



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council

17th October 2022 7pm

Present

Cllr C Williams - Chair

Cllr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Cllr P Hall

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

Four Residents and PCSO Jo Bennett, PCSO Lee Hare

1. Apologies for absence

None received

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 1st August 2022

Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 1st August 2022

None

5. Items for Discussion

a. Traffic Survey Update

Cllr P Hall delivered a presentation putting forward discussion points as for traffic calming, improvements to traffic flow and Road maintenance in the village.

Cllr P Hall gave the background of his investigations and points of discussion, covering the boundaries of Castle Eaton, the size and priorities of the vehicles that come through the village and Road maintenance. He highlighted that as a Parish Council we have no powers to implement the ideas and must speak to the ward which is Blunsdon and Highworth. Many of the suggestions would also need to be approved by the Highways Agency and SBC.

The ideas for discussion were split into the Categories: -

- **Vehicles**

Issue - Vehicles allowed through the village differ on various approaches.

Proposed Idea - Better and clearer signage at positions further outside the village to give drivers more of a warning of the size limitations before they come into the village.

Discussion - This idea was popular and will be discussed with Swindon Borough Council.

- **Speed Limits**

Issue – Speeding through the Village

Proposed Idea – Speed signage

Signage of 20mph across the village and an application for 20mph speed limit. Speed signs could be sited further out from the village to enable drivers to slowdown by the time they reach the village.

Discussion - The attending PCSOs stated that a limit of 30mph, generates an average speed of 27mph and 20mph an average of 23mph. They also offered a solution which they said was highly successful was a "smiley face" sign.

Proposed idea – Chicanes.

These are an option which appear to work in other villages. Oaksey was given as an example where it has been very successful. A walkthrough at the side could be provided for other Road users. These could be implemented at the Lushill entrance to the village and the C114 entrance.

Discussion – If they are correctly sized and positioned these were seen as a good idea, however will it take away from the aesthetics of the village?

Proposed Idea – A Roundabout School Lane, The Street, C114.

This would encourage traffic to stop at the junction of The Street, School Lane and The C114. There is currently a blind spot at this junction which has led to near misses in the past.

Discussion – Resident RW (ex Councillor), highlighted that this was the least popular option on the traffic survey which had been filled in by the residents, and provided the full report to Cllr P Hall. There was also discussion regarding whether there was enough space for a roundabout. Cllr P Hall confirmed that there was enough space.

- **Parking along The Street**

Issue – Volume of Vehicles along The Street in the vicinity of The Red Lion pub.

Proposed idea - The Red Lion possibly moving the location of the pizza oven and rearranging of the current carpark could possibly generate more spaces.

Discussion – The Parish Council would liaise with The Red Lion to identify any options available.

Proposed idea - Double yellow lines.

Discussion – This would bring the aesthetics of the village down and would reduce the amount of residents parking facilities and could be cost restrictive.

Proposed idea - Residents only parking.

Discussion - An option of putting Residents only signs along The Street may deter people parking there. Resident TA pointed out that it would move the issue from one part of the village to the other. There is also a question of the legality of this and who would enforce it.

- **Road Surface**

Issue – Condition of Roads and Pavements, Pavement users to moving into the middle of The Road.

Proposed idea – Contacting Swindon borough Council and Highways Agency.

Discussion – All agreed it was a good idea. If specific potholes need to be addressed ten people report it on their website and Swindon Borough Council are obliged to fix it.

- **Post Code**

Issue – Post Code Covers a large area

Proposed idea – Additional Postcode for Droveaway

Discussion -The Post Code SN6 6JX covers residences in The Street and extends up to the businesses in Droveaway. This causes traffic to come down The Street unnecessarily, a change in Postcode could reduce this traffic. Would the benefit outweigh the possible cost and work involved? Businesses in Droveaway will incur costs for any products such as stationery which has their Postcode on it.

Further details regarding the details of the traffic survey can be requested from Cllr P Hall.

b. Anaerobic Digester

There has been no notable update regarding The AD plant. A letter requesting clarification of the latest RSK document was submitted by Cllr C Williams and resident LK. This document can be viewed on the planning portal. Cllr C Williams is in regular contact with Swindon Borough Council regarding the matter. Resident TA offered to fact check any documents.

6. Planning Matters

No new ones received

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

The PCSO's asked if they could help with any issues, Cllr M Patrick mentioned that we have had an incidence of graffiti in The Playground which coincided with a group of youths cycling around the village and climbing over a resident's fence. The youths had said that they were from Lechlade. Resident TA stated that it had been reported.

The PCSO's suggested putting up CCTV signage as a deterrent.

The residents in attendance and PCSO's left the meeting

7. Finance

a. Budget 2023/2024

Agreed by all Councillors

b. Bank Reconciliations

Treasurer Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening balance 22/7/22				10,416.82
28/07/2022	T M WHYBORN	632.15		9,784.67
09/08/2022	INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108		0.02	9,784.69
18/08/2022	Quickbooks	20.40		9,764.29
30/08/2022	T M WHYBORN	632.15		9,132.14
09/09/2022	INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108		0.02	9,132.16
20/09/2022	Quickbooks	20.40		9,111.76
23/09/2022	Precept		8,707.35	17,819.11
28/09/2022	T M WHYBORN	632.15		17,186.96
10/10/2022	INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108		0.02	17,186.98
Closing Balance 11/10/22		1,937.25	8,707.41	17,186.98
CBF Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening Balance 25/7/22				31,899.58
09/08/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)		1.06	31,900.64
09/09/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)		1.35	31,901.99
10/10/2022	INTEREST (GROSS)		1.35	31,903.34
Closing Balance 11/10/22				31,903.34

Approved by all Councillors

c. Non-Standard Payments

Expecting a request from the Village Hall Committee for seats and Carpets

8. AOB

An application to the CBF will be submitted for the Playground update

9. Date of next Meeting – 5th December 2022 at 7pm Village Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 8.40pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chairman

Minutes submitted by:  Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by:  Cllr Colin Williams - Chairman