

# CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026, 7:30pm

### 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. J. Simm (Chair), Cllr. A, Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr. Eyre, Cllr. J Judge, Cllr. Stannard.  
Also in attendance was the Clerk, Mrs T. Dale, Cllr. J. Collins.

01/05/26	Apologies received from Cllr. Adshead, Cllr. N. Spooner.
02/05/26	No Pecuniary Interest was noted.
03/05/26	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>A: County Councillor's Report</b> None this month.</p> <p><b>B: Borough Councillor's Report</b> Cllr J. Collins, advised the Parish Council of the following: High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) has become more active in relation to the Public Space Protection Order covering fires and barbecues. While this increased engagement is welcome, it remains extremely difficult for the Council to issue fines because offenders are rarely identifiable after the event. By contrast, Staffordshire Moorlands appears to have more effective enforcement due to additional support from the Police. At present, the Police within High Peak are not assisting with enforcement. Cllr Farrell is looking into the legal position regarding this refusal. In response to a question from Cllr Eyre, it was confirmed that no fines have been issued to date. Cllr Eyre advised that, through a contact, an agreement has been reached with Bradwell Fire Service to provide reports on any incidents they attend. These reports may help build evidence to support future Police involvement. Cllr Judge expressed concern that not all aspects of visitor-pressure issues were being considered, particularly human waste, and that all elements should be governed under the same principles. A brief discussion took place regarding enforcement priorities. While authorities express high concern about risks in open spaces, there appears to be little concern regarding fires and barbecues on verges. Councillors felt this was inadequate, as verges are classed as open spaces and should therefore be included in enforcement activity.</p> <p><b>National Emergency Briefing</b> The National Emergency Briefing is a UK initiative presenting expert evidence on the climate and nature crises, calling for urgent government action and increased public awareness. They are organising events for MPs to meet with experts and are also holding sessions that Parish Councillors may attend. Each event consists of a fifty-minute film followed by a discussion. Events are being held in Hayfield, New Mills (invite only), Glossop, and other locations, with the possibility of further sessions being arranged for the Hope Valley. Events are being held in Hayfield, New Mills (invite only), Glossop, and other locations, with the possibility of further sessions being arranged for the Hope Valley.</p> <p><b>C: Police Report</b> None this month.</p> <p><b>D: Chair Report:</b> A brief discussion took place regarding the value of providing a Chair's report at each meeting. As the agenda already covers items currently under review, it was agreed that there was little added value in producing a separate report. (Prop JS, 2nd JAS, unan).</p>
04/05/26	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> There were no questions/issues raised.</p>
05/05/26	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</b> A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd JS, unan).</p>

06/05/26

**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 28th May 2026	NS&I
Balance brought forward 01/04/26	£11,369.18	£19,047.76
Total Income	£7,424.50	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£2,320.68	£0.00
Balance	£16,473.00	£19,047.76
Last Statement Balance 15/05/26	£16,775.69	£19,047.76
Less un-presented cheques	£302.69	£0.00
Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00
Available Balance 28/05/26	£16,473.00	£19,047.76

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

- i) T. Dale – Clerk's salary, allowances plus expenses - £425.10
- ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire – (paid last month)
- iii) A. Darlington – Reimbursement repairs to noticeboard - £245.00.
- iv) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £480.00
- v) J. Marriott – Internal Audit - £110.00

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

- i) HPBC – Precept and Grant - £7,424.50

All payments, receipts and requests were agreed. (Prop ME, 2nd JS, unan).

07/05/26

**Council Matters:**

A: Cllr Darlington advised the following in relation to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley:

An update from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) on the Tour de France (TdF) Femmes had been provided. Roads around Derbyshire will be closed for approximately eight hours, and public transport options are being explored to help transport spectators to viewing points along the route. Residents were reassured that emergency services will still be able to access all areas.

The event is being organised jointly by the Tour de France organisers and the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA). EMCCA is funding the event using £36 million of central government funding. DCC Highways will be providing support.

Discussions have taken place regarding communications on fires and barbecues, and how best to address these issues. Questions have been raised about whether the current Countryside Code signage is adequate, and whether the use of influencers could help to communicate key messages more effectively.

The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) has plans to deploy more rangers across a wider range of locations. At present, there are five rangers supported by fifteen volunteers. PDNPA will also be using applications such as Strava to track visitor movements in order to identify hotspots and understand behavioural impacts.

Moors for the Future has been working with influencers to help reduce the risk of wildfires; a link to their work was noted.

<https://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/the-latest/recent-news/recent-news/innovative-social-media-trial-launches-peak-district-summer-wildfire-awareness-campaign>

*Suspend Standing Orders*

Cllr Collins advised that Peak Park has received millions of views on its website. He also reported that Edale has invested in electronic signage displaying images and text highlighting the risks associated with fires and barbecues, and that they are also exploring the use of influencers to help spread key messages. It was noted that Moors for the Future appears to be ahead of the curve in this area.

Cllr Collins will contact Moors for the Future to request that they correspond with the Parish Council and keep members informed of their campaign work.

*Standing Orders reinstated*

Cllr Jugg will monitor media coverage of their work and keep Councillors updated. (AP – JJ)

The Parish Council wrote to High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) in support of issuing fines under the Public

Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to fires and barbecues. Unfortunately, the advice received confirmed that HPBC is not issuing fines and has never done so, primarily due to the difficulty of identifying offenders. On a positive note, HPBC is issuing new posters for display in key areas, and these are available for anyone to put up.

Litter bins and human waste continue to be a concern. At the High Peak Parishes Forum on 16 April, the Parish Council asked how additional litter bins could be obtained. A response has now been received:

Requests for new litter bins should be sent to [parks-streetshpbc@allianceenvironmental.co.uk](mailto:parks-streetshpbc@allianceenvironmental.co.uk)

There is a formal process to follow, and sufficient evidence is required.

It is recommended that the Parish Council request new bins for key locations, supported by evidence such as photographs taken by residents over the May Bank Holiday weekend. **(AP – Clerk)**

Regarding public health issues and human waste, clarification was provided on who such matters should be reported to and who holds responsibility for removal. Responsibility depends on the location and land ownership:

- Lay-bys – Derbyshire County Council Highways
- High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) land – HPBC is responsible (Contact via *Contact Us – High Peak Borough Council*)
- Private land – If HPBC Environmental Health receives complaints, they may request that the landowner clears the waste. Reports can be made via Customer Services or through the *Environmental Health Contact Form* on the HPBC website. As much information as possible should be provided.

The Parish Council agreed that this information should be shared with residents via the village email group. **(AP -AD)**

The next meeting of the Hope Valley Parish Councils is scheduled for 18 June 2026. A communication strategy will be discussed, including consideration of whether a question should be submitted to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Board meeting. In the meantime, Councillors will look further into the Moors for the Future communications project. **(AP – All)**

B: Cllr Darlington updated the Parish Council on the latest position regarding the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as follows:

Information received at the Bakewell meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May confirmed the following implementation timeline:

- Double red lines were expected to be completed by the end of last week.
- Pay & Display machines are scheduled to be operational by 4 June.
- Signage is expected to be installed by the end of June.

As the scheme is currently incomplete, there was no enforcement over the May bank holiday weekend, only advisory engagement. The exception was at the top of Winnats Pass, where obstruction around the cattle grid is considered a police matter.

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) is exploring the use of bunds to help enforce the double red line areas. Since implementation began, DCC has consulted with the Parish Council regarding general communications, and the Parish Council has received several questions from residents. One query related to the thickness and brightness of the double yellow lines in and around the Market Place.

The Parish Council still needs to write to MP Jon Pearce regarding parking fines. For comparison, in London a Fixed Penalty Notice for stopping on double red lines is £160. **(AP -AD)**

Cllr Stannard questioned whether the reinstatement of faded lines within the village was included in the TRO. It was advised that these works fall under “Business as Usual” and should therefore be reported through the normal channels. **(AP -JAS)**

C: An update on buses and public transport strategies and Active Travel was provided by the Chair.

The main area of activity is the campaign to save the Number 62 bus. Posters have been produced, following considerable work to secure permissions from various organisations, and are now being distributed.

Campaigning and networking continue, and through Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C) contacts have been made with the MP, the Mayoral Office, and a range of other stakeholders.

The Chair was pleased to report that an online meeting with the Mayoral Office has been agreed and scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June. Preparatory work is underway to identify the issues and concerns to be raised. The group is also reviewing the Glossop Action Group proposal, which has likewise been submitted to the Mayoral Office.

A question has been submitted to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Board by Cllr

Collins, Edale Parish Council and Cllr Simm and Better Buses for Castleton (BB4C). They have raised concerns about the potential threat to the Service 62 bus route and requested support for its continuation, including the vital connections it provides between villages and nearby towns. A written response is expected.

D: Cllr Darlington updated the Parish Council on current activities relating to the Peak Cluster Project. As mentioned at previous Parish Council meetings, Councillors discussed potential mitigation measures should the Peak Cluster project proceed at the Hope Valley Parish Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The key question for Castleton is: what impacts might the project have on the community, and what mitigation measures would the Parish Council seek?

Bradwell Parish Council has already undertaken a similar exercise in response to last year's consultation. Several of their proposed mitigation measures align with the questions Castleton Parish Council submitted to Breedon, particularly regarding increased noise and additional traffic. Bradwell and Hope along with Castleton are likely to experience significant traffic impacts, especially during the construction phase. Based on what may be expected during the construction of the carbon-capture infrastructure, potential negative impacts for Castleton include:

- Additional noise and congestion on the Hope Valley road
- Increased likelihood of HGVs entering or becoming lost within the village.
- Possible background noise once the carbon-capture machinery is operational, although performance characteristics remain unknown.

All Councillors to review the available information and submit their views to the Chair and Vice-Chair. These will be taken to the next Hope Valley Parish Councils meeting for joint discussion with neighbouring councils. **(AP – All)**

The Parish Council were advised there were upcoming events that were worth attending.

- Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) Online Event – 4 June, 7.30–9.00pm  
The Greenhouse Gas Challenge for Cement: Strategies & Solutions  
Although not specific to the Peak Cluster project, the session will provide useful context on alternatives to concrete and wider decarbonisation approaches.
- Breedon Liaison Meeting – 9 June, 18:45
- Bradwell – 14 June – Drop-in session organised by Action Against Carbon Capture and Storage (AACCS).

E: Cllr Darlington updated the Parish Council on repairs of the two notice boards in main car park and bus turnaround and on refurbishment of Parish Council notice board.

The Parish Council noticeboard has been sanded down and re-varnished. The Parish Council Notices strapline is currently being produced by Networks and will be completed shortly.

Networks have yet to complete the noticeboard in the main car park (while awaiting a new village plan from the Parish Council). East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), now responsible for bus infrastructure, has been in contact with a selection of replacement noticeboards. One has been chosen for the bus turnaround, and confirmation is awaited.

Cllrs Simm, Darlington, and Judge still need to meet to discuss the new village plan. **(AP – AD, JJ, JS)**

F: Cllr Darlington provided an update on the Events Diary. The recent Samworth event took place over the weekends of 9 May and 16 May. This was a large event in the village; however, the Parish Council had not been made aware of it beforehand. The organisers made extensive use of local service providers, including Losehill Hall as their base, visitor accommodation throughout the valley, and Holmesfield Farm for parking. Once Cllr Darlington became aware of the event, she made contact with the organisers and met with them on 16 May. The organisers apologised for not consulting the Parish Council and were advised that the Council seeks to ensure events work successfully for everyone concerned. It became clear that the organisers have a well-established model for running this biannual event, with the previous one held in the Lake District. This year's event raised approximately £500,000 for charity, with significant donations made to Edale Mountain Rescue and the Peak District Foundation.

Cllr Darlington suggested that the Parish Council invite the organisers to write a short article for the *Peeveril Post*. This was agreed. **(AP – AD)**

The Tour de France was discussed earlier in the meeting under Visitor Pressures.

*Cllr. Collins left the meeting.*

G: Cllr Stannard provided an update on the replacement dog-fouling signage throughout the village. As agreed at previous meetings, the pictures created by the school children will be displayed on the noticeboard

	<p>on a rotational basis. It was asked whether they could also be displayed on the school railings; this will be discussed with the school.</p> <p>As an addition to the above, Cllr Stannard advised on the use of alternative signage. Following research, it was noted that people can broadly be categorised into three groups: those who are conscientious and always pick up dog waste; those who occasionally do not, for several reasons; and those who will not. The final group is unlikely to change behaviour regardless of messaging. For maximum impact, it was suggested that efforts should focus on the second group, as most individuals prefer to align with the majority and are more likely to respond to being “nudged” rather than instructed. It was therefore proposed to introduce signage stating that 90% of individuals “bag it, pick it up, bin it.”</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Stannard should proceed, will work on the design and circulate it prior to the next meeting for endorsement. He will also consult with the school on how best the Parish Council can reward the children for their work on the pictures. <b>(AP – JAS)</b></p> <p>H: Cllr Eyre provided an update on the speeding-prevention measures currently under review. The main topic under discussion is the position of Speedwatch signage. The Police Speedwatch Co-ordinator has confirmed that the request to delay signage, due to ongoing discussions with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Highways, relates only to signage placed on the highway itself and does not include signage on private property. It was agreed that any signage on private property should be based on the best available visual options.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that an email and subsequent conversation had been received from members of the Speedwatch team. The team is happy to support the Parish Council and has provided a list of possible sites. This information has now been shared with Cllr Eyre, who will consult with the group to agree the most suitable locations. Once agreed, the owners of the relevant properties or land will be contacted to seek permission. Cllr Eyre will arrange a meeting with the team. <b>(AP – ME)</b></p> <p>The Speedwatch group will be holding their 35<sup>th</sup> Speed Watch session later this week. They currently have sixteen active volunteers who so far have measured the speed of 13,158 vehicles, 301 of which have been exceeding the speed threshold. None of them were locals. Four of the 301 have been recorded twice.</p> <p>Cllr Eyre advised that, although not directly related to Speedwatch but still concerning signage, he has been consulting with Bamford Fire Brigade regarding fire-safety signs. The Fire Brigade has agreed to provide signage, and Cllr Eyre has been considering suitable locations for installation. Potential sites include Odin Mine, the junction at Winnats and Old Mam Tor, the car park at Mam Nick, and Blue John Cavern. There has also been a suggestion to place a banner on gates to create greater visual impact. <b>(AP – ME)</b></p> <p>In addition, and relating to speed-prevention measures, Cllr Darlington has been exploring the option of installing a zebra crossing at the mini-roundabout near the Visitor Centre. Derbyshire County Council Highways has been contacted regarding this proposal. An update will be provided at the next meeting. <b>(AP - AD)</b></p> <p>I: The update on Community Resilience plan was deferred to the next meeting in the absence of Cllr Spooner</p> <p>J: It was agreed to participate in the 2026/27 Public Rights of Way scheme again this year. It was further agreed to continue the previous repairs to Dirty Lane, with Cllr Judge to organise and obtain a quote for the required work. <b>(AP – JJ, Clerk)</b></p> <p>K: Whilst there was nothing of urgency that required discussion and or resolution. Cllr Darlington brought to the attention of Councillors the correspondence from DALC’s May newsletter, which included an article on the Local Government Reorganisation. It was pleasing to note that an amendment has been added requiring local authorities to engage with parish and town councils regarding parish representation under the new neighbourhood governance arrangements. Confirmation has also been given that regulations will allow parish and town councils to be represented on neighbourhood governance structures.</p>
led 408/05/26	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council’s views to PDNPA:</p> <p>None this month.</p> <p>B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:</p> <p>None this month</p> <p>C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority</p> <p>Castleton Visitors Centre – Castleton Kitchen - Late TEN 19-25/05/2026 – No objections raised.</p>
09/05/26	<p><b>Correspondence and DALC Circulars:</b></p> <p>A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, were noted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) DCC – Community News.</li> <li>ii) DALC – Newsletter, May Forum, Introduction to Parish Online Wellbeing.</li> <li>iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins, Utility Aid.</li> </ul>

	<p>iv) HVCA –Newsletter.</p> <p>v) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agendas and supplements for Development and Control Committee, Economy, Community Select Committee and HPBC.</p> <p>vi) HPBC – Possible Funding, High Peak Parish Forum</p> <p>vii) PDNPA – Growing the Future of the Peak District</p> <p>viii) Citizens Advice – 2025-2026 Annual Impact Report</p> <p>ix) HP &amp; HV Community Rail Partnership – Keeping you Onboard Spring 2026</p> <p>x) Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – PCC Welcome new Acting Chief Constable, Derbyshire VAWG Survey</p> <p>xi) Food Pantry – Mobile Pantry Launch</p> <p>xii) Public Sector Network – Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Darlington informed the Parish Council that the High Peak Parish Forum will take place on 11th June. As she is unable to attend, she recommended that a representative from the Parish Council should do so. The attendee will be confirmed at a later date.</p>
10/05/26	<p><b>Peveril Post:</b> None this month</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9:06pm</p> <p>The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 25th June 2026 at The Village Hall, Castleton.</p>

UNADOPTED