

CASTLETON PARISH

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 26th MAY 2016 AT 6.30PM 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 meeting.

Signed Chair of meeting

Date.....

Present: Cllr. N. Fisher (Chair), Cllr. P. Dale, Cllr. B. Moorhouse, Cllr. N. Topping and Cllr. J. Bradley.
Clerk to Parish Council: Mrs L. Gibbs.
County Councillor Jocelyn Street, Borough Councillor Sarah Helliwell and Borough Councillor Jim Perkins
4 members of the public present – Jackie Topping, Robert Helliwell, Gary and Alyssa Thompson.

APM 01/05/16 A: The Chair gave a brief introduction and welcome and the members of the public introduced themselves.

B: Apologies were received from Cllr. Garrow.

APM 02/05/16 Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:

A: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting upon agreement of all those present (Proposed PD, Seconded BM).

B: There were no matters arising.

APM 03/05/16 Reports and Presentations:

A: The Chair read out his Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report for 2015-16. He reported that the main project last year was the re-surfacing with tarmac of the burial ground which allowed easy access for all and easier maintenance. He thanked his fellow councillors for all their hard work and reported the sad retirement from the Council of Lynn Trainor following illness to whom he also extended his thanks for all her work as Vice Chair. He also thanked C Deacon for her hard work as Clerk over the year, especially after taking over at a difficult time resulting in the need for her to get the financial affairs and filing systems in order. He then welcomed the new councillor, Nigel Garrow and clerk, Lynne Gibbs who had taken over the vacant roles. He also thanked local residents who were working hard to keep the village tidy, both the Group responsible for the planter in the burial ground and the Group who litter pick on a weekly basis. Also the volunteers who edit and produce the Peveril Post, the Parish Magazine and the Village Website. He also reported that the precept had been set recently and had been reduced. He finished by mentioning that there is still a vacancy on the Parish Council if there are any residents who would like to join.

B: The Chair reported that most of the finance detail had been in his report and the only thing to add was that the accounts had been completed and were on their way to the External Auditor. They would be on display from 20th June to 29th July 2016.

C: No presentations, updates or reports by Village / Community Organisations had been received or were made.

D: No written notices were received or read out.

APM 04/05/16 Open Forum – Any Business to be Raised for Discussion and Invitation for Questions from the Public:

The first issue to be raised was the fact that the village litter pickers go out on a Friday and then High Peak Borough Council do it on a Saturday. Cllr. Moorhouse suggested it would be better if the Council came out on a Monday instead and cleaned up after the weekend. He also mentioned that the litter bin is now missing from Spittal Bridge and the amount of waste being left in this area is becoming a problem. Cllr. Dale pointed out that there is a dog poo bin on the caravan site for their visitors but this is no use to anyone else. Cllr. Helliwell reported that this situation has been monitored and that this showed the bin isn't required.

Cllr. Dale raised the problems caused by the number of cycle races that pass through the village and how residents are notified pointing out that not everyone has access to the internet and that quite often details aren't released early enough to be published in the village magazines. Cllr. Moorhouse raised the issue of the placing of the signs advertising these events and the timings of the road closures being too generous. Cllr. Street offered to speak to Highways about the signs.

A local resident brought to the attention of the Council some issues around the planning application recently submitted by Tilly's Tea Rooms. The plans show an extraction unit/flu in a small outbuilding that used to house a toilet. The resident is concerned that planning permission was never granted for the installation of this unit or change of use for the toilet and that by gaining the current planning permission this will be missed by the Authorities. He also mentioned that the upstairs had been converted for use as an eating area and they have installed what looks like a serving window onto the pavement. It was pointed out that the Parish Council can only comment on the planning application they have in front of them. Cllr. Dale also commented that there was no planning notice up. There was a discussion around how sometimes it feels like Peak District National Park Authority are not enforcing the laws and it was suggested that the clerk chase up our request for the Planning Enforcement Officer to attend one of the Parish Council meetings. Mr Helliwell who works for Peak District National Park Authority and sits on the planning committee explained how frustrating it can be for them as well.

Meeting Closed 7.15pm

Mrs L Gibbs, Clerk to Castleton Parish Council

Public Persons present:

Mr J. and Mrs H. Wyld (new residents) (left early)

Misses P. and M. Callis (left early)

Mr J. Loveless

Ms V. Turner (left early)

Mrs J. Topping

Mr P. Banister (later)