CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council
21st November 2021

Present

Cllr D Naidu (Chairman)

Cllr D Sainsbury (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr A Keate

Cllr L Saunders

Cllr R Wilkins

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

Cllr Steve Weisinger

Nine villagers

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1. **Apologies for absence**

   None Received

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   None declared

3. **Minutes of previous Meeting – 7th September 2021**

   Minutes unanimously agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting- 7th September 2021**

    a. Junction of The Street and School Lane

The main reasons for the problem were discussed in the meeting 7th September 2021. This included the speed of traffic from the A419 turning left into The Street and the speed of the traffic emerging from School Lane heading towards A419. Cllr Weisenger informed the meeting that there is currently a desire to have 20 miles per hour speed limits throughout Parishes and this will be discussed at the cabinet in the New Year.

Many solutions were discussed at the meeting 7th September 2021, where the general consensus is that the best way for this to be dealt with, would be by a survey of the village to establish people's points of view regarding the issue.

5. **Items for Discussion**

    a. **Anaerobic Digester Update**

    Many concerns were raised by the Cllrs and residents regarding the updated application for the Anaerobic Digester.

    SBC planning have given a very small timescale for any comments to be made, the new documentation was uploaded on the 15th November and comments were initially expected by the 25th, this is now extended to the 29th November. The Planning Officer has informed another Parish that the applicant wants this application to go before the Planning Committee without delay. It was noted that the applicant had made no response to the various concerns raised by consultees in the previous seven months.

    Concerns were also raised that SBC could be biased towards the applicant as it will fit the "Green Agenda", despite it being quite the opposite for many reasons. These include the number of HGV movements and the lack of detail of the proposed gas to grid connection. Southwest utilities have already indicated that they would only be prepared to accept gas into the grid during times of peak demand.

    The majority of the issues which were raised by many residents in the 1st proposal have yet to be answered, these include the following.

    a. The comparative increase in numbers regarding HGV movements, noise and Odour are comparing operational data that relate to where the plant is running rather than mothballed. Is this deliberate?

    b. In the application Droveway is continually referred to as a private road, however it is an adopted road in the charge SBC, it is therefore a

responsibility of SBC. Are they aware that they are going to have to pay for putting in all the laybys, and passing points and footpaths?

c. The C114 road to the A419 is not designed for such traffic has yet to be addressed. Wiltshire Council, who are responsible for repair and maintenance costs associate with this road, have already objected strongly to this application.

Prior & Partners who provided much appreciated input in the 1st application will be invited to assist the PC with their response to the revised application.

It is understood that if the PC requests that this application goes to the Planning Committee then the Planning Officer is obliged to enable this. Cllr S Weisinger suggested that this application should not be heard by the Planning Committee until February meeting.

Resident MK expressed concerns how the documentation from the applicant, which was privately funded by the applicant, is analysed by SBC. Is it with appropriate experts in each field? We are also blind to how the Planning Officer is analysing to data until the final document.

Cllr S Weisenger recommended that Cllr D Naidu contact Cllr Gary Sumner (Cabinet member) and Kimberley Corps (Head of Planning) to express our concerns and frustrations about how this application has been and is being managed by SBC.

Cllr S Weisenger confirmed that it is worth resubmitting objections again to the amended application, in addition to the original objection.

The Parish Council can request a meeting with the Planning Officer or representative to explain any questions that they may have.

b. Grounds Maintenance

It was agreed that we would continue with six cuts per year with a contingency for an extra cut if needed.

c. Parish Allowances

All councillors declined their allowances.

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6. Planning Matters

None Received

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

Cllr D Sainsbury has been asked by villager TJ to raise an issue with the new LED lights. The lights are, in his opinion, are very invasive to his property, as the light from an LED lantern is far more directional. It was asked if it were possible to control where the light falls, directing it onto footways carriageways and where it is most needed therefore reducing light pollution into properties.

Cllr S Weisenger advised that after about three months, the lights can be assessed and can be dimmed if necessary. Details of the location (Street Name) and the light number would be required by SBC. Cllr D Sainsbury will send Cllr S Weisinger an email regarding this.

7. Finance

a. Approve payments and Bank Statements

Treasurer Account					
Transaction Date	**Transactio**	**Transaction Description**	**Debit Am**	**Credit Amo**	**Balance**
Opening Balance 01/09/21					**7,408.26**
20/09/2021	DD	INTUIT QBOOKS SEPT	20.40		7,387.86
22/09/2021	BGC	SBC PRECEPT PAYMENT		8,581.10	15,968.96
28/09/2021	SO	T M WHYBORN	621.23		15,347.73
04/10/2021	FPO	BKV EXPENSES PLAQUE UNVEIL	109.59		15,238.14
18/10/2021	DD	INTUIT QBOOKS OCT	20.40		15,217.74
20/10/2021	FPO	WEBSITES4 LTD	120.00		15,097.74
28/10/2021	SO	T M WHYBORN	621.23		14,476.51
04/11/2021	FPO	CASTLE EATON VCC FIREWORKS	290.00		14,186.51
Closing Balance 15/11/21					**14,186.51**
CBF Account					
Transaction Date	**Transactio**	**Transaction Description**	**Debit Am**	**Credit Amo**	**Balance**
Opening Balance 01/09/21					**36,566.04**
09/09/2021		INTEREST (GROSS)		0.31	36,566.35
11/10/2021		INTEREST (GROSS)		0.32	36,566.67
14/10/2021	FPI	CPRE WILTSHIRE BKVC		350.00	36,916.67
09/11/2021		INTEREST (GROSS)		0.29	36,916.96
Closing Balance 15/11/21					**36,916.96**

Approved

b. Budget 2022/2023

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There is a slight increase from last year due to an additional £500 ringfenced for future maintenance and renovation of the Playpark. Previous funding for the playpark had come from grants.

Cllr D Sainsbury expressed concern that this would be against the VCC constitution. Resident Helen Clift will send over the current VCC constitution to the Parish Council.

The budget was unanimously agreed.

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next Meeting

TBC

Meeting was adjourned at 20.15 by Dinesh Naidu – Chairman

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Dinesh Naidu - Chairman

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