subject via the Parish Councils own survey. The details and outcome of the survey will be shared with the Mayor’s office.</p> <p>C: Following a recent online meeting on the Peak Cluster project and its potential impact there had been lots of dialog via email and on social media. Hope and Aston Parish Council are interested in the Peak Cluster framework regarding the pipelines and stations around the pipelines and who is responsible. It is believed that Breedon has responsibility for the carbon capture infrastructure and will be making all the associated planning permissions. Other concerns have also been raised about possible noise produced with carbon compressing. More information is available via a Drop-in session at Bradwell Memorial Hall being held on Thursday 12th February between 11:00 and 17:30, there is also an avenue to comment or make enquires online at https://peakcluster-consultation.co.uk/index.php?comtentid=7 The deadline to respond is the 27th February. A draft letter from the Parish Council will be produced, circulated for comments, and sent via the clerk. (AP – AD, Clerk)</p> <p>D: An update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) was given by Cllr. J. Collins earlier in the meeting, see Borough Councillors Report. As advised, the Parish Council to keep abreast of the situation therefore item to remain on agenda until no longer required.</p> <p>E: It was noted the Parish Council responded to the PDNP Local Plan consultation on the 21st December 2025.</p> <p>F: An update on repairs of the two noticeboards in main car park and bus turnaround was given. The repairs will take place once the weather conditions allow and prior to the March deadline. The situation will be monitored with prompts to Network to ensure action is taken. (AP – AD).</p> <p><i>Cllr. J. Collins left the meeting.</i></p> <p>G: There were a couple of events added to the events diary. 28th March a walking event organised by PeaksGo involving 200 walkers arriving on coaches. The Clerk requested information on what facilities had been arranged for parking. On receipt of a response that this had yet to be arranged, the organisers were advised to contact High Peak Borough Council Parking to organise as there is limited coach parking within Castleton itself. On the 5th September Peak Tours are organising a cycling event, however the event will not go through Castleton or Winnat, but the route will include the top of Winnats and Edale.</p> <p>H: The Parish Council is waiting to be advised of a date when work will commence on Dirty Lane under the Public Rights of Way (PROW) scheme. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that claims for the scheme need to be presented no later than March 2026. Cllr. S. Adshead to chase for date of repairs. (AP – SA)</p> <p>I: An update on replacing the existing dog foul signage was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>J: An update on flood resilience activities was given by the Chair. A request was sent by the Chair to all Councillors to consider match funding a HPBC Councillor initiative grant for the purchase of a flood board for Waterside. A discussion on the topic took place with concerns raised about water displacement and the impact on other property/properties should this be put in place. Photographic evidence was produced from</p>

	<p>Storm Babet. and it was pointed out that while it could not be proven that the flood board would never adversely affect houses upstream, there could be ways to reduce the risks. It was felt that further evidence and reassurance needed to be obtained before a decision could be made. As the funding deadline is 20th February it was agreed at this stage to draw a line under this item and open up the possibility of funding to another village organisation. An email to be sent via the village email group advising residents of the funding opportunity. (AP – AD)</p> <p>Other activities taking place, three wardens and some residents attended the recent drop-in at Bradwell. A lady known as Flood Mary was there demonstrating some impressive equipment for making homes more flood resilient. A link to the lady’s website is available on the village website Following the session the flood wardens are expecting to have a visitor from the Environment Agency with Derbyshire County Council Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough to look at potential use of flood barriers at Eades Fold.</p> <p>K: A brief discussion on the electrical connection for parish Council Christmas tree took place. It was agreed further investigation was required but electricians need to be checked for health and safety reasons. (AP – SA)</p> <p>L: The grazing licence for the strip of land behind the burial ground was discussed and agreed as per previous years. Clerk to complete all the paperwork. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, Unan) (AP- Clerk)</p> <p>M: An update on a local Housing Survey was given, communication of the survey was posted in the Peveril Post, Village website and circulated via the village email group. It is expected that surveys will be posted to every house early next week.</p> <p>N: Following discussion, it was agreed to replace the missing “Welcome to Castleton” entrance sign in the village. If possible, the sign to be made of recycled material, Cllr. Eyre to look into sourcing the sign and establishing costs. Clerk to advise resident of the decision. (AP – ME, Clerk) (Prop SA, 2nd ME, Unan)</p> <p>In addition, Cllr. M. Eyre advised the Parish Council that the Speed Watch signs had not yet been placed. Following the feedback from Highways there had been contact with the Police Co-ordinator seeking advice on how other villages had managed to place signage. Cllr. Eyre was advised that the police strategy would be to work with highways in the future to permit signage but in the meantime Cllr. M. Eyre will contact a Parish Council who have installed similar signage to discuss how this was possible. (AP – ME)</p> <p>O: The Clerk updated that, as advised at a previous meeting, a change to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) means a new assertion 10 will be introduced. This involves the Parish Council having an IT policy and moving to a .gov email address in order to be compliant for the annual audit review. A draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that contact with providers (listed by NALC) of .gov emails were contacted. The best solution found was via Netwise, In the interim the old gmail account can continue to be used with new emails being transferred directly to the new account, allowing time to update policies etc and advise contacts of the new email address. The annual cost of the new account will be £24.00 plus VAT, a domain cost of £60 plus VAT, plus a one off set up fee of £50 plus VAT. It was agreed to adopt both the policy and move to a Network account. Clerk to upload policy to website and organise the email account. (Prop AD, 2nd ME, Unan) (AP Clerk)</p> <p>P: Whilst there was nothing urgently required to discuss and/or resolve. Cllr. M. Eyre gave a brief update on the Snow Warden Scheme. The grit has been received from Derbyshire County Council; all Parish Council grit bins had been filled. Both Cllr. M. Eyre and Cllr. S. Adshead will check all bins again next week and will replenish, as necessary. Cllr. Eyre was asked to produce a map of all Parish Council grit bins in the village for future reference. (AP – ME, SA)</p>
08/01/26	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council’s views to PDNPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/HPK/1125/1168 – Land south of Mam Tor, north of Winnats Head Farm, Mam Tor Road, Castleton. – Development of new permanent footpath across land between Mam Tor Road with Edale Road. – Time Expired ii) NP/HPK/1225/1219 – Castleton Visitor Centre, Buxton Road, Castleton. New entrance porch, change of use of former museum space to Class E, replacement hardstanding, and installation of two rooflights. – Time Expired <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month.</p>
09/01/26	<p>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, were noted and discussed:</p>

	<p>i) DCC – Parish & Town Liaison Forum, Holiday Activities & Food Programme, East Midlands Combined County Authority – Transport Plan Consultation, Community News.</p> <p>ii) DALC – Newsletters, December Forum, January Forum.</p> <p>iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, Open Letter to Parish Council from the Chair, Voting is now open for 2025 Governance Election.</p> <p>iv) HVCA –Newsletter.</p> <p>v) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agenda, Supplements, Agenda for Develop Control Committee, Agenda for Economy & Growth Select Committee, Minutes.</p> <p>vi) PDNPA – Peak Cluster Phase 1 meetings, Nature Futures Events.</p> <p>vii) PPPF – The Local Plan.</p> <p>viii) HPBC – HP Parish Forum Dates, Possible Funding Opportunities.</p> <p>ix) Peak Cluster – Invite to Phase 1 consultation, Updates, Newsletter.</p> <p>x) Severn Trent – Councillors Newsletter.</p> <p>xi) Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Report Fraud.</p> <p>xii) Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – Consultation on Community Risk Management.</p> <p>xiii) Environment Agency – Flood Resilience.</p> <p>xiv) Cllr. Collins – Peak District Road Works, Guest Car Blocking Lorries, Councillor Initiative Fund.</p> <p>In relation to guest cars blocking lorries, after discussion it was agreed that a letter will be posted to all Holiday Homeowners requesting that they remind/advise guests regarding parking. In addition, an article will be produced for Peveril Post next edition and circulated via the village email group to inform residents of the approach. (AP – JS, AD)</p>
10/01/26	<p>Peveril Post: None this month.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8:47pm The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 26th February 2026 at The Village Hall, Castleton.</p>