

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: Thursday 26th March 2026 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 26th March 2026, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale 21st March 2026

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerk@castletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

01/03/26	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																														
02/03/26	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.																														
03/03/26	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A: County Councillor's Report B: Borough Councillor's Report C: Police Report D: Chair's Report</p>																														
04/03/26	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.																														
05/03/26	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</p> <p>A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th February 2026, 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.</p>																														
06/03/26	<p>Finance:</p> <p>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.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">Current Account 26th March 2025</th> <th style="width: 20%;">NS&I</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 01/04/25</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14,567.79</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18,859.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£17,628.41</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£188.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,739.22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,456.98</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance 15/03/26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,718.98</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,262.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add uncleared deposits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 26/03/26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,456.98</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, allowances plus expenses = £454.17 ii) HMRC – Employee Tax Period 9 – 12 - £62.98 iii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00 iv) Network – Noticeboard Refurbishment - £990.00 v) Network – Replacement Village Sign - £198.00 vi) DCC – Waste Collection, Burial Ground - £495.00 <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Raise the Bar – Donation to Peveril Post - £25.00 ii) M. Eyre – Donation to Peveril Post - £25.00 iii) Castleton Village Hall – Donation to Peveril Post - £25.00 		Current Account 26 th March 2025	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/25	£14,567.79	£18,859.17	Total Income	£17,628.41	£188.59	Total Expenditure	£20,739.22	£0.00	Balance	£11,456.98	£19,047.76				Last Statement Balance 15/03/26	£12,718.98	£19,047.76	Less un-presented cheques	£1,262.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 26/03/26	£11,456.98	£19,047.76
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07/03/26	<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 buses and public transport strategies and Active Travel (Annex A).</p> <p>C: To discuss the Peak Cluster project in relation to Castleton and Hope Valley.</p> <p>D: To receive an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)</p> <p>E: To receive an update on repairs of the two notice boards in main car park and bus turnaround</p> <p>F: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>G: To receive an update on replace dog fouling signage throughout the village</p> <p>H: To receive an update on the Flood Resilience Planning.</p> <p>I: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review</p> <p>J: To receive an update on the replacement of missing entrance sign in the village.</p> <p>K: update on testing of electrical connection for the Christmas tree</p> <p>L: update on Community Resilience plan</p> <p>M: To discuss letter received regarding parking and the Transport Regulation Order.</p> <p>: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/03/26	<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>None this month.</p> <p>Further discussion required on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) NP/DDD/1225/1235 - Hope Works, Pindale Road, Hope, Derbyshire. Proposed lateral extension of the Limestone Quarry to extract up to 13 million tonnes of limestone for the purpose of continued on-site cement manufacture and the quarry’s restoration. <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month.</p>
09/03/26	<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, Holiday Activities, Mobile Library. ii) DALC – Newsletter, Derbyshire LGR. iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. iv) HVCA –Newsletter. v) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agenda for Economy and Growth Select Committee, Agenda for Development Control Committee, Supplements. vi) PPPF – Presentation and Information. vii) Cllr. Collins – Next Round of Community Climate Change Grants. viii) Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Question Portal Now Open on Serious Violence against Women and Girls, Women and Girls Invite to Share Their Experience of Gender Violence. ix) HVCA – Newsletter. x) Travelling Light – Switzerland in the Peak District.
10/03/26	<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 30th April 2026.

Public transport and bus services March update

Last month at the Parish Council we reported back on the building work at the Bus Shelter/station. The bus stop is currently operating from the lay by. We were given no notice of this building work and after chasing up Derbyshire County Council (DCC) we were informed that this is 'a total reconstruction of the bus terminus to improve passenger waiting areas and to increase passenger capacity. A new shelter with RTI display will be installed which will have better accessibility for passengers. Also, the bus waiting stands will be improved with new bespoke bus boarding kerbs and replacement of failing tarmac surface. The new shelter install will be early April, and the Terminus opening is once the work has been completed.'

The contact for DCC is now employed at the Bus Infrastructure Team which is part of the East Midlands County Combined Authority Infrastructure Team (EMCCA)

East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) and changes to Bus Services

The EM Mayor, Clare Ward took over responsibility for bus services on February 1st from the four constituent local transport authorities. The legal transition is complete but there is still work going on to develop governance arrangements, sorting out contracts and building shared values. In terms of practical issues EMCCA now oversees bus service delivery, contract management and partnerships with private bus operators. They will manage funding and subsidies to support bus services including negotiating cross-boundary services. They will also take over contracts that fulfil an education or adult care transport role. Existing bus service contracts were transferred on 31 January 2026 and those due to end in the months running up to the transition have been extended to ensure there is no impact on services.

The Bus Services Improvement Plan has now become the **Enhanced Partnership Plan (EPP)** which monitors all bus service provision. There will also be an Insights report from the **Mayor's Transport Plan Consultation** which we hope will acknowledge rural transport and the importance of connectivity between buses and rail transport. Public transport remains a key issue for visitor management for Castleton and the Hope Valley.

A five-year feasibility study considering an integrated transport system with the aim of delivering **Switzerland in the Peak District** has now been presented to the Mayor of East Midlands with neighbouring Mayors having been informed. HVCA are keeping the parish council fully informed and have reported back on a meeting with the Mayor who has stated EMCCA have very limited funds to back the project at this stage but has asked her officials to help the project move to the next stage of feasibility. She is also encouraging HVCA to assemble support from transport operators to help get the project under way.

Active Travel

We are aware that over 350 local residents responded to the public consultation last year. DCC commissioned consultants, Jacobs to prepare an active Travel Plan for the Hope Valley which include an improved walking and cycling route between Bamford and Castleton. To date the three reports, have not been placed in the public domain but are undergoing an internal review. We have been informed that once this is complete the findings will be communicated to stakeholders.