

## **Proposals to introduce new parking meters scrapped**

Castleton Parish Council (CPC) was informed last night that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had abandoned plans to introduce parking charges on Castle Street and Back Street. This follows the withdrawal of proposals to install parking meters on How Lane.

Norman Fisher, Chairman of the Council said "We are delighted with this news and we would like to thank everyone involved in opposing these plans".

The volte-face by DCC follows more than two years of sustained opposition to the plans. Castleton Parish Council argued that the proposed changes, far from being beneficial for the village, would worsen traffic flows, damage business and cause additional parking problems as a result of displacement. The campaign to oppose the DCC proposals was a wide one, involving villagers, Castleton businesses and Councillors from High Peak and DCC.

There are two further issues still to be resolved. Firstly, DCC is still considering whether to extend Buxton Road parking restrictions and charges from weekends only to every day. The second issue is the formal acknowledgement that parking charges will be withdrawn from Buxton Road beyond the junction with the Winnats Pass road. This will allow the vandalised parking meters to be removed. The Parish Council has been urging DCC to remove the meters which have been an eyesore for several years.

If and when there is any further news, we will keep you posted.

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