

Castle Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council 26th November 2020

Present

Cllr D Naidu (Chairman)

Cllr D Sainsbury (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr A Keate

Cllr L Saunders

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

Borough Cllr Mrs M Penny

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr R Wilkins

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – September 16th 2020

Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk

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4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 16th September 2020

a. Speed Watch.

As requested, pipes which measure the speed of cars were laid outside The Forge in School Lane. The results that came back confirmed that speeding was not an issue in the village, however, a number of councilors highlighted that the traffic is currently quieter than usual due to the bridge repairs.

New pipes were laid on the 7th November, the results of the new set of pipes haven't been received back yet by Cllr Penny, if they are the same as last time then it will be unlikely that there will be a Speedwatch.

b. Website

The website was launched on the 10th November 2020, good response so far. All documents have been uploaded including historic documentation from 2015.

c. Tree at the Rear of Church View

Case Reference GTM003739

Tree is owned by SBC (case GTM003613), the inspection took place 27th October 2020. During the inspection the tree showed no areas of concern, but has been put onto the Priority Tree Inspection List, which means it will be subject to more frequent Inspections.

As a side note Cllr Sainsbury gave a brief history of the tree.

The tree was planted by the old school master Mr Steel in 1950, and is one of a pair of trees that he planted.

5. Planning Matters

Decision Notice - Approval for Malt House Replacement Windows.
Application Number: S/LBC/20/0438/PEKO

RECESS - Residents may raise any matter related to the work of the Parish Council

None raised



6. Reports From Village Groups

a. Castle Eaton Environmental Group

Dawn Saunders gave updates on behalf of the Environmental Group. The group are going to continue to meet in the New Year, at this point there is no one to take Andrews Bottomley's place as Chairman, but the group will provide a single point of contact. Andrew has been trying to arrange for the SBC's Road Sweeper to visit the village but has not got a definite date as yet. Cllr Penny offered to help if no progress was made.

The issue with dog fouling appears to have improved. Barry Wicks highlighted that there is a lack of designated dog waste bins in the village. Cllr Penny advised that this would be a cost to the Parish Council to buy and empty the bins. As the problem appears to subside, and as discussed in previous meetings, it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

b. Village Hall Committee – Written update provide by Bill Hughes

We would again like to thank the Parish Council for the increased Maintenance Grant and for confirmation that the proposed further increase will be applied for next year.

This has already been put to good use, with all the exterior woodwork on the hall having been re-treated and the car park and fence refurbished. Our next project for the New Year will be the rebuilding of the dry-stone wall at the front of the building and for this we will, of course, have to apply for Conservation Area Consent. All this is on top of the regular maintenance that we have to conduct on a Public Building and this has had to be on-going, despite the hall not being used much this year.

We are now in the second lockdown for COVID-19 and the Village Hall is again closed, apart from use by the Post Office. It is very fortunate that we successfully applied for a Government COVID-19 Grant in April, which will cover our running costs for the year.



c. Community Benefit Fund – Barry Wicks

The following update was provided by Barry Wicks from the CBF.

Barry also expanded on the update below to say that as we have had a number of new residents to the village in the last year, there will be a New Year campaign to gather more ideas for the CBF. Karen from Bridge House will be joining the group to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Andrew Bottomley

There have been two applications since the last PC meeting, which have both been dealt with via either: E-mail, telephone or Zoom. Both applications have been different to normal and I have addressed both separately.

Application via the Parish Council Chair, for consideration of the payment for a repair kit for the children's play area. This application was for the total of £93 as the VAT element can be reclaimed by the Parish Council at a later date.

The group commends this application and fully supports it for the total cost of £93.

This application originated from the group itself. Due to the Covid isolations suffered by most of our village, the group felt that only one person in our village had stood out beyond anyone else, and acted beyond the duty as a good neighbour and that was Amy Oliver. The group unanimously thought that we as a village should show our appreciation and present her with a token of our collective appreciation. The cost of this gift was in total £ 53.50.

The group commends this application and fully supports it for the total cost of £53.50.

Due to the Covid situation I have not yet contacted the Legal department of the Council to ascertain whether we can transfer the responsibility for the group's funds. I will further report to the next PC meeting.

7. Finance

a. Approve payments

All payments were ratified and approved

b. 2021/22 Budget

Chairman has redistributed Budget to the Councilors

The changes to note since the last discussion were the agreed Village Hall Grant update and the enhanced grass cutting regime with an increased cost.

No questions were raised and the budget was agreed unanimously.



Due to COVID there was a concern that LA government spending cuts could affect the increase in the budget, however, Cllr Penny said that this is unlikely to affect Parish Councils.

c. Financials

Treasurers Account				
Balance C/Fwd				4,401.83
15/09/2020	Expenditure	Village Hall Grant	- 2,118.00	2,283.83
22/09/2020	Deposit	Precept	8,232.10	10,515.93
28/09/2020	Expenditure	Salary Adj	- 33.97	10,481.96
28/09/2020	Expenditure	Salary	- 621.23	9,860.73
30/09/2020	VAT Adjustment	Refund	280.16	10,140.89
09/10/2020	Expenditure	WALC Training	- 18.00	10,122.89
19/10/2020	Expenditure	Intuit Quickbooks	- 10.56	10,112.33
20/10/2020	Expenditure	D Naidu- Playground	- 111.60	10,000.73
28/10/2020	Expenditure	Salary	- 621.23	9,379.50
13/11/2020	Expenditure	Website Annual Cost	- 116.06	9,263.44
18/11/2020	Expenditure	Intuit Quickbooks	- 10.56	9,252.88
Balance as at 23/11/20				9,252.88
Expected Future Outgoings (Nov/Dec/Jan)				
28/11/2020	Expenditure	Salary	- 621.23	
30/11/2020	Expenditure	Community Heartbeat	- 273.60	
18/12/2020	Expenditure	Intuit Quickbooks	- 10.56	
28/12/2020	Expenditure	Salary	- 621.23	
18/01/2020	Expenditure	Intuit Quickbooks	- 10.56	
28/01/2020	Expenditure	Salary	- 621.23	
Expected Balance End of Jan				7,094.47
Community Benefit Fund				
Balance C/Fwd				40,453.61
09/10/2020	Deposit	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.33	40,453.94
09/11/2020	Deposit	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.34	40,454.28
Balance as at 23/11/20				40,454.28
Expected Future Outgoings (Nov/Dec/Jan)				
December	Amy Gifts			53.50
Expected Balance End of Jan				40,400.78

8. AOB

None Raised

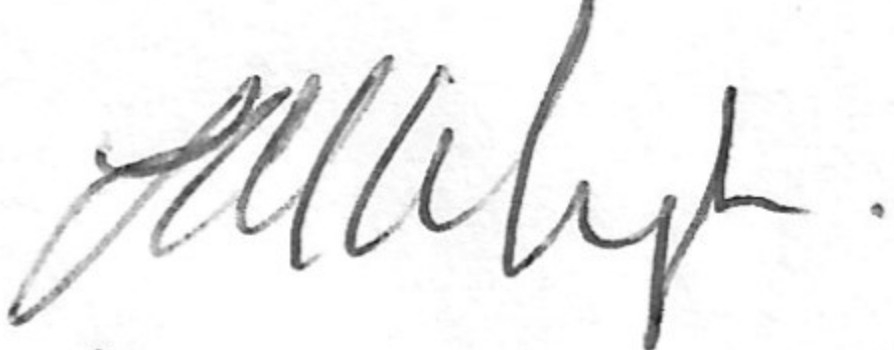

9. Date of next Meeting

Next Meeting 18th February, ZOOM or 'Face to Face' to be decided depending on COVID regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm by Dinesh Naidu - Chairman

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Dinesh Naidu - Chairman



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