

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING: Thursday 1st October 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 1st October 2026, for the purposes of transacting the business below:

T Dale

Mrs T. Dale 25th September 2026

Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Email: clerk@castletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

01/09/26	To consider accepting any apologies for absence.																																
02/09/26	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.																																
03/09/26	<u>Reports:</u> A: County Councillor's Report B: Borough Councillor's Report C: Police Report																																
04/09/26	<u>Public Participation:</u> 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.																																
05/09/26	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:</u> A: To consider for approval the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 th July 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.																																
06/09/26	Finance: 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. <table><tr><td></td><td>Current Account 24th September 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>£6,790.65</td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£12,003.03</td><td>£19,047.76</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Last Statement Balance 15/09/26</td><td>£12,003.03</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 24/09/26</td><td>£12,003.03</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 salaries August and September, allowances, expenses and arrears. - £553.78 + £431.40 = £985.18 ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire – £24.00 iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance July and August - £960.00 + £960.00 = £1,920.00 iv) Networks – Parking/Turning Circle signage - £106.80 C: To note the income and receipts of the Council: None this month D: Update on the 2026 – 27 Financial Year Audit.				Current Account 24th September 2026	NS&I	Balance brought forward 01/04/26	£11,369.18	£19,047.76	Total Income	£7,424.50	£0.00	Total Expenditure	£6,790.65	£0.00	Balance	£12,003.03	£19,047.76				Last Statement Balance 15/09/26	£12,003.03	£19,047.76	Less un-presented cheques	£0.00	£0.00	Add uncleared deposits	£0.00	£0.00	Available Balance 24/09/26	£12,003.03	£19,047.76
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07/09/26	<u>Council Matters:</u> A: To receive an update on responses to visitor pressures in Castleton and Hope Valley. To consider writing to Jon Pearce MP regarding making a change to "Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions 2007" to allow PCNs to be issued by post on the basis of time-stamped evidence submitted by member of the public.																																

	B: To note the Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) clean-up in Castleton under “Trash Free Trails” C: To receive an update on buses and public transport strategies and Active Travel (Annex A) D: To receive an update following the Hope Valley Parish Councils meeting to include an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). E: To discuss Parish Council Communications, to include Facebook, principles on decisions of what should be posted and by whom. F: To receive an update on closure of Winnats and on proposed closure of Hathersage road for Severn Trent works G: To review and discuss Events Diary to include an update on the showing of the People's Emergency Briefing, H: To receive an update on repairs of the two notice boards in main car park and bus turnaround. I: To discuss and resolve replacement of two out of three "respect this space" notices on the war memorial triangle J: To receive an update on the replacement sign for the turning space on Pindale Road. K: To receive an update on replace dog fouling signage throughout the village L: To receive an update on speeding prevention items currently under review M: To receive update on Community Resilience plan N: To receive an update on the footpath for repair under the PROW scheme. O: To receive an update on the audit of Parish Council benches throughout the village. P: To consider arrangements for Remembrance Day Q: To consider Grounds tenders for 2027 R: To note and if urgently required to discuss and or resolve.
08/09/26	<u>Planning:</u> 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: NP/HPK/0926/0927 - Blue John Cavern, Mam Tor, Castleton. Renovation and enhancement of existing buildings at Blue John Cavern. 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 Village Hall, How Lane, Castleton, S33 8WJ – TEN 17/10/26 ii) Peveril Tearooms, Castle Street, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33 8WG – TEN - 29-30/08/2026
09/09/26	<u>Correspondence & Circulars:</u> To note and discuss, if necessary, correspondence received and pre-circulated to Members by email, unless otherwise indicated, including the following: i) DCC – Various. ii) DALC – Various. iii)NALC – Various. iv)HVCA – Various. v) High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands District Council - Various. vi)HPBC – Various. vii) HPHV Community Rail Partnership – Various. viii) Office of Police and Crime Commissioner –Various. ix)PDNPA – Various.
10/09/26	<u>Items for the Peveril Post</u> To be discussed

The following Ordinary Meeting of the Council is currently planned to take place at the Walker Room, Peveril Centre, Castleton on Thursday 29th October 2026.

Buses and Public Transport Strategies and Active Travel

In July we reported back on the bus contracts up for renewal by EMCCA (East Midland's Mayor's office) and in the light of the threat to **Service 62** a meeting took place with an EMCCA and High Peak Buses, with the CPC and Cllr Collins. This was followed up by a direct approach to the Mayor to save and improve the 62. Ideally, we are seeking a direct bus to Buxton but if this is not feasible, a retained and improved service is sought. NB we must continue to do our best to promote the 62 and hope that EMCCA and the 'Mini Switzerland' project supports the continuation and improvement of this service.

In July a group of councillors attended an event organised by Hope Valley Climate Action (HVCA) celebrating the **Mini Switzerland** transport project. Better Buses for Castleton were also represented. It was attended by the Mayor, and we heard from a range of stakeholders that included the Mayor's project team, CEO of the Peak Park, marketing manager of Visit Peak District and Derbyshire, representatives of bus and train operators, and our High Peak MP. We heard more about the project with funding from central government and matched funding from EMCCA, which aims to transform rural transport in the Peak District. We stated that we await more information from EMCCA about their plans to take 'Mini-Switzerland' forward and we continue to feel that it is in the best interests of our village that we keep in touch with all developments.

However, since the above update we have now heard that EMCCA have formed a steering group to deliver 'Mini Switzerland,' and an invitation has been sent to all Hope Valley Parish Councils to attend the inaugural meeting on September 24th. It appears that parish councils have only been designated as Observers to the Steering Group which potentially gives us limited opportunity to influence decisions on the implementation of the project proposals. We are trying to clarify how this Steering Group will take Hope Valley residents' views into account, especially when our village has surveyed residents on public transport issues. We are asking how the team of EMCCA consultants employed to lead on the project intend to take account of the views of local residents and visitors who use bus and rail services. We will report back ASAP.

Finally, we note that the Mayor's Transport Plan has not yet been published but an interim report is available. The CPC and our action group Better Buses for Castleton strongly encouraged residents to participate in the survey and so it is pleasing to see such a good response from the High Peak.

Hope Valley Parish Councils meeting

The 4th meeting of Hope Valley Parish Councils was hosted by Bamford Parish Council on 8th September, with representation from seven parishes. It was agreed to adopt "Hope Valley Parish Partnership" as our group name, with the remit of considering strategic issues that affect all or most of the Hope Valley parishes.

An update was given by Castleton PC on an initiative to put public information on backs of buses concerning wildfire. A letter had gone to the EMCCA Mayor following the previous meeting, and a reply received acknowledging that the idea had merit and could be considered in the future. Castleton PC had also obtained a quote for a modest lower rear back of bus campaign from Global who cover 95% of advertising for UK bus depots, and the principle of HVPP jointly funding such a campaign next year was discussed, subject to agreement from individual parish councils.

The next meeting of HVPP will be hosted by Grindleford Parish Council.