

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 25th June 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. J. Simm (Chair), Cllr. A, Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr. Adshead, Cllr. Eyre, Cllr. J Judge, Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr. Stannard.

Also in attendance was the Clerk, Mrs T. Dale, Cllr. J. Collins, 2 residents.

01/06/26	No apologies received.
02/06/26	No Pecuniary Interest was noted.
03/06/26	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report None this month. B: Borough Councillor's Report See below Council Matters. C: Police Report None this month.
04/06/26	Public Participation: Resident 1: Raised three ongoing issues: 1. Campervans and litter – This remains a problem. It has been reported to Derbyshire County Council (DCC), but their response was disappointing. In essence, DCC are reluctant to take action due to concerns that any intervention may simply displace the issue to other, unsuitable areas. If this is the case, it was felt that DCC must provide appropriate amenities to manage the situation responsibly. 2. Large tour bus on Winnats Pass – Concerns were raised about the continued use of large vehicles on this stretch of road, which causes congestion and damage. In addition, the open-top design allows passengers to stand while the vehicle is in motion, and the bus does not provide seatbelts. This presents a clear health and safety risk. 3. Large vehicles entering the village – There are ongoing problems with large vehicles entering the village and being unable to turn around. Existing signage is either being ignored or is insufficient. Drivers are also relying on satnav systems, which direct them through the village as a perceived shortcut, particularly when they are working within strict time limits recorded on tachographs. The Parish Council responded as follows: 1. Cllr Darlington advised that the Parish Council had also been pursuing these issues with Derbyshire County Council (DCC). Unfortunately, the response received by the resident was the same standard reply already received by the Parish Council. The situation is further complicated by questions of ownership and responsibility: while DCC Highways express concerns about displacement, they are not responsible for litter. That responsibility lies with High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) Environment, making it difficult to secure agreement between the two authorities. 2. The Chair advised that the Parish Council has sent correspondence to High Peak Borough Council regarding these matters and is still awaiting a response. 3. Cllr Eyre reported that alternative locations for signage have been explored. For example, Brough Lane End was considered as a potential site for a “No Access for Vehicles Over 7.5T” sign. However, although it was initially believed that the land belonged to a Parish Council, it was later confirmed to be owned by DCC Highways, meaning the location cannot be used. Cllr Darlington suggested that it may be beneficial to arrange a meeting with the Police—who are also keen on preventative measures—and with Hope Parish Council, as they experience similar issues. The Chair advised that the Parish Council should continue to pursue all matters due to the clear health and safety risks to both residents and visitors. Resident 2: The Castleton Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Lead provided an update on the current situation regarding the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera owned and operated by Gigapeak.

	Following a meeting held with Bradwell NHW Group, Bradwell Parish Council and Gigapeak, both Bradwell and Castleton NHW were invited to consider purchasing the network of ANPR cameras, one of which is located in Castleton. The Gigapeak cameras are separate from those used by the Police. It was agreed at the meeting that, should the initiative proceed, it would need to be adopted on an all-or-none basis, as cameras in isolation do not provide the necessary entry and exit coverage for the valley. Taking on the full network raises practical questions around integration between the two NHW groups and the ongoing administration of the cameras, including data management. These challenges could be addressed, but would require further discussion, including consideration of ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) guidance and GDPR compliance. The data-handling requirements are manageable if needed, although no significant issues are anticipated. Bradwell NHW have not yet confirmed whether they intend to proceed, which is significant given the all-or-none approach discussed. There are also questions regarding the actual added value of the system. Having worked closely with the Police ANPR network, it is clear that the Police already have coverage across this area. The concern is that the Gigapeak system may add little in terms of detecting or preventing crime, while still carrying the purchase cost and the ongoing administrative and data-management responsibilities. On this basis, the proposal does not currently appear to offer clear value. However, it would be sensible to await further information from Bradwell before reaching a final conclusion. If the adoption of the cameras were to proceed, funding can be obtained including a donation from Secret Gardens. The Parish Council thanked the resident for the update. <i>Resident left the meeting</i>																														
05/06/26	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2026 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop ME, 2nd JS, unan).																														
06/06/26	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: <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account 28th May 2026</td><td>NS&I</td></tr><tr><td>Balance brought forward 01/04/26</td><td>£11,369.18</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr><tr><td>Total Income</td><td>£7,424.50</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total Expenditure</td><td>£3,580.78</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£15,212.90</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/06/26</td><td>£15,212.90</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr><tr><td>Less un-presented cheques</td><td>£0.00</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 25/06/26</td><td>£15,212.90</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr></table> 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 including Microsoft Subscription - £454.43 ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire (multi) – £54.00 iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £960.00 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council: None this month All payments, receipts and requests were agreed. (Prop ME, 2nd NS, unan).		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	£3,580.78	£0.00	Balance	£15,212.90	£19,047.76				Last Statement Balance 15/06/26	£15,212.90	£19,047.76	Less un-presented cheques	£0.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 25/06/26	£15,212.90	£19,047.76
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07/06/26	Council Matters: A: Cllr Darlington advised the following in relation to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley and reporting human waste: A meeting of Hope Valley Parish Councils was held in Hope on 18 June, attended by representatives from seven parish councils and chaired by Chris Perkins, Chair of Hope Parish Council. J. Simm and A. Darlington attended on behalf of Castleton. It was agreed that the issues experienced in Castleton are reflected across other Hope Valley parish councils, including inconsiderate parking, campervans, wildfires, overflowing waste bins and insanitary litter, off-lead dogs, damage to nature and heritage, vehicle noise, and similar pressures. Communication of the Countryside																														

Code, or an updated version, was considered critical, and methods of improving how these messages are conveyed were discussed. It was suggested that parish councils could work with the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) to increase the number of volunteer rangers, who can provide on-the-ground influence.

It was further agreed that another letter should be sent to the East Midlands Mayor, requesting that a portion of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) public transport budget (including funding linked to Mini Switzerland and the Tour de France) be allocated to Countryside Code related communications—for example, signage on the backs of buses and information screens on buses and trains. Further reports of human waste have been observed by the public and noted by Castleton Parish Council. Following advice from High Peak Borough Council (HPBC), an email has been sent to the Castleton email group explaining how to report such incidents. Reports should be directed to Environmental Health at HPBC if the incident is on HPBC land, or to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) if on DCC land (e.g., lay-bys). All instances should also be recorded on the Concerned for Castleton Jotform so that evidence can be gathered and forwarded to the relevant authorities if a case needs to be made that a problem exists.

However, the reporting route is not clear, and this needs to be resolved. It was suggested that Castleton Parish Council raise this specifically with High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC), with particular reference to incidents involving human waste.

On a separate matter, Cllr Eyre advised Councillors that he has been consulting with Bamford Fire Brigade regarding data collection on fire and barbecue incidents. He confirmed that such incidents are logged and that this information would be available should evidence be required in future. In addition, the Fire Brigade indicated that they would be willing to install further signage if needed.

B: Cllr Darlington advised the Parish Council that there was little to update regarding the latest position on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

It was reported that all infrastructure is expected to be in place by the end of the month. However, only a small number of parking meters have been installed to date, and there are currently no meters beyond the point where Arthur's Way splits off towards Buxton Road. It is understood that the plan is for four parking bays beyond this point to become pay-and-display.

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from Concerned for Castleton regarding the reporting of parking issues. The Chair had suggested that information could be sent to Cllr Gourlay, copied to the Parish Council. Cllr Darlington expressed reluctance at this stage, as the TRO has not yet been fully implemented and some of the issues raised are expected to be addressed once the scheme is complete. It was explained that DCC are looking into "bunds" (raised areas) to be installed behind the red lines to prevent parking and reduce erosion.

Cllr Eyre reported that he had emailed both Cllr Gourlay and MP Jon Pearce regarding the need for further enforcement and seeking an update on the proposed increase in fines for illegal parking.

Cllr Stannard advised that he had reported the faded white lines near the school but had not yet received a response.

C: An update on buses, public transport strategies and Active Travel was provided with the agenda (Annex A). In addition, the Chair highlighted the following key points:

The bus contracts are due for renewal by the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) (Mayor's Office). In light of the threat to the 62 bus service, a meeting took place between EMCCA, High Peak Buses, Castleton Parish Council and Cllr Collins. It was a productive meeting, and attendees were encouraged to contact the Mayor directly and to maintain the campaign to save the 62 bus. A letter has also been sent by Cllr Collins and the Parish Council to the EMCCA Board, and this has been circulated to Councillors as well as to Hope and Aston Parish Councils.

It remains important to promote the bus service, and it is hoped that the Mini-Switzerland in the Peak District transport project will support the continuation and improvement of this route.

Through correspondence with the Hope Valley Climate Action Group, an invitation has been received to attend a celebration of the Mini-Switzerland project at Edale Village Hall on Friday 17 July.

In addition, a session on the Mini-Switzerland project, followed by a Q&A, will be held in Castleton for the benefit of residents. The timetable is to be confirmed.

D: An update on the Peak Cluster project in relation to Castleton and Hope Valley was provided by Cllr

Darlington and the Chair.

Cllr Darlington advised that, following the recent Hope Valley Parishes meeting, it was agreed that Hope, Castleton, and Bradwell will be the communities most directly affected by any construction at Breedon, so would benefit from sharing information. Other Hope Valley communities will also be affected, particularly by increased traffic congestion.

Hope Valley Climate Action Group held an online meeting on the greenhouse-gas challenge for cement on 4 June. Cllr Darlington attended and reported that the session was informative, particularly in setting the building industry's need for cement and concrete into context. The recording is now available on YouTube. The Chair provided an update from the Breedon Community Liaison Group meeting. The meeting mainly covered updates on Breedon's activities, including their charity work and donations to local groups. It was announced that Breedon have donated £900 towards the Castleton Garland, specifically to support the hire of the horse used in the procession.

Councillors were also made aware of Breedon's biodiversity activities, road and rail movements, and staff changes. An update was provided on the Peak Cluster project, including the Environmental Impact Assessment scoping report, which highlighted the need for additional air-quality inspections. Ecology work has been ongoing since mid-April along the proposed pipeline route. Phase 2 consultation is scheduled to take place between October and December. Further work has also been undertaken on assessing visual impact. Breedon acknowledged that communications have been poor outside the Hope Valley and agreed this needs improvement. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 September.

Cllr Collins entered the meeting.

E: Cllr Darlington provided an update on the repairs to the two noticeboards located in the main car park and at the bus turnaround, as well as on the refurbishment of the Parish Council noticeboard.

Cllrs Simm and Darlington met and produced an outline of proposals for a new village plan. The draft plan has been circulated to all Councillors for comment. A quote from Networks has already been received and approved by the Parish Council, with funding secured through the High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) regeneration grant. Cllr Darlington will update the administration of the grants scheme **(AP – AD)**

While the plan includes visitor attractions, points of interest and amenities, Councillors were asked to consider whether public houses should be included. Members were reminded to be mindful of the potential consequences of including pubs while excluding cafés and shops, which may change over time, and the associated costs of updating the plan following such changes. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously agreed **not** to include public houses for these reasons.

Cllr Stannard made a useful point about proposed text describing Castleton in the draft, which will be considered in a revision.

All Councillors are asked to review the plan and forward any comments to both the Chair and Vice-Chair. **(AP – All)**

The Strapline for the Parish Council noticeboard is still outstanding, Cllr Darlington to chase. **(AP – AD)**

F: Cllr Darlington provided an update on the Events Diary. Samworth, who organised the recent event held over the weekends of 9 May and 16 May, have agreed to write a short article for the Peveril Post following an invitation from the Parish Council.

The Chair recommended attendance at the National Emergency Briefing film, which will be shown at the Castleton Visitor Centre. Following the film, Phil Mulligan is expected to speak about the local impact. Dates are to be confirmed.

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 on a rotational basis.

Cllr Stannard also reported on the use of alternative signage. Research indicates 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 a variety of 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. Cllr Stannard provided a template of the proposed signage “Dog Owners 90% Bag it, Bin it or Take it Home”, the design was put to a vote. It was resolved by majority that Cllr Stannard should obtain quotes for the signage (metal/plastic). **(AP – JAS)**

H: Cllr Eyre provided an update on the speeding-prevention measures currently under review. The main topic of discussion is the positioning of the Speedwatch signage. While members of the Speedwatch Group have suggested several potential sites and Cllr Eyre has identified others, there remains some apprehension about

the viability of these locations and whether drivers would be able to see the signs clearly. Cllr Eyre will forward all suggested locations to Councillors (**AP – ME**).

Councillors are asked to review the proposed locations and provide their views, along with any alternative suitable sites for consideration (**AP – All**).

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Speedwatch Group regarding the potential use of body-mounted cameras. The group had been asked to provide feedback to the Police Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator to help gauge interest and to support the Co-ordinator's understanding of local needs. The survey asked whether volunteers would choose to wear a body-worn camera and whether they would be willing to apply for funding.

The group confirmed that they would be more than happy to use the cameras, particularly given that a volunteers recently experienced verbal abuse from a driver. They also indicated that they would be willing to support an application for funding.

As the Speedwatch Group is a Parish Council initiative and not a standalone organisation, any applications for funding—including for body-worn cameras or the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)—would need to be handled by the Parish Council.

Standing Orders Suspended.

Cllr Collins apologised for being late and asked if she could provide an update, which the Chair agreed to. Councillors were informed that the changes to the collection of food and garden waste will commence shortly. Residents who wish to have garden waste removed will need to sign up and pay for the service. Applications are online only; however, residents without internet access may contact Customer Services by phone.

In addition to the changes for garden waste, kitchen food caddies and external food bins will be provided to all households. Food waste will be collected at the same time as usual household collections. A letter has been, or will shortly be, sent to all residents advising them of the changes and outlining what is required. Cllr Darlington suggested that this topic should be raised at the Café meeting scheduled for 22 July to ensure residents are fully aware.

Standing Orders Reinstated.

I: Cllr Spooner provided an update on the Community Resilience Plan. The document has been updated and circulated to the proposed list of residents, who have now been invited to join a mini-COBRA committee. There has been a good response, with positive engagement shown towards the project.

The next steps will be to arrange the initial meeting and agree roles and responsibilities, including the nomination of a Chair for the committee. Although this will be a community-led initiative, it is expected that at least two members of the Parish Council will serve as committee members.

Cllr Spooner will arrange the date and location of the first meeting. (**AP – NS**)

J: Following agreement at the last meeting to participate in the 2026/27 Public Rights of Way scheme and agreement to continue the previous repairs to Dirty Lane, Cllr Judge to obtain a quote for the required work. (**AP – JJ**)

K: A discussion took place following an initiative from residents proposing a group to monitor and empty overloaded bins within the village. Overall, it was felt that this would set a precedent, be difficult to manage and maintain, and would likely lose momentum over time. Alliance currently holds the contract for bin provision and servicing and are due to carry out an audit of bins within the village. If residents were to empty bins themselves, this could result in a false evaluation during the audit.

It was therefore agreed to continue with the action resolved at the last meeting: to request additional or larger bins at key locations within the village. A list of these key areas is being compiled, supported by evidence to accompany the request. The Clerk will share the draft list with Concerned for Castleton and invite them to add any locations they feel have been missed. (**AP – Clerk**)

L: Cllr Stannard provided an update on the wildflower project. Positive feedback had been received regarding the wildflowers at the burial ground. The planting had been carefully planned so that as one species finished flowering, another would come into bloom, ensuring a continuous display throughout the season.

As the project has been a success, Councillors were asked to consider expanding the area to include an additional bed in front of the existing one, with a mowed pathway between the two. This was resolved. (Prop JAS, 2nd ME, Unan) (**AP – JAS**)

M: Councillors were advised that, following correspondence from a resident regarding the overgrown area between the bus turnaround and Cambion, Cllr Darlington had written to Cllr Collins (Borough Councillor) to ascertain when this would be rectified. Cllr Collins subsequently contacted Alliance, who hold the maintenance contract, to request an update. Once a response is received, Cllr Collins will update the Parish Council.

Cllr. Collins left the meeting.

N: Although there were no urgent matters requiring discussion or resolution, the Chair brought to

	Councillors' attention, following correspondence from a resident, that the "No Turning" sign at Pindale is missing. As the original signage was installed by the Parish Council, it was resolved that the sign should be replaced. (Prop JS, 2 nd ME, Unan) (AP – AD)
08/06/26	Planning: A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA: i) NP/HPK/0626/0561 - Peak Hotel, How Lane, Castleton. Advertisement consent - Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. All Councillors to review the planning application and forward views to the Clerk prior to the 3rd July. (AP – All) B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority: None this month C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority i) Castleton Playing Field Hollowford Road Castleton - TEN - 18 July 26 Fun Day – No objections raised.
09/06/26	Correspondence and DALC Circulars: A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, were noted and discussed: i) DCC – Community News, Mobile Library, Unclaimed Service Pensions, Summer 2026 Holiday Activity & Food programme, Unstoppable Derbyshire programme: Help young people achieve their goals. ii) DALC – Newsletter, Help Shape the Future of the Sector. iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. iv) HVCA –Newsletter. v) High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agendas and supplements for Executive, Corporate Select Committee, Cancellations. vi) HPBC – Possible Funding, High Peak Parish Forum, Invitation to Locality Action Plan Workshop, Local Plan Call to Sites. vii) HPHV Community Rail Partnership – AGM Agenda, Minutes, Annual Report. Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – Thanks to Volunteers, Have Your Say, Community Spirit. Cllr Darlington will be attending a Locality Action Plan Workshop (vi) Councillors were advised that the next meeting of the Parishes Forum is being held on the 27th July (vi) Cllrs Darlington, Judge and if possible, Spooner to attend.
10/06/26	Peveril Post: Councillors were advised that the deadline for articles is 16 July. Cllr Stannard will forward photographs of the wildflowers to the Chair and Vice-Chair, who will be preparing the Parish Council update. It was agreed that separate articles should be produced for "Saving the Number 62 Bus" and the "Resilience Plan." (AP – JS, AD, JAS, NS)
	Meeting closed 8:58pm The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 30th July 2026 at The Village Hall, Castleton.