CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 29th October 2026, 7:00pm
At the Walker Room, Peveril Centre, 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/minute taker), Cllr. N. Spooner, Cllr J. Judge, Cllr S Adshead, Cllr J Stannard.
Also in attendance was the

01/10/26	Apologies received from – Clerk T Dale, Cllr Eyre.
02/10/26	No Pecuniary Interest was noted.
03/10/26	**Reports:** **A: County Councillor's Report** None this month. **B: Borough Councillor's Report:** (1) Dog Poo signs. HPBC have a number of metal signs but will not put them up. The Chair asked for some to install. Cllr Collins agreed to provide them. (2) Regarding the HPBC PSPO banning fires on open spaces, HPBC lawyers now have an agreement with the National Trust (NT) for issuing fines on NT land. (3) Local Government Reorganisation. Central government announced today that they had cancelled Derbyshire. A number of new authorities will be set up in 2029 but we don't know if these will include Derbyshire. (4) The Peak District National Park (PDNP) Local Plan will shortly go to the Inspectorate. (5) The HPBC Councillor Initiative Fund is still open. **C: Police Report:** Post meeting the following update was provided. On 3 October, waste cooking oil was stolen from a pub in Castleton. On 27 October, a victim challenged another driver about their driving and was verbally abused.
04/10/26	**Public Participation:** A resident raised the following: (1) On Winnats Pass the grit bins are getting damaged and need replacing. One on an inside corner is vulnerable in that location and should be moved c.5 yards further up. It was agreed to report this to DCC **(AP: Clerk)** (2) Will Winnats Pass be resurfaced before the Tour de France Femme and will it be resurfaced again after the proposed power cable is laid? It was agreed to ask Highways **(AP: AD)** (3) Benches on the route between Back Street and Peveril Road are in a poor state. Discussion followed, it was agreed that these had been installed by a resident and were not Parish Council responsibility. (4) Winnats Pass new car park construction for Speedwell Cavern. The resident has spoken to other villagers, they feel this is an eyesore and asked if it should have had planning permission. After discussion it was agreed to ask Peak District National Park (PDNP) Planning **(AP: Clerk)** (5) In the context of climate change, the resident explained that some years ago a professor from Manchester University and an Environment Agency representative had assessed the suitability of Russett Well and the mill leat for generation of energy via an Archimedes Screw. The former was ruled out but the advice was that the leat could generate enough

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electricity to run the factory plus possibly a few more properties all year round. The payback time then was probably 10 years, which was judged to be too long. Cllr Collins suggested looking for climate action grants on the High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) list **(AP: AD)**

05/10/26 **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto**:
A: The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2026 were then considered, the minutes were approved. (Prop SA, 2nd JS, unan).

06/10/26 **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	£13,545.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£9,826.63	£0.00
Balance	£15,087.55	£19,047.76
Last Statement Balance 15/07/26	£15,194.35	£19,047.76
Less un-presented cheques	£0.00	£0.00
Add uncleared deposits	£106.80	£0.00
Available Balance 30/07/26	£15,087.55	£19,047.76

B: To approve and instruct the payment by cheque, of presented invoiced items, including the following:
i) T. Dale – Clerk's salaries, allowances, expenses - £28.80 + £493.83 = £522.63
ii) Castleton Village Hall – Room Hire – £54.00
iii) Griffiths Gardening Ltd – Grounds Maintenance - £480.00
iv) S. Ashead – Reimbursement Christmas Tree - £70.00

C: To note the income and receipts of the Council:
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All payments, receipts and requests were agreed. (Prop SA, 2nd JJ, unan).
All cheques to be signed post meeting
D: To discuss and resolve the budget/precept for 2027/8 (as the Clerk had been through this with all Councillors and they had approved it individually, it was agreed at the meeting. (Prop JAS, 2nd JS, unan).

07/10/26 **Council Matters:**
A: Visitor pressures. Cllr Darlington updated the meeting on the campaign to have wildfire public information messages on backs of buses. A meeting was held with Cllr Joanna Collins and Emma Shaw of Moors for the Future where it was agreed to explore sources of funding including affected parish councils. A letter has been drafted for Cllr J Collins to take to the Peak Park Parishes Forum for possible dissemination to all Peak park parish councils. Other related information was given in Annex B attached to the agenda, including the news that the wildfire season has been extended from 2 months to 11 months, from late February/March.
Cllr J Collins said that High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) have produced much bigger wildfire metal signs. The concept of a new Castleton Code was raised, but as a new Natural England Countryside Code is expected this was parked for now. There was agreement that it needs updating.
B: Buses and public transport. The Chair summarised her update in Annex A of the Agenda and noted her update in Peveril Post, and the confusion over whether or not the 62 bus would continue. She has submitted a response to the Mini Switzerland Terms of Reference and Communications protocol that was supplied to parish councils but has not yet received a reply. She has written to Haskoning the consultants regarding the Castleton position and public transport survey and stressed that we feel that the councils have not been involved. The Chair confirmed that she has already asked the consultants how they see parish councils informing the project.
C: Peak Park Parishes Day. Cllr Darlington referred councillors to Annex B attached to the agenda. She stressed that it was a very worthwhile event both for information and for networking with other parish councils and Peak Park officers.
D: (1) Communications. The discussion mainly centred around sending more messages out on Facebook. Cllr

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	Judge maintains the Castleton Parish Council Facebook (FB) page, prefers to receive content via WhatsApp. Images are better for FB communications. Reference was made to FB pages of other local parish councils including Hope with Aston and Bradwell. Cllr Judge will look at these (**AP: JJ and Clerk** to put on agenda for November meeting update). (2) Cllr Darlington noted that Winnats Pass works for a new power cable are postponed until next year and that the Severn Trent pipeline from Hathersage to Worksop is delayed for a planning application. The Chair noted the good news that the A54 Cat and Fiddle route is now open 3 weeks ahead of schedule. E: Events Diary. The Clerk received information on a cycling event "Glorious Gravel" passing through the village and up the old road, on 31 October. Cllr Darlington will notify residents via the village email group **(AP: AD).** Discussion was had on whether village events such as the Christmas switch-on should be included and it was noted that the original reason for this item was to follow events causing disruption in the village such as cycling events up Winnats. The Chair mentioned a potential event relating to environmental issues the idea for which follows the recent showing of the People's Emergency Briefing in the Village Hall **(AP: AD)** Cllr Darlington to follow up with resident). F: Repairs of two notice boards. Cllr Darlington has received an update on the replacement notice board at the bus turnaround from East Midlands Combined Council Authority (EMCCA) (who have taken over Highways infrastructure from Derbyshire County Council (DCC)). The notice board is on order and is likely to go back in the same position as the old one. Councillors registered their support for this option **(AP: AD)** to confirm with EMCCA). The village plan is delayed due to high workload with the suppliers. G: War memorial respect signs. Of the original signs, one has gone, another completely broken and the other bent. A quote for three replacement signs has been requested. H: Dog poo signage. Cllr Stannard gave an update. Networks are ready to produce when they have capacity, and he has produced a map to show proposed locations for ten signs on popular dog walking routes. He will obtain a quote for installation. He requested feedback from councillors on where to put the signs and how to secure them **(AP: All),** feedback by 15 November). Once a list and proposed locations are agreed Cllr Stannard will negotiate with owners. I: Speed prevention. In the absence of Cllr Eyre, the Chair gave the update. Cllr Judge voiced appreciation of the statistics provided by the Speedwatch team. The Chair thanked the organisers. Resident A mentioned a news report of high-performance cars being seized by police and noted that the village had been quieter since. J: Community resilience. Cllr Spooner gave an update. The Castleton Emergency Group has met twice and will meet again shortly, partly to work through responding to a specific emergency, facilitated by Elli Houlston. There is an announcement on the purpose of the group in Peveril Post with contact details. The Emergency plan document is developing. The Chair thanked Cllr Spooner for driving the initiative. K: Update on PROW. Not sure of the status of this therefore **(AP: JJ)** L: Update on the audit of the parish council benches. Cllr Judge has completed an audit of the benches and has photos and notes to share. She believes that there are several needing attention and aims to send an email to councillors with attachments. The Chair thanked Cllr Judge. M: Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Eyre had provided a summary, read out by the Chair. Cllrs Eyre and Adshead have put up poppies and Tommies. Chair thanked both. It was confirmed that no poppies remain in church. The schedule on Remembrance Sunday begins with church service 10.10, then War Memorial at c.10.55. Several councillors expressed their intention to attend. N: Two additional items. The first was correspondence received 28 October from a resident concerned about flooding issues on Millbridge including the grid at the bottom of Dirty Lane, suggestions of dealing with them and requesting the support of the parish council with the authorities. The Chair read out the letter and will forward it to councillors **(AP: JS).** As a flood warden Cllr Darlington was familiar with the suggestions and has written to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) again to request their attention on these issues. She has forwarded the letter to councillors as background information and to enable their consideration of support, ahead of the November parish council meeting when it will be an agenda item. The second item was an offer from Rachel Doyle (Community Policy Planner at PDNPA) to come to a parish council meeting with a view to updating our Parish Statement. It was agreed to invite her to the November meeting **(AP: AD/Clerk).**
08/10/26	**Planning**: A: The following applications were discussed, and the Clerk instructed to report the Council's views to PDNPA: None this month B: To note any planning decisions as notified by the Peak District National Park Authority:

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	None this month C: Applications received by the Licensing Authority i) Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Castleton, S33 8WG - Vary DPS to R Iszazak ii) Field at Grid Ref SK142828 Lat 53.342671 Long -1.7876588, Buxton Rd, Castleton, S33 8WP - TEN 04.10.26 iii) Field at Grid Ref SK142828 Lat 53.342671 Long -1.7876588, Buxton Rd, Castleton, S33 8WP - TEN 09-11.10.26 iv) Field at Grid Ref SK142828 Lat 53.342671 Long -1.7876588, Buxton Rd, Castleton, S33 8WP - TEN 16-18.10.26 v) Field at Grid Ref SK142828 Lat 53.342671 Long -1.7876588, Buxton Rd, Castleton, S33 8WP - TEN 23-25.10.26 vi) Field at Grid Ref SK142828 Lat 53.342671 Long -1.7876588, Buxton Rd, Castleton, S33 8WP - TEN 27-31.10.26 D: To note Enforcement Notice vii) Land at Holmesfield Farm, Mill Bridge, Castleton **No matters requiring an opinion.**
09/10/26	**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 – Chief Executive Recruitment Update, Annul Report, Councils with Charity Connections. iii) NALC – Newsletters, Events, Bulletins. iv) HVCA – Newsletter. v) High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Executive Committee Agenda & Supplements, HPBC Agenda, Corporate Select Committee Minutes, Development Control Committee Agenda & Supplements. vi) HPBC – Possible Funding. vii) Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – New Partnership Unveiled, Business Crime Event. viii) PDNPA – Invite to Parishes Day 2026, Draft Local Plan 2026 – 2045. ix) Peak Cluster – Newsletter. x) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue – Your Support for DFRS, Community Risk Plan. xi) Environment Agency – Flood Awareness This Winter. The Chair noted one item, a consultation being carried out by the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. It was agreed to direct this to the Castleton Emergency Group **(AP: NS)**
10/10/26	**Peveril Post:** None this month
	Meeting closed 9:00pm The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 26th November 2026 at the Village Hall, Castleton.

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