

CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY,
AUGUST 30, 2018, at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cllr D Naidu (chairman)
Cllr D Sainsbury (vice-chairman)
Cllr A Keate
Cllr R Wilkins
Cllr L Saunders
Borough Cllr Mrs M Penny
Borough Cllr S Weisinger
4 residents
A Gorton (clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at this point

3 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2018

The Minutes, which had been circulated previously and no amendments made, were ACCEPTED as a fair and accurate record, and signed by the chairman and clerk

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 The clerk reported that the Vehicle Weight Limit sign on C114 had been erected but that large, heavy and over-weight vehicles continued to drive through the Conservation Area.

Cllr Saunders reported that weight restriction signs had now been re-erected on the C124

4.2 The clerk reported details of a mobile Vehicle Speed Indicator, which had been suggested by a resident (BP), and the initial response from SBC Highways Dept. to its erection in School Lane

In discussion, it was suggested that the opinions of the residents of School Lane should be obtained and, if a problem were identified the matter would be passed to the Environment Group for consideration. Cllr Sainsbury emphasised that this was a matter to be decided by the Parish Council, and this was AGREED.

4.3 The clerk reported the responses from Wiltshire Council Highways Dept concerning the complaint about trees/verges and the condition of the road surface on the road to Kempsford.

4.4 Cllr Sainsbury reported his discussion with the resident at North Farm about the

nuisance caused by micro-light aircraft circling the village. No further complaints had been received.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications received

S/18/0822RM – 12, Church View – erection of a dwelling – permission refused 25.6.2018

S/18/0996 – Land opposite 1, Long Row – addition of chimney – comments submitted 16.7.2018 – approved 20.8.2018

S/18/1232 – The Malt House, The Street – stonework and replacement flue – observations submitted 1.8.2018

RECESS

1 A resident (BW) expressed concern about the large vehicles passing through the village.

Cllr Sainsbury noted that as appropriate signs had now been erected, the Parish Council could only monitor their effectiveness.

Cllr Penny suggested that a Village Speedwatch session may be helpful.

Another resident (AT) wondered if this could be linked in some way to a mobile Vehicle Speed Indicator

2 Cllr Saunders noted that Gigaclear had left the verges in an unsatisfactory condition throughout the village. It was reported (BW) that the firm intended to try to make amends later in the year by arranging a presentation and offering an ‘attractive deal’ for the village; Gigaclear had agreed to put 100meg capacity into the Village Hall, free of charge.

6 FORMATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

6.1 The chairman of the Community Benefit Group (BW) reported that procedures for submitting suggestions for projects had been formulated and forms printed. A leaflet will now be distributed advising residents how to submit such suggestions. Every applicant will be allocated two members of the Group for liaison to ensure the application is presented in the appropriate manner, and will report to the Group. Following this, a further report will be submitted to the Parish Council. One application from the Village Hall is being considered currently.

6.2 The chairman of the Environment Group (AB) reported that the Group had met twice. First the members had looked at the scope of their responsibilities and decided to operate only within the defined boundaries of the village, initially. Second, the members had decided to clear up the grounds of the Village Hall; this will be undertaken on September 10. A Village Clean-up is being planned for November 10, and it is hoped this will become a regular occurrence. Residents will be informed of this by flyer.

7 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

A resident (AT) spoke of the benefits to the parish residents of nominating Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011: this included the right to bid for a property if or whenever it became available for sale/purchase.

Cllr Sainsbury did not approve of this approach when it involved some-one’s business; it was ‘too Big Brotherish’. Other Councillors favoured the scheme.

It was AGREED to explore the matter further.

8 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – FORMAT

The chairman described the format for the Annual Parish Meeting which had been in operation for many years and wondered if a change would attract more residents, to include such as cheese and wine refreshments.

In discussion, it was thought that a split of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council AGM would be beneficial.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Grounds maintenance 2019-2020

It was AGREED that the quotation from David Newman Contractors for 2019-2020 is the sum of £1,275 (was £1,250.00 in 2018-2019) be accepted

9.2 To report unanimous agreement to **opening of BB Inst Online account**, (sort no.30-13-35, a/c no. 71707268) and transfer of £45,366.31 (CBF) into it

9.3 The clerk reported that to enable him to manage the bank account online, Councillors had to agree by signing the appropriate form from Lloyds Bank.

This was AGREED, and the form signed.

9.4 Bank account (01529286) balance as at 27.8.2018

£5,224.88

Cheques for signature

Castle Eaton Parish Hall Cttee (hire of hall and grant) 756.00

David Newman Contractors Ltd (grounds maintenance) 1,250.00

David Sainsbury (playing field licence) 6.00

A Gorton (salary) 853.13

(expenses) 34.15 887.28

HMRC (PAYE) 70.45

Bank balance after cheques presented

£2,255.95

(notional defibrillator account = £542.00)

Bank account 71707268 (CBF) = £45,366.31

Bank account (02700108) balance = £500.00

The clerk reported receipt of an invoice from Swindon BC in the sum of £806.09 to cover election fees. This was considerably above the estimate which had been provided (£547.00).

It was AGREED that this should not be paid at this time, and that the clerk should communicate the Parish Council's concern to SBC, appealing against this substantial increase.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on December 6, at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Signed (chairman)

..... (clerk)

..... (date)

PLANNING MATTERS

S/18/1232 – The Malt House – Listed Building Consent given 3.9.2018