

## CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

*T Dale*

Mrs T. Dale 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

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01/04/26	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																																								
02/04/26	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.																																								
03/04/26	<b>Reports:</b> A: County Councillor's Report B: Borough Councillor's Report C: Police Report D: Chair's Report																																								
04/04/26	<b>Public Participation:</b> 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.																																								
05/04/26	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b> A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> March 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.																																								
06/04/26	<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: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">Current Account 30th April 2026</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Current Account 31st March 2026</th> <th style="width: 30%;">NS&amp;I</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Balance brought forward 01/04/25 - 2026</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,369.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14,567.79</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18,563.41</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21,762.02</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,369.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,369.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Statement Balance 15/04/26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,918.83</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13,199.81</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-presented cheques</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£549.65</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,830.63</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> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Balance 30/04/26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,369.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,369.18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,047.76</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Financial Year 2025/26 adjustments</p> <p>B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following: No additional</p> <p>C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Castleton History Society – Donation to Peveril Post - £25.00</li> <li>ii) Rental – Poor Piece - £500.00</li> <li>iii) Rental – Three Roofs - £360.00</li> <li>iv) C. Eyre – Donation to Peveril Post - £50.00</li> </ul> <p>Additional</p> <p>Unrepresented cheques now expired</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Gates Films Company - £1,250.00</li> </ul>		Current Account 30th April 2026	Current Account 31st March 2026	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/25 - 2026	£11,369.18	£14,567.79	£19,047.76	Total Income	£0.00	£18,563.41	£0.00	Total Expenditure	£0.00	£21,762.02	£0.00	Balance	£11,369.18	£11,369.18	£19,047.76					Last Statement Balance 15/04/26	£11,918.83	£13,199.81	£19,047.76	Less un-presented cheques	£549.65	£1,830.63	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 30/04/26	£11,369.18	£11,369.18	£19,047.76
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	<p>ii) Rural Services - £12.00</p> <p>D: To consider and sign Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.</p> <p>E: To consider and sign Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26.</p> <p>F: To consider and sign Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return - form 2. Financial year 2025/26.</p> <p>G: Payments and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowances plus expenses = £628.65</li> <li>ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire - £30.00</li> <li>iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £480.00</li> <li>iv) DCC – Waste Collection, Burial Ground - £252.69</li> <li>v) Peveril Centre - Hire of Walker Room 29th October 2026 - £50.00</li> <li>vi) Hiscox Insurance Company Limited – Annual Insurance - £542.38</li> </ul> <p>H: To note the income and receipts of the Council: None this month</p>
07/04/26	<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 update on the TRO</p> <p>C: To receive an update on buses and public transport strategies and Active Travel (Annex A).</p> <p>D: To discuss the Peak Cluster project in relation to Castleton and Hope Valley.</p> <p>E: To discuss issue of HGVs in the Market Place</p> <p>F: To receive an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)</p> <p>G: To note potential disruption from September 2026 due to Hathersage – Worksop water pipeline</p> <p>H: To note the next consultation for the PDNP Local Plan</p> <p>I: To receive an update on repairs of the two notice boards in main car park and bus turnaround and on refurbishment of Parish Council notice board</p> <p>J: To review and discuss Events Diary</p> <p>K: To receive an update on replace dog fouling signage throughout the village</p> <p>L: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review</p> <p>M: To receive an update on the replacement of missing entrance sign in the village.</p> <p>N: update on Community Resilience plan</p> <p>O: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.</p>
08/04/26	<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 <a href="http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk">www.peakdistrict.gov.uk</a>, including the following: None this month.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) NP/HPK/1225/1249 - Treaks Pringle Farm, Buxton Road, Castleton, Lawful Development – <b>REFUSAL</b></li> </ul>
09/04/26	<p><u>Correspondence &amp; 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"> <li>i) DCC – Loan Shark Awareness, New Healthy Beginnings, Community News.</li> <li>ii) DALC – Newsletter, April Forum.</li> <li>iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, New Toolkit.</li> <li>iv) HVCA – AGM Invite, Celebrate Local Climate Action, Newsletter.</li> <li>v) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agendas and supplements for Development and Control Committee, Economy and Growth Select Committee, Corporate Select Committee, The Executive, Development Enterprise Space in Glossopdale Committee.</li> <li>vi) HPBC – Possible Funding, High Peak Parish Forum</li> <li>vii) PDNPA – Local Plan</li> </ul>
10/04/26	<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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

## Public transport and bus services April update

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

The EM Mayor, Clare Ward took over responsibility for bus services on February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 have also taken 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. Hot off the press is the announcement that the Mayor's office has received funding for the project referred to as 'Mini Switzerland: (see below.) Public transport remains a key issue for visitor management for Castleton and the Hope Valley.

### Switzerland in the Peak District or 'Mini Switzerland'

This is the project led by Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) which aims to demonstrate how integrated, affordable rural transport can be achieved. The Government has confirmed its support and funding for this collaborative initiative. The Department of Transport has announced £6m in national funding to deliver the project, with additional matched funding by EMCCA.

At a recent online meeting attended by three of our councillors we had the opportunity to find out more about the project, ask questions and share ideas. We are particularly keen to find out more about the possible implications for the future of the **Peak Pathfinder Bus Route 62 Buxton to Castleton** serving Chapel en le Frith, Edale and Hope and will be contacting EMCCA and the bus operator, High Peak Buses to ensure our links to these villages and towns are maintained. As part of community engagement, we are also hopeful that there will be a face-to-face information session organised to enable our residents to find out more about 'Mini Switzerland' and influence its progress and decisions to be made that will affect this area. In the meantime, we would strongly encourage residents to try and make use of Route 62 as we have been informed that passengers using this service are low. This has come to the attention of EMCCA who will be reviewing contracts with the bus operators in the summer.

Discussions will also be taking place with the High Peak and Hope Valley Rail Users Group (HPHVRUG) regarding potential changes to railway stations and the proposed creation of transport hubs,

### 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 still not been placed in the public domain and are undergoing an internal review. We have been informed that once this is complete the findings will be communicated to stakeholders.