

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 30th July 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. J Judge, Cllr. Cllr. Stannard.

Also in attendance was the Clerk, Mrs T. Dale, Cllr. J. Collins, 1 resident.

01/07/26	Cllr Ahead, Cllr Eyre, Cllr Spooner, PC Simpson, PCSO Brockett.
02/07/26	No Pecuniary Interest was noted.
03/07/26	Reports: A: County Councillor's Report None this month. B: Borough Councillor's Report: Litter Bins: Following emails received from Castleton Parish Council, Cllr Collins has been in contact with Alliance, the provider of waste collection in High Peak. Alliance confirmed that the 'Right Bin Right Place' project is underway. All litter bins within the district have been mapped, and capacity and monitoring assessments have been completed. The next stage of the project will involve consultation with Parish Councils and Councillors so they are aware of any proposed changes or improvements to litter bin provision and can provide feedback. Alliance also confirmed that bins within Castleton are emptied every morning, seven days per week, but due to limited resources they are unable to empty bins more than once per day. The matter is still being pursued. It was noted that monitoring had not identified a major issue; however, it was explained that this does not reflect the significant contribution of residents who regularly litter-pick to help manage the situation. High Peak Parishes Forum 27 June: Various topics were discussed: • Garden Waste and Food Waste Collections: There are extensive changes to waste collection arrangements. Cllr Collins summarised the details and had shared information with Edale residents; she will also share this with Castleton Parish Council for onward circulation via the email group. The website used for garden waste payments is confusing, and residents experiencing difficulties should contact Customer Services. • Sustainable Events Toolkit: A checklist of requirements has been produced and shared. A hard copy was distributed at the meeting, and an electronic version will be sent alongside the meeting notes. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) There is little new information at this stage. Two new unitary councils—one for the north and one for the south—will replace the current structure, with full implementation expected on 1 April 2028. These will be supported by Neighbourhood Committees, made up of members of the public. Elections for Councillors in North Derbyshire and for Parish Councils will take place in 2027. Due to the reorganisation, it is expected that the subsequent election will not occur for a further five years, after which the cycle will revert to four-yearly. Parish Councils are encouraged to contribute ideas on how Neighbourhood Committees should operate, including potential remit and structure, and to be proactive in shaping proposals. Locality Plan Survey The Locality Plan survey remains open. Cllr Collins stressed the importance of completing it to ensure local priorities are properly represented. Once the survey closes and results are analysed, informal consultations are expected to follow. Carelink Carelink, which provides support to vulnerable residents, is scheduled for closure at the end of September 2026. Current clients are being contacted by telephone to discuss needs and identify alternative support. If there is no response after a second call, users will be contacted by letter. It is extremely important that clients respond to ensure continuity of support. Cllr Collins requested that Councillors inform her directly if they are aware of anyone in need. Although Carelink is scheduled to cease at the end of September, additional funding has been secured to help ensure all users are accommodated, even beyond the deadline where possible.

	Climate Emergency Film The Chair advised that she had recently seen the Climate Emergency Film and thought it was very powerful. A resident who also attended offered to organise another screening, to be held at the Village Hall. The Chair proposed that the Parish Council support this event by covering the cost of hiring the Village Hall. (Prop JS, 2nd AD, Unan) Cllr Collins additionally advised that the film was being shown in Edale. C: Police Report A report was provided prior to the meeting and read out by the Clerk as follows: As the visitor season progresses, the Police expect to be busy over the next few months. Crimes committed in July are as follows: • 04/07/26 – Public Order: Road-rage incident near Mam Tor involving a cyclist and motorists. • 10/07/26 – Theft: A paraglider left belongings unattended for approximately 10 minutes while retrieving a vehicle; all items were stolen. • 17/07/26 – Theft of Vehicle: A vehicle left at the roadside due to breakdown was later stolen. • 24/07/26 – Drugs Supply: While attending a report of a drunken female at Mam Tor car park, officers located drugs. Two individuals were arrested. • 25/07/26 – Assault: Domestic incident involving a couple staying at a camper site. An additional incident of note: two quad bikes were stolen from a farm in Sparrowpit on Sunday night.																														
04/07/26	Public Participation: Resident 1: Raised a number of ongoing issues: 1. HGVs entering the village. The resident wished to praise Derbyshire County Council (DCC) for installing the HGV signage at Old Road. However, issues persist with HGVs entering the village and attempting to use unsuitable roads. Further signage is needed, particularly at Travellers Rest. Cllr Judge advised that she had recently assisted an HGV driver to reverse and turn back, as the road being used was not passable. Cllr Darlington advised that residents should continue to report incidents and provide evidence to Highways. 2. Parking difficulties following implementation of the TRO. An unexpected consequence of the recently implemented Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is that people travelling into the village for work are unable to find parking. Spaces are already full between 9:30–9:45. The meters mean workers must pay and are restricted to four hours, with an enforced one-hour gap before they can return. Cllr Judge acknowledged that this is unfortunate. She noted that residents’ complaints about overnight and inconsiderate parking, along with associated litter, were the grounds on which the Parish Council advocated for parking restrictions—although the Council did not agree with all measures implemented. She also advised that businesses within the village are eligible for concessions at the main car park and should contact High Peak Borough Council. 3. Ongoing litter problem on Old Road. The litter issue on Old Road remains unresolved. Cllr Darlington advised that correspondence has been sent to the lead officer for High Peak Environmental Health. The correspondence has been acknowledged, with assurances that a full response will be provided shortly. 4. Theft of Land Rover Discovery vehicles. The Parish Council was advised of a recent spate of thefts involving Land Rover Discovery vehicles.																														
05/07/26	Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto: A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25th June 2026 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop AD, 2nd JS, unan).																														
06/07/26	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>£5,049.21</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£13,744.47</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/07/26</td><td>£13,744.47</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 30/07/26</td><td>£13,744.47</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr></table>		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	£5,049.21	£0.00	Balance	£13,744.47	£19,047.76				Last Statement Balance 15/07/26	£13,744.47	£19,047.76	Less un-presented cheques	£0.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 30/07/26	£13,744.47	£19,047.76
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	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 - £468.48 ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire – £30.00 iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £960.00 iv) S. Hayes – Reimbursement Peveril Post - £282.96 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council: None this month D: The Clerk requested approval for expected payments due in August as there is no meeting taking place for the following: i) T. Dale – Clerk’s salary, allowances plus expense ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance All payments, receipts and requests were agreed. (Prop JS, 2nd JJ, unan).
07/07/26	Council Matters: A: Cllr Darlington provided the following update in relation to visitor pressures in Castleton and the wider Hope Valley: An action point from the Hope Valley Parish Councils meeting held on 18 June was to draft a letter to the Mayor regarding advertising messages on the backs of buses, specifically concerning wildfires. Following comments received, the draft was updated and sent to the Mayor, copied to MPs, Local Councillors, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Peak District National Park Authority. At the Mini Switzerland event, Cllr Darlington had the opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor, MP Jon Pearce, and others on this matter. The letter has also been forwarded to a number of operators and marketing organisations responsible for approximately 95% of bus advertising across the UK, including Stagecoach, Arriva and First. A quote for such advertising is expected shortly. Contact has also been made with the individual responsible for communications within Moors for the Future, and it was recommended that the Parish Council liaise with her, as their communications work is highly valuable. Regarding issues of human waste, an email has been sent, as mentioned under Public Participation, to High Peak Environmental Health. The correspondence has been acknowledged, with assurances that a full response will be provided, clarifying who within the authority is responsible and what solutions can be offered. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is now in place. It will take some time to bed in. There continues to be significant commentary on social media, and residents remain keen to see enforcement. The Civil Enforcement Team’s response has been shared via the village email group. The issue of litter bins was discussed under the Borough Council Report. Cllr Eyre, prior to the meeting, requested that the Parish Council seek clarification from MP Jon Pearce regarding his position on lobbying for increased parking fines. It was felt that having an effective deterrent is vital. An update was also provided that Bradwell Fire Station has posted further fire-warning signs on Lower Road and will be providing their call-out statistics to the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that, following correspondence with Alliance requesting further collections, larger bins, or an increased number of bins at key locations, Alliance has confirmed that there will be an increase in collections over the summer and that they will monitor the situation and requirements. However, this response appears to contradict the information previously advised by Cllr Collins. A call was received by Cllr Darlington from Highways earlier this evening, prior to the Parish Council meeting. Highways advised of imminent works to replace defective electrical supply serving a number of homes and businesses within Castleton. The works will require significant disruption, including a planned closure of Winnats Pass where the new supply will be laid, expected to last at least seven weeks. The work is scheduled to take place between late summer and May next year. To accommodate the works, Highways outlined four zones with associated traffic restrictions: 1. Visitor Centre to bottom of Arthurs Way – traffic-light system. 2. Bottom of Arthurs Way to top of the cattle grid on Winnats Pass – road closure 3. Winnats Pass to Blue John Cavern turn-off – traffic-light system. 4. Blue John Cavern turn-off to Blue John Café – road closure

Highways presented two options and requested the view of the parish council on the best option for the community:

1. Seven-week full closure (day and night) Allows continuous trenching and backfilling as required. Duration subject to ground conditions and weather.
2. Minimum ten-week overnight closure (8:00 pm – 6:00 am) Requires constant opening and backfilling of trenches each day. Likely to result in significant overnight noise disturbance due to the expected geology.

Duration subject to ground conditions and weather.

The matter, with the information given, was put to a vote:

- Option 1: *For*: JJ, AD *Against*: JAS, JJ
- Option 2: *For*: JAS, JJ *Against*: JJ, AD

With no majority, the Chair exercised the casting vote, and a view preferring Option 1 was resolved. However, concerns were raised regarding the extremely short notice, the limited information available, uncertainty over whether alternative approaches had been explored and a preference for a drop-in. Cllr Darlington will speak further with Highways to obtain additional details that can be shared on all these matters. Cllr Darlington had also highlighted the likely impact on visitors, and Christmas events. With respect to the potential for increased HGV traffic Highways said that the proposed road closure will appear on conventional satnav systems commonly used by HGV drivers. The need for improved signage at Travellers Rest was reiterated to prevent HGVs entering unsuitable routes. Cllr Darlington will keep Councillors updated.

B: An update on buses, public transport strategies and Active Travel was provided by the Chair with the agenda (Annex A). In addition to the update provided, a reply has been received on behalf of the East Midlands Mayoral team confirming that the Number 62 bus service will form part of the Mini Switzerland transport project and is expected to be retained and expanded as part of this work. Whilst this is encouraging, there is no reference to the service including Castleton, and this will be followed up to ensure that a direct connection to Buxton is maintained.

The continuation of promoting and improving usage of the service by both residents and visitors remains essential. (AP – JS)

C: An update on Local Government Reorganisation was provided earlier in the meeting by Cllr Collins. *See Borough Council Report.*

D: The Chair advised that she, along with Cllrs Darlington and Collins, had attended the Locality Plan Workshops organised by High Peak Borough Council. Unfortunately, the event was not well attended. As highlighted under the Borough Councillors' Report, it was stressed that responses from Parish Councils are essential to help shape priorities. It was suggested that this topic be raised at the next meeting of the Hope Valley Parishes for agreement of a group response.

E: Cllr Darlington advised that the replacement noticeboard at the bus turnaround is expected in approximately 10 weeks. The new village map has been designed, and the strapline has now been installed. It was noted that the seal on the Parish Council noticeboard has been removed and will need to be replaced prior to winter. (AP – AD)

Cllr Collins reminded Councillors that Borough Councillor funding is available should local initiatives require financial support.

F: The main topic relating to the Events Diary was the Tour de France. Cllr Darlington advised, following discussions with Highways, that Winnats Pass will be closed the day prior to the event and on the day itself. Assurance was given that, should emergency vehicles require access, the race will be stopped to allow this. It will require forward planning by residents and businesses.

Drop-in sessions will be arranged to share information about the event; dates and times are not yet available.

G: Cllr Stannard updated the Parish Council on the replacement dog-fouling signage throughout the village. A quote has been received for the design and production of the signage. If agreed, Cllr Stannard would liaise with the consultant on designing the signs. The design work would cost £58.00 including VAT per hour, with an estimated total of £116.00 for two hours. This work would commence in August, with the design brought to the September meeting for endorsement.

If endorsed, production costs would be £72.00 (including VAT) as expectation that 10 signs would be required, totalling. The overall cost of the project would therefore be £188.00.

The next stage would be to identify suitable locations for the signs, taking into account visibility, restrictions on removal, and potential placement on internal field walls.

It was resolved to proceed. (Prop JAS, 2nd JJ, Unan) (AP – JAS)

H: Prior to the meeting, Cllr Eyre provided an update on speeding-prevention measures. The location of the Speedwatch signage is still under consideration, and private locations are being explored.

	I: Prior to the meeting, Cllr Spooner provided an update on the Community Resilience Plan. Members of the COBRA team have now been identified, with an initial meeting to be arranged after the holiday period. Cllrs Simm and Darlington are members of the group. Cllr Judge expressed her wish to be included. (AP – NS) J: Cllr Darlington advised that a quote of £89.00 had been received for the replacement and installation of signage for the turning space on Pindale Road. It was resolved to proceed with the purchase and installation. (Prop AD, 2nd JAS, Unan) (AP – AD) K: The Clerk advised that a quote has still not been received for repairs to the Dirty Lane footpath, previously agreed for repair under the PROW scheme. Cllr Judge confirmed that this has been chased, with the quote expected within the next few days. Upon receipt, the Clerk will follow the required process. (AP – Clerk) L: A brief discussion took place regarding the need to audit Parish Council benches throughout the village. It was resolved that Cllrs Judge and Adshead will carry out the audit and provide recommendations on repair requirements and associated costs. The Clerk will provide details of all benches listed on the Parish Council asset register. (AP – Clerk, JJ, SA) M: See Item A, which required urgent discussion and resolution. Cllr Stannard queried whether the funding referenced by Cllr Collins under Item E could be used for repairs at Millbridge. Following a short discussion, it was confirmed that, as the Parish Council has no direct powers in this matter, any works would need to be funded externally. Unfortunately, the available funding would not be sufficient, and authority would also be required from Highways. Councillors were encouraged to consider local initiatives that could benefit from the funding available. (AP – All)
08/07/26	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. Chair to email identifying concerns, Clerk to raise concerns with planning department (AP – JS, Clerk) ii) NP/HPK/0626/0636 - The Hollies, How Lane, Castleton. Gazebo/covered/shaded outdoor seating area. (WITHDRAWN) 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) Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Castleton, S33 8WG - VDPS to O Manning. No objections raised.
09/07/26	Correspondence and DALC Circulars: A: The following correspondence, received and pre-circulated to Members by email, were noted and discussed: i) DCC – Community News. ii) DALC – Newsletter, Local Government Reorganisation, Martyn's Law. iii) NALC – Events, Newsletters, Bulletins. iv) HVCA – Newsletter. v) High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands District Council– Agendas and supplements for Development Control Committee, Corporate Select Committee. vi) HPBC – Possible Funding, High Peak Parish Forum, Invitation to Locality Action Plan Workshop, Summer Wellness Roadshow, Tintwistle Wildfire. vii) HPHV Community Rail Partnership – Minutes, The Steel Cotton Rail Trial. viii) Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – Derbyshire Secures Top National Award. ix) PDNPA – Fires, Resorting Craggs and Growing Trees. x) Concern for Castleton – Report.
10/07/26	Peveril Post: No articles this month for Peveril Post. The Chair thanked Cllrs Darlington, Stannard and Simm for their contributions to last month's edition.
	Meeting closed 8:30pm The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 24th September 2026 at The Village Hall, Castleton.