

CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING: 27th OCTOBER 2016, CASTLETON VILLAGE HALL

These Minutes are hereby approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting following Resolution of the Council at its meeting on 24th November 2016.

Signed Chair of meeting

In attendance: Cllr. N. Topping (Acting Chair), Cllr. P. Dale, Cllr. B. Moorhouse, Cllr. J. Bradley and Cllr. N. Garrow (arrived 15 minutes into the meeting).

Also present: Clerk – Mrs L. Gibbs, Cllr. S. Helliwell, Cllr. J. Perkins and Charles Monkhouse

Meeting commenced 7.00pm.

01/10/16 Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Fisher.

02/10/16 No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests or requests for dispensations were received from Members as to any items to be discussed.

03/10/16 **Reports:**

A: County Councillor's Report: Apologies received from Cllr. J. Street.

B: Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr. Helliwell reported that the next Parishes meeting is to be held on 14th December 2016 and that she did not have any updates on the issue with parking. Cllr. Dale also asked if Cllr. Helliwell knew who should be contacted in the case of sheep being found in a state of neglect. Trading Standards at Bakewell were suggested, the RSPCA or Roger Townsend who might be able to help with identification.

C: Police Report: not present.

04/10/16 **Public Participation:**

Charles Monkhouse from the Tunnel2Tunnel project attended the meeting and advised that the idea was to run Workshops for both residents and visitors to combine words and images to create artwork that could be displayed on trains and in stations throughout the Hope Valley echoing not only the past but the future aspirations of the community. Sculptors will also line footpaths again echoing the thoughts of the people who take part in the project. He asked the Parish Council for their support, help with other groups who might be able to help and a small amount of funding in the region of £100 to £200. The Photographic Society and the Historical Society were suggested and the request for funding will be added to the agenda for the November meeting.

05/10/16 **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Relating Thereto:**

A: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 29th September 2016 were considered. The Minutes were then approved (Prop. BM, Sec. JB, unan.) and the Chair signed them as a true and accurate record of that meeting;

B: There were no matters to discuss relating to the minutes of the last meeting.

06/10/16 **Correspondence & DALC Circulars:**

A: Miscellaneous items have been received and pre-circulated to Councillors by e-mail including DALC 2015-16 Annual Report, RAD Marketing Your Village Hall Training, Clerk Induction Training and Councillor Induction Training, YCA Conference

PDNPA – Planning Meeting, Local Plan Consultation, Photography Competition, Monitoring and Enforcement Quarterly Review October,

HPBC – Parish Forum Meeting postponed and Parish Forum Meeting rescheduled date

DCC – Snow Warden Training

Peak Park Parishes Forum – Minutes and Agenda last Management Committee, Open meeting – Development Management Policies

Hope Valley Meeting – notes from last meeting, Invitation to individual meeting.

High Peak CVS – Invitation to AGM

Countryside Alliance – Rural Awards

B: DCC – Your Derbyshire circulated at the meeting.

07/10/16 **Finance:**

A: The Council's monetary assets are: National Westminster Bank Current Account £5233.97 and National Savings Investment Account £24,042.94. The Chair examined, approved and signed the bank reconciliation and latest current account statement.

B: Payment by cheque of the following invoiced items was approved and instructed (Prop.BM, Sec. JB, unan.):

i) Castleton Village Hall £27.00

ii) Clerk's salary, use of home allowance and expenses, 30/09/16 to 26/10/16 - £289.80

iii) Peter Outram – grass cutting/maintenance - £348.00

C: Income and receipts of the Council were noted as follows:

- i) Precept – HPBC - £5443.00
- ii) Rent, The Poor Piece – NG & P Sidebottom - £500.00

D: Two quotes have now been received for pruning the trees in the burial ground and following a discussion it was agreed to engage CHC Tree Care to carry out the work if they can do it within the next 3 weeks (prop. BM, sec. JB unan.).

E: A discussion was held around the request from Castleton Playing Fields Management Committee for financial help with the cost of a land valuation of the playing fields. The clerk has contacted DCC as requested and advised the three options they had suggested. The first being a private valuation (approx. £100 - £150 per hour), this is already being looked into by the Committee, the second is a valuation by the District Valuer which would cost about the same and the third is for it to be done by DCC at about half the cost, however they are extremely busy and there are no guarantees they would be able to carry out the work. The CPFMC have now managed to get a discounted rate of £60.00 per hour from Bagshaws in Bakewell. Resolved the Parish Council will offer to pay half the costs of Bagshaws valuing the land (£200 - £300 plus VAT), following confirmation of the hourly rate.

F: The letter of thanks from Castleton Village Hall Committee was noted.

08/10/16 **Council Matters:**

Ai) The request from Castleton Playing Fields Management Committee for a representative from the Parish Council is to be considered when the casual vacancies for councillors have been filled.

ii) The request made by Cllr. Fisher to bring forward the Parish Council's meeting in November was considered. Resolved: To keep the original date (prop. PD, sec. JB, 4 in favour, Cllr. Topping abstained).

(Cllr. Helliwell and Cllr. Perkins left the meeting)

iii) The list of meetings and training courses prepared by the clerk was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors would attend the Peak Park Parishes Forum Open meeting on 7/11/16 and report back at the Parish Council meeting in November, the clerk will attend the Clerk Induction Training on 24/11/16 as her original course was cancelled and Cllr. Moorhouse will attend the Parish Forum meeting on 14/11/16. This item will become a permanent agenda item with the list to be updated and circulated with the agenda (prop. NT, sec. BM, unan.).

iv) Cllr. Garrow's resignation will become effective on 01/12/16. The councillors thanked him for his hard work and wished him well. The clerk will contact the Returning Officer to notify them and confirm the next steps.

v) The ownership/maintenance of the small patch of land at the side of Goosehill Cottage was discussed as Cllr. Dale and Cllr. Topping have been to visit the resident. She has letters from her solicitor that state it is common land. The clerk was asked to write to the resident to advise her that the Parish Council are looking into this matter and to ask if her boundary ends at her house wall or includes the flagstones that run alongside the house.

vi) Deborah Bates from the Community Payback Scheme has contacted the clerk and Cllr. Dale to advise that the work suggested is not suitable for this time of year and asked us to contact her again in March 2017.

09/10/16 **Condition of Village:**

Ai) Cllr. Topping gave an update on the proposed changes to the parking and advised that a group had attended the meeting on 14/10/16 and Cllr. Fisher had been spokesperson. Cllr. Topping is going to send a request to Mike Ashworth for a financial analysis for the parking meters. He also suggested that if we are granted a meeting with DCC there needs to be as many people as possible present. Cllr. Dale suggested sending any letters bound for DCC to Ann Weston who is the leader of the Council.

ii) Cllr. Moorhouse has been looking into the procurement of a device to deter the birds from raiding the bins. He has costed out the materials to make hanging chains and it comes to a total of £18 for the covers and £34 for the chain giving a grand total for all 4 bins of £52.00. Resolved Cllr. Moorhouse to buy the materials and fit the chains to the bins (prop. JB, sec. NG, unan.).

B: Cllr. Topping reported that Care for Castleton have been preparing the village planters for winter and have submitted several receipts for plants and compost to him with a request for payment. These will be put on the agenda for the meeting in November for authorisation. Cllr. Dale reported that Geoff Middleton-Taylor had notified her that the wall behind the leet is dangerous and that he has informed the National Trust. Cllr. Dale also advised she has arranged the Christmas Tree for the church and Cllr. Bradley is organising one for the Market Place. Cllr. Dale also asked about the wreath for Remembrance Day and the clerk advised that she had spoken to Cllr. Fisher earlier in the month and that he was going to ring Steve Hayes to arrange.

10/10/16 **Planning:**

A: There were no planning applications received between the agenda being posted and 27/10/16.

B: The clerk reported the following planning decision notice:-

i) NP/HPK/0616/0529 – Castleton Visitor Centre, Buxton Road, Castleton – External alterations and internal re-configuration for retail area, tourist and information services, museum, café, classroom and interpretation area – Granted.

11/10/16 **Items for Peveril Post:**

Cllr. Moorhouse has provided an article on parking and Charles Monkhouse will send an article on the Tunnel2Tunnel project.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.