

# CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019, at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT** Cllr D Naidu (chairman)  
Cllr Sainsbury (vice-chairman) (from item 3)  
Cllr A Keate  
Cllr L Saunders  
Cllr R Wilkins  
Borough Cllr Mrs M Penny  
7 residents  
A Gorton (clerk)

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for late arrival because of work demands were received from Cllr Sainsbury

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No declarations of interests were made at this time

2.2 Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman introduced the agendum, outlining the position of Councillors who sit on other village groups/committees. He emphasised the sensitivity of the concept of 'conflicts of interest'.

Cllr Penny agreed to seek advice from SBC and report back.

### 3 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL AGM OF MAY 8, 2019

The Minutes had been circulated previously and no amendments made. They were ACCEPTED as a fair and accurate record of proceedings, and signed by the Chairman and clerk.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the police had attended the last Annual Parish Meeting and offered their help in finding a solution to this continuing problem.

The clerk referred to instances of heavy vehicles attempting/intending to travel through the Conservation Area, but prevented on one occasion by a resident and on

another by police. The Chairman referred to the photograph evidence supplied by Cllr Saunders but unfortunately the police had not been able to identify the particular company or driver. The Chairman emphasised that it was essential to obtain registration numbers of offending vehicles.

Cllr Penny described a scheme offered by Vodaphone to provide 3 cameras for 3 months at a cost of £6,000, which would allow the problem to be monitored. Cllr Penny will supply further details for the Parish Council's consideration.

**RECESS:** *residents may raise any matter concerning the work of the Parish Council*

- 1 The Chairman reported that the annual cycle race will pass through the parish on August 4. He had been assured that the event will be supervised and marshalled as comprehensively as last year.
- 2 A resident (AB) asked if the Parish Council intended to engage with the USAAF plans for the local area. The Chairman described a meeting he and Cllrs Keate and Wilkins had attended and expressed concern at the impact on the parish of any increase in vehicular traffic. This would, in turn, exacerbate the potential danger of the A419/C114 junction. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the local MP about this, and intended to follow it up.

## **5 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The clerk reported receipt of a request from SBC to review the place currently used as a polling station for both general and local elections.

It was AGREED that the Village Hall was the preferred place. -

## **6 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Keate reported that SBC had agreed to include the Red Lion on the Register of ACVs within the Borough. This would remain for the next 5 years unless the Parish Council applied for it to be withdrawn.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the discussion with Mr James Arkell and their agreement to withdraw the registration if it hindered the development of the Red Lion as a Public House.

## **7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

### **a. RATIFICATION OF METHOD OF PAYMENTS**

The Chairman referred to the varying size of grants to applicants and the difficulties current policy could create.

It was AGREED that

- approval for applications below £1,000 would be given where there is unanimous email acceptance by Councillors, with the decision ratified at the next Parish Council meeting;
- payments may be made in advance of delivery of goods/services when the supplier requires this;

- when an individual resident has purchased an item using their personal funds, re-imbusement will be made by the Parish Council on receipt of invoice(s).

## **b. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS**

The chairman of the CBF group reported that no further applications had been received. Administrative matters had prevented the promised flyer from being prepared but these had been resolved. He did not accept any proposed changes to the remit for the group.

The chairman of the Environment group demonstrated recent gifts and purchases.

He reported the village-clean-up prior to the fete and the problem with disposal of green waste. Cllr Penny reported her discussions with the staff within SBC and that assured the Parish Council that there should be no problem in future.

The group had considered location for shed on the Village Hall site to keep blowers, mulchers, chippers etc. The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Trustees were unable to agree to this.

The group had decided not to enter the Wiltshire Tidy Village Competition in 2020, and would not do so until they felt able to commit to it.

Signs to be placed on the Thames bridge were in progress, and an example was circulated.

## **8 NOISE POLLUTION**

The Chairman reported a request from a resident for the Parish Council to consider the degree of noise pollution from micro-light aircraft and to investigate if it could be reduced.

After discussion, it was AGREED that this was not an issue the Parish Council could pursue.

## **9 DOG FOULING**

The Chairman reported complaints from residents using the Playing Field that dogs were being allowed to soil there and owners not removing the dog waste.

It was AGREED that this should be included in the next Newsletter, with a strong warning to owners not clearing away dog waste.

## **10 WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chairman reported a request from a resident that a suitable War Memorial should be erected and inscribed with names of people from the parish, as the current one gives names only of Canadian servicemen.

It was AGREED that this agenda should be deferred to a future meeting.

**11 FINANCE**

**Bank account (01529286) balance as at 20.7.2019** **£6,002.29**

Payments by BACS

Castle Eaton Village Hall (hiring fee) £ 8.00

David Newman Contractors Ltd (grounds maintenance) £1,275.00

A Gorton (salary) £1,598.05

(expenses) 36.47 £1,634.52

Payments by cheque

HMRC (PAYE) £ 70.45

**Bank balance after payments** **£3,014.32**

**Bank account (02700108)** **£500.00**

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Sheila Theobald (CBF application) £ 185.78

**Bank account (71707266) balance after payment** **42,192.20**

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

The meeting to consider the budget and precept will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

..... (clerk)

..... (date)