



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council 20th February 2023

Present

Cllr C Williams - Chair

Cllr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Cllr P Hall *Arrived 7.24pm*

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

2 residents

1. Apologies for absence

None Received

2. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 5th December 2022

Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 5th December 2022

Item 7a, L. Kennington has liaised with The Red Lion to confirm that next year, agreement will need to be sought prior to the application for a donation.

AOB – Cllr C Williams was unable to attend the zoom meeting.

5. Items for Discussion

a. Traffic Survey

Cllr P Hall has contacted Cllr S Weisinger regarding discussing the main available options for traffic calming within the village. It was suggested that due to Cllr Weisingers work commitments it may be helpful to bring Cllr Vijay Manro onboard. Cllr P Hall confirmed agreement with all Councillors to follow this route.

Cllr P Hall has been exploring one option of a PostCode change for SN6 6JX, this postcode covers houses along The Street and all the businesses in Droveaway. If changes can be made to the Postcode, either for Droveaway or the residents in The Street, this may reduce the traffic following Sat Navs for the business parks coming into the village.

To implement this, The Post Office requires a letter from the Parish Council, Cllr C Williams and Cllr P Hall will contact the Post Office and look into the finer details.

The Post Office offers compensation and a year of transition for affected postcodes. The businesses in Droveaway may be unwilling due to current office supplies that will need amending.

b. Anaerobic Digester Plant Update

There has been no official movement on the application for the AD plant.

In anticipation of the application going to Committee, Cllr C Williams has contacted the Committee Secretary regarding the rules if the application does go to Committee.

The notice period given to the public is only 7 days. In the Committee meeting, a Ward Councillor can talk as long as they choose, objectors are given 10 minutes to put forward their case and the Parish Council is given 5 minutes to put their case forward. To enable the Parish Council to utilise this time in the most efficient and effective way the Parish Council will be taking professional advice.

6. Planning Matters

None Received

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

Resident D. Naidu queried whether the AD plant was currently operational. It is not confirmed officially by the company, but appears to be "ticking over".

Resident M. Khoo expressed concern at the dangers of the current traffic situation, highlighting a couple of instances that he has witnessed where lorries have caused problems to car drivers. According to the SBC portal, Amanda Hall from Wiltshire highways still has strong objections to the AD plant application.

Mr Khoo also queried how pre existing condions would be policed and checked if the Application is approved. Historically it appears that these are not policed as there are still outstanding conditions which haven't been discharged since 2006 on the original application.

8. Finance

a. Approval for Funding of Village Hall Chairs

All councilors agreed the increase of £81 from the CBF taking it to a total of £2,003.40 for the 50% contribution for the Village Hall chairs. Funding documents signed, a copy passed to the Clerk and a copy will be passed to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, David Price.

b. Non – Standard Payments Approval

02/12/2022	T C CARPETS & FLOOR Tiles for Village Hall	1,360.80
05/12/2022	Repayment to MR CJ & MRS GS WILLiams for STONE CHIPPINGS	21.00
06/12/2022	Repayment to T M WHYBORN For Village Website 3 year subscription WIX	194.40
06/12/2022	Repayment to T M WHYBORN 3 year Domain Village Website WIX	32.40
26/01/2023	CASTLE EATON VCC FIREWORKS PC Contribution	125.00

All payments approved by all Councillors

c. Bank Reconciliations

CBF Account			
Transaction Date	Transat	Transaction Description	Debit Amount Credit Am Balance
Open Balance 30/11/22			31,906.75
09/12/2022		INTEREST (GROSS)	7.30 31,914.05
09/01/2023		INTEREST (GROSS)	13.64 31,927.69
24/01/2023	TFR	BKV Funds TFR to Treasurer Payment for Chippings	21.00 31,906.69
09/02/2023		INTEREST (GROSS)	16.26 31,922.95
			21.00 37.20
Treasurer Account			
Transaction Date	Transat	Transaction Description	Debit Amount Credit Am Balance
Open Balance 30/11/22			13,712.65
02/12/2022	FPO	T C CARPETS & FLOOR Tiles for Village Hall	1,360.80 12,351.85
05/12/2022	FPO	Repayment to MR CJ & MRS GS WILLiams for STONE CHIPPINGS	21.00 13,464.85
05/12/2022	FPI	Payment from Village Hall for TILES INV - (less VAT to be claimed back by PC)	1,134.00 13,485.85
06/12/2022	FPO	Repayment to T M WHYBORN For Village Website 3 year subscriptio	194.40 13,238.05
06/12/2022	FPO	Repayment to T M WHYBORN 3 year Domain Village Website WIX	32.40 13,432.45
09/12/2022		INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108	0.11 13,238.16
20/12/2022	DD	Quickbooks	20.40 13,217.76
28/12/2022	SO	T M WHYBORN	692.81 12,524.95
09/01/2023		INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108	0.21 12,525.16
13/01/2023	FPO	WEBSITES4 LTD Parish Council Website	120.00 12,405.16
18/01/2023	DD	Quickbooks	20.40 12,384.76
24/01/2023	TFR	TFR From BKV Funds in CBF for Chippings	21.00 12,405.76
26/01/2023	FPO	CASTLE EATON VCC FIREWORKS PC Contribution	125.00 12,280.76
30/01/2023	SO	T M WHYBORN	692.81 11,587.95
09/02/2023		INT (GROSS) T/FER FROM 133502700108	0.25 11,588.20
			3,280.02 1,155.57

Bank Reconciliations approved by all Councillors

9. AOB

Cllr P Hall suggested that the minibus that is parked on the side of The Street by the village hall should be given a parking space on the village hall carpark. The current parking space used by the minibus is causing a problem with people being able to see clearly when exiting the carpark. Cllr C Williams will liaise with the Village Hall Committee and owner of the minibus.

Cllr P Hall expressed a concern that the graffiti around the village haven't been cleaned in a timely manner by SBC. He suggested that maybe we should do it ourselves as it is bringing down the tone of the village. Clerk T Whyborn pointed out that the signs are not owned by the village and any damage caused by the cleaning could incur charges on the Parish Council.

Cllr P Hall queried whether there was a way that people could contact officials regarding any issues that they may have with SBC. Unfortunately there isn't a specific contact name or number, Clerk T Whyborn gave details that the way to report any issues is via "My Swindon" which is on the main SBC website. Clerk T Whyborn will provide a QR code and links on the Noticeboard and websites for the residents to use.

10. Dates of next Meetings

3rd April, 22nd May

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chairman

Minutes submitted by:  Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by:  Cllr Colin Williams - Chairman